

Stephen (Steve) Wilkinson Bio

District Governor 2024-2025



Overview

District Governor Stephen Wilkinson has been a member of the Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron for 18 years and served as club President in 2020-21.

He was born the same year that his father Wilf Wilkinson said yes to an invitation to join the Rotary Club of Trenton. For sixty-two years, District Governor Steve has been surrounded by the family of Rotary and witnessed the power of its potential and impact. Stephen has been married to his wife Maureen since 1995, and they have two adult children, Emma and Matthew. They live in Barrie with their dog Alistair.

Steve's eighteen years in Rotary in District 7010 has provided him multiple opportunities to develop leadership, organizational and communications skills at various levels. Steve has enjoyed meeting and working with a diverse group of Rotarians and Rotary leaders both in our home communities and throughout the world. These opportunities have been both challenging and rewarding experiences in many ways. His professional career as a leader in the Ontario Public Service has also provided him with a wealth of experience and insights into the diverse challenges and opportunities for service. He has been involved in the planning and execution of programs to address many of these needs.

Two of DG Steve's favourite sayings. "All of us are better than any one of us" and "Thank You". Thank you for all that you have done, thank you for all that you are doing and thank you for all that you will do.

Rotary Experience

District 7010 Governor Line since 2022

Club President — Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron 2020- 2021

Led the dynamic club members through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. Refocused the fun and fundraising programs including record

contributions to Holiday Hampers (Christmas Cheer). The Club was awarded a Rotary International Citation.

Member — Rotary Club of Barrie-Huron since June 2006

I have been involved in various roles with my club including five years as a club director and have chaired or been a member of each of the Five Avenues of Service club committees.

District Membership Committee - Served from 2009-2011. Led the Club extension sub-committee. During this period, we chartered two Rotary clubs and one Rotaract Club.

Rotary Rewards program – appointed the international development and promotion committee during the program’s inaugural year 2015-2016. Identified potential program partners and offers.

Toronto 2018 RI Convention Bid Committee – served in preparation of bid package particularly as part of the team that met with and toured the convention and accommodation venue site evaluation committee in October 2011.

Executive Director - Host Organizing Committee (HOC) of the Toronto 2018 Rotary International Convention. 2011 – 2018

Organized and led a team of twenty core committee chairs. This grew to nearly 2,000 volunteers who successfully welcomed and served 25,188 attendees from around the world for a highly successful international convention.

Member - 2018 Rotary International Convention Promotion Committee – Served as HOC Liaison member. September 2016 – June 2018

Member - Singapore 2024 Rotary International Convention Committee – Served as the adviser to the committee regarding Host Organizing Committee activities. July 2022 – June 2024