

Reickert Biography

Erick A. Reickert spent his career in the automotive industry. He was President and CEO of New Venture Gear, Inc., a joint venture between GM and Chrysler. He was Vice President, Power Train Operations at Chrysler Corp., and he was Chairman and CEO of Acustar, Inc. In prior assignments at Chrysler, he was Chairman and CEO of Chrysler Mexico and Vice President Program Management. From 1965 to 1984 he worked for Ford Motor Company in a variety of Product Planning positions, including six years at Ford of Europe as Vice President and was responsible for the Fiesta.

After retirement from the automotive industry in January 1996 he had a sailboat constructed to his own specifications and then he sailed around the world. He completed a circumnavigation in 2002. After 15 years he sailed over 73,000 miles and visited all the world's major cruising grounds. He entered over 900 ports in 39 countries and 73 islands. He lived onboard six years.

He received an MBA with honors as a Baker Scholar from Harvard Business School in 1965, and a BS degree in Engineering from Northwestern University in 1958. He is on the boards of the Citizens' Association of Palm Beach and the Harvard Club of the Palm Beaches and is Vice President and Treasurer for the Palm Beach Hampton condominium. He is on the Shore Protection Board of the Town of Palm Beach. He is an Alumni Regent Emeritus of Northwestern University for SE Michigan and served on the boards of the Junior Achievement of SE Michigan and The Children's Center of Wayne County Michigan. He has been on the boards of several corporations: McLaren Automotive Corp., Truck Components, Inc., and F.F. Developments, Ltd.

He is married to Lady Susan and lives in Palm Beach, Florida; London, England; and Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. He has two children and five grandchildren. They belong to the Palm Beach Yacht Club, Harvard Club of the Palm Beaches, St. George's Society of Palm Beach, HBS Club of London, Lansdowne Club of London, the National Croquet Club, and retired from the Orchard Lake Country Club.

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