

W. Stewart Buchanan  
District Governor for 2010-2011

William Stewart Buchanan was born on June 10, 1936, in Greensburg, Pennsylvania, but he moved to northeast Ohio with his family when he was 10 years old. His parents, Earl and Ruth Buchanan, owned cottages on Lake Erie, and Stew and his siblings helped with the maintenance and clean up during the summer. Stew remains committed to this area by still having a cottage on his old homestead. His children and grandchildren enjoy the summer months there and he has been known to still water ski on Lake Erie!

Stew graduated from Madison High School in 1954, where he participated in band, choir, track, football, baseball, and basketball. This was the beginning of his total involvement in the things going on around him and his lifelong passion for sports. His passion for doing his best in everything he tries is reflected in the fact that he was salutatorian of his high school class.

Stew received his B.A. from Wittenberg University in 1958 and spent the next 50 years pursuing his love of numbers. He started his career with the Arthur Anderson accounting firm. He was the first graduate from Wittenberg ever hired by Arthur Anderson. Stew received his certified public accounting (CPA) license in 1960 and has continued in public accounting ever since. Currently, Stew is semi-retired and has decreased the work hours to enjoy other aspects of his life. He still remains available to his clients and keeps his CPA license current even through retirement.

Stew's involvement in Rotary has been over a period of 30 years, including being president of a club for three years. He is a Paul Harris Fellow, and has served his club as chair of fundraising, coordinator of student exchange, and as treasurer, among many other responsibilities. At the district level, he has served as district secretary (for two and a half years), chairman of the Finance Committee, Conference Committee member (for three years), and conference secretary. He has also served on the All Ohio PETS Steering Committee (for two years). He has attended three international conferences and comes away renewed in his belief about all of the good done by Rotarians all over the world.

Stew has been active in his community his entire life. He was a municipal judge in Indiana, a referee for high school sporting events, president of the Wittenberg University Senate, president of a Kiwanis Club, a volunteer fireman in Eastlake, Ohio, a volunteer at the NEC World Series of Golf, and a member and officer in the Wahoo Club and the Rebounders (booster clubs for the professional sports teams) to name a few of his activities. He continues his volunteer efforts by being the treasurer for his church.

Stew and his wife, Cheryl, have been married for 31 years. She is a registered nurse and currently is an assistant professor at the University of Akron. Stew has four children—Leslie, Lindley, Michelle, and Misti—and a stepson—Todd Morgan. He is also the proud grandfather of Brandon, Jordan, Tyler, Rylee, Joe, Jack, and Genevieve. Stew and Cheryl enjoy sporting events, grandkids, and Rotary!

Sources: District 6630 Directory, 2010-2011; [www.taxprofessionals.com](http://www.taxprofessionals.com); [www.intelius.com](http://www.intelius.com); [www.ancestry.com](http://www.ancestry.com)

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