



Honoured Life Member

Conferred upon Jim Maxwell on June 25, 2024

This individual joined Rotary on April 01, 1991.

When Keith Fraser decided to invite his friend to join Rotary, he knew he was inviting someone with great ideals and optimum values. Rotary International & The Rotary Club of West Ottawa gained a valuable member.

This distinguished gentleman served as a club president in 1997-98. In January 1998, the Ice Storm hit Ontario, Quebec & New Brunswick. That year, during his presidency, he saw that the board of directors allocated money to the **District 7040 disaster relief fund**. He also asked the board to allocate funds to **the Manitoba Red River Flood Relief Fund**.

During his year as president, the club established the Pallister & Norman E. Cameron Memorial Scholarship & The Interact Club at Merivale High School.

He served as a club secretary from 2002 to 2004. He was also instrumental in designing our club's 50th & 60th Anniversary books. He was technical support and History committee contributor.

Using his experience in writing grants, he helped and continues to help Bea Osome in writing grants for her water wells projects in Kenya.

Ladies & Gentlemen, this distinguished gentleman is Jim Maxwell.

Jim chaired the International Service Committee on several occasions. He was the treasurer for the committee as he kept a close eye on how the funds were disbursed and ensured their accuracy in many currencies.

Jim was a key person on the Cash Calendar Committee, he ensured that all the read-proofing and editing was done accurately. He served on the Sgt-at-Arms committee and always arrived at the meetings early to ensure that setup was done properly.

Jim & Diane always hosted students who came to Ottawa for the Adventure and Citizenship program. They also hosted Youth Exchange students, they kept in touch with one student in particular from Australia who insisted on Jim and Diane attending her wedding. That is the impact that Jim leaves on people. Jim always attended District conferences and International Conventions.

He also helped the Award Committee with preparing certificates to present to awardees.

In 1999 Jim received a PHF from the club, he was also the recipient of the Avenues of Service Award. Jim is a PHF + 8. In 2007 he received the Avenues of Service Citation, an award that recognizes outstanding efforts of a member in each of the Four Avenues of Service.

Another fact I would like to share about Jim, for those who don't know. He is the grandfather of over 100 children at an orphanage, which his son James and his wife Janene manage and run in the kingdom of Eswatini (Formerly Swaziland)

Jim, we are honoured to add you to **the Honored Life Members** list of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa. Please come up to receive your **Honored Life Member** recognition.

***HONOURED LIFE MEMBERSHIP
IN
THE ROTARY CLUB OF WEST OTTAWA***

The Award of Honoured Life Membership is given for outstanding service to the Club and to Rotary over an extended period of time. The Club's Policy on Awards states that Honoured Life Membership is to be considered the highest Club award bestowed by the Club on any member. Few members have shown the extent of service that merits consideration for such an award.