



Russell Bertrand
District Governor 2016-17
District 7950

Russell grew up in Grafton Massachusetts. His mother was a nurse and his father owned a liquor store. Graduating from Grafton High School and then New England Institute of Technology in the field of Refrigeration, Air Conditioning, and Heating Technology.

Russell is happily married to former Karen Mahoney, also from Grafton, for 37 years this past September. They moved to Southern RI 37 years ago. They have 2 children Chad and Jacquelyn, along with granddaughter Kayla.

Russell was a HVAC/ Refrigeration contractor for 18 years, and has been consulting in the field for the last 15 years. He has served on the Technical Advisory Board at NEIT for 25 years, Past president of the Ocean State Chapter of Refrigeration Service Engineers. Russell has participated in several other professional organizations pertaining to the HVAC industry. He is also a past board member of the South Kingstown Chamber of Commerce. His hobbies include British sports cars and Harley Davidson motorcycles.

Russell joined the Wakefield Rotary Club in 1999, Richard Pike from Wakefield was his sponsor. He became involved with the South County Balloon Festival operating the RV Camping field. Russell also designed, built and operates the Catch and Release Fish Pond. He went through the various chairs of the Wakefield Rotary Club and became president in 2005/2006, The 100th year of Rotary. He has attended 2 Rotary International Conventions, Chicago and Montreal.

Russell was asked to be the Assistant District Governor in 2010, serving Area 11 of District 7950 which includes the Rotary Clubs of East Greenwich, North Kingstown, Chariho, Westerly, and his home club of Wakefield, Rhode Island. He participates in the district Pure Water Initiative committee. He is proud to be the District Governor Designate Nominee for Rotary District 7950.