



Stephen Certa
District Governor 2017-18
District 7950

Steve Certa joined Rotary in 1994. Was elected to the Board of Directors in 1996 and served as President for the Rotary year 2003-2004. He was honored by the Weymouth Club with a Paul Harris in 2004. He received his second Paul Harris for his Every Rotarian Every Year contribution in 2012.

Steve served as committee chair and member of the following committees: Car Raffle, International, Italian Night, Million Dollar Meal and Paul Harris Fellow. Co-Chair the District 7950 Conference 2013.

In 2005 Steve was instructed by the club's president to find the club's first International Project. Steve became aware of Safe Passage, a program working with the children and families who live and work in the Guatemala City Dump. In 2006 Steve organized the first Volunteer Support Team consisting of Interact students, teachers and Rotarians. Since then Steve and the Weymouth Club has sponsored six Interact Support Team visits and three adult visits to Guatemala.

In 2013 Steve and The Weymouth Club applied for and received a District Simplified Matching Grant to purchase and install a solar hot water system and a commercial grade dish washer for the children in the pre-school program of Safe Passage.

Stephen Certa married to Paula for 41 years, daughter Bethany 36, Mother of two and a registered nurse working in Sacramento CA. Resident of Hingham, MA for 39 years.

Steve graduated from New York State University Collage at Oswego in 1973 and started his profession career as a Scituate High School Wood Working Teacher. While teaching, working after school, weekends and summer vacations, Steve focused on the repair of insect and moisture related damage to residential homes. He became licensed and insured to use pesticides as part of the home repair service. In 1980 Massachusetts passed "Prop 2½" and as a result, Steve's teaching position was eliminated. This event was the catalyst that caused Steve to devote his full time energies to the growth of Watch All, Inc. Following his stated goal from 1981 with 70 full time employees, on March 1, 2008 Watch All was sold to JC Ehrlich Co. Inc., as the New England Service area for Rentokil North America. Steve continued on to oversee the successful merge of companies until December 2013.

During his professional career, Steve was a very active Member, Director, Past-President and Government Affairs Chair for the New England Pest Management Association, served three terms as Regional Director for the National Pest Management Association, served four years on the Board of the South Shore Woman's Business Network, was a Corporate Advisor for the Hingham Symphony Orchestra, still is an active fundraiser for the Mass Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, was on the Board of Corporators for the Weymouth Bank, currently is a Government Affairs Committee member and Director for the South Shore Chamber of Commerce.