

Lynne Chant's Bio  
District Governor 2020-2021  
Rotary International District 7010  
Rotary Club of Peterborough Kawartha

Lynne was born and raised in Toronto where she attended the University of Toronto (Scarborough) obtaining a BA degree. From there, she went on to the College of Education where she earned her B.Ed. degree. Following this, Lynne obtained a teaching position in a high school in Winchester, Ontario where she met her future husband, Bill. Bill worked for the then Ontario Hydro. It was this company that gave Bill and Lynne the opportunity to go on a secondment to Nigeria where they lived with their two daughters for four years. The family travelled extensively during that time returning to Canada by a round the world trip.

Once back in Ontario, Bill's career took the family to several locations until they ended up in London. Lynne taught for a while, but it was in London where Lynne made a career change. She utilized her love of photography and became a professional photographer specializing in wedding and portrait photography.

Lynne became involved in the Girl Guides of Canada when her daughters joined the organization. She held various positions from group leader to Division Commissioner and finally Deputy Area Commissioner. She was a Guide leader for 21 years.

Joining the Women's Business Network, Lynne met a fellow businesswoman who invited her to have coffee with the purpose of discussing a proposal. She asked Lynne what she knew about Rotary. When she saw the blank look on Lynne's face, she proceeded to explain what Rotary was all about. As soon as Lynne heard about the international component of Rotary, Lynne was hooked, and the rest is history.

Lynne joined the Rotary Club of London South and was a member there for two years before moving to Peterborough where she joined the Peterborough Kawartha Rotary club.

Lynne has had several positions at the club level eventually becoming the club President in 2007-08. She has also served at the District level as an Assistant Governor, District Membership Director and District Trainer.

In 2009, Lynne travelled to Ecuador with 28 other Rotarians to help distribute wheelchairs. This experience so impacted Lynne's life that she became a strong supporter of the Rotary Foundation becoming a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, a member of the Bequest Society and a Sustaining member.

Lynne was extremely honoured to be asked to serve as District 7010 District Governor for 2020-2021 and she looks forward to the experience of meeting and working with so many Rotarians who volunteer their very valuable time in the service of Rotary.