**District Governor 2017-2018
Martin Ward**

Martin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Bend for 8 years. Due to moves for business reasons over the past 30 plus years, Martin’s Rotary experience has spanned various clubs in Districts 6330 and 7080.

Although his first Rotary club was London, Ontario the majority of his Rotary experience was in District 7080 in the Waterloo, Ingersoll, and Kitchener Grand River clubs. Grand Bend has been home since 2009.

Over the years in Rotary Martin has served on club Boards, been club secretary, and served as club President. He is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Paul Harris Society and has served on many committees at both the club and district level, including Youth Exchange, Group Study Exchange, District Training, and Foundation. He led a Group Study Exchange (GSE) team for a D7080 exchange with Iceland in 2004. He served 3 years as Assistant Governor for Area 3 in D6330. Previously, he also served 2 years as Assistant Governor in District 7080 for the clubs in Oxford County.

With strong support from his wife Mary Ruston, the couple has hosted a total of 15 exchange students.

Martin was born in Toronto and spent his childhood in Ajax, Ontario. Since going to Waterloo for University in 1965, South Western Ontario has been his home. Martin and Mary have 3 children (2 daughters and 1 son) and 3 grandchildren (2 granddaughters and 1 grandson).

Most of his working life has been spent in the computer software business. For the last 40 years time has been spent developing, selling and implementing management information systems in agricultural businesses throughout Canada. He is currently self-employed as a computer systems analyst and programmer.