

Meet Juanita Hodgson, a dynamo of positivity and leadership as the District Governor of Rotary District 7010. With an adventurous 37-year marriage to her fellow Rotarian, Peter, Juanita is a true embodiment of commitment and partnership. Her heartwarming family includes a daughter and two sons, who have each ventured into married life and blessed her with two adorable grandchildren.

Juanita's zest for life is matched only by her two canine companions, perfect for exploring the sprawling 100-acre expanse of their cherished River House property. A student at the University of Saint Mary's in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where she studied Child Psychology and Children's Literature. Juanita began her journey in the Food Service and Catering industry, a natural progression as she worked full-time while attending University. Upon graduation, they embarked upon a national and then, international adventure.

From Cape Breton to mainland Nova Scotia, to Singapore via Ontario and then to Melbourne, Australia, Juanita's life journey has been a tapestry of cultural experiences and rich learning. In 2005, she returned to her beloved Canada, where fate led her to discover Rotary, igniting a passion for community service that continues to burn bright.

A wellspring of positivity, Juanita's incredible circle of friends and her deep-rooted connections within her community have been nurtured through her years of helping others. From hosting youth exchange students, young hockey players chasing their dreams or just someone needing a helping hand, their home has hosted more than twenty people and continues. Upon retiring from her last role as an administrator in 2013, Juanita's full-time commitment turned towards volunteering, making a remarkable impact within Rotary and beyond. Membership Chair, Social Chair, President in 2017/18, Assistant Governor 2018-2021 and applied and accepted to District Governor role in the fall of 2020. Rotary has continued to be part of an incredible journey.

Juanita Hodgson's life story is a testament to the transformative power of family, dedication, adventure, education, and the joy of giving back.