

A LEGEND HAS RETIRED

In Celebration of Rick Roehm & his Career Accomplishments



Long time friend, colleague, and CALCP Board Member, Rick Roehm has officially retired. Rick started working for a small landscape company in Denver right out of high school. The owner also had a small cut flower greenhouse in west Denver that he also worked in, growing real unique crops like freesias and callas and ranunculus. He went to a small tech school for horticulture in Chicago for a year and did an internship in a Florida nursery before coming back to Denver. When the greenhouse closed, he took the only non green industry job he'd ever had, working at a homeless shelter in Denver that is still open (Samaritan House on 23rd and Lawrence). Rick met Lisa, who was also working there and were married in 1992.

He next worked at Welby Gardens and then for Foothills Park District as their chemical applicator. These were both in the early '90's. And it was then that he began to spray and spread what he would later be selling. In 1995, Rick started at Keesen Enterprises in Englewood. There they treated turf, trees, open space, rangeland and roadsides. It was here that he was exposed to the wide variety of chemical products and their market segments. In 2001 Rick joined Helena Chemical (which changed to Helena Agri Enterprises later) first as the warehouse manager and in 2005 as a sales rep. As Rick said, "A wonderful job with truly professional people, I was allowed to grow professionally and as a person in many ways. Helena was a national presence and became international during this time and still is a significant part of agriculture and horticulture worldwide."

Along the way, Rick was asked to join CALCP in 1998 and stayed until 2020. Rick stated, "I was blessed with many speaking opportunities and even a couple of awards. I also was allowed to be a part of other trade organizations such as the CWMA, ISA and ProGreen. All of these allowed me to contact more wonderful people and be a part of their businesses and lives."

Along the way, his son Andrew was born in 1994 and grew up hearing and watching his father talk about weeds and trees and bugs quite a bit of the time. Rick says he brought them a lot of joy over the years but none more than when he was married to Stephanie in 2020 and earlier this month when his granddaughter was born. "Retirement will bring, I hope, more time and energy for them, for working on my chalk art, riding my bike around the city and watching the Rockies try to improve their standing in the National League."

Thank you, Rick, for all the joy and memories you have granted to all that have had the pleasure of working with you. We are all better for having someone like you in this great industry!

Cheers to you, Rick!