

# *Biography*

## *Doug Vincent*

Doug is a Charter Member and Past President of the Woodstock-Oxford Rotary Club (Canada), with 26 years perfect attendance. As a third generation graduate of his family's successful farm equipment business, he is now an international advisor to family business corporations, with a focus on succession planning and family business relations.

He serves as a Trustee and Chair of Mission and Outreach for his local church, a member of the United Way allocations committee and is past Vice-Chair of the Ontario Police Services Board, Zone 4. Doug has been recognized as a top marketing expert by the Canadian Agricultural Marketing Association and is an honorary "Colonel" in the Philippine National Police, in recognition of his role in promoting global understanding, brotherhood and world peace.

His introduction to Rotary came as a G.S.E. team member to Australia in 1977. He was a G.S.E. Team Leader to the Philippines in 1995 and since then has been coordinating Rotary humanitarian aid in the third world. He has travelled the globe on Rotary activities, to areas like: Australia, New Zealand, Europe, Denmark, Hong Kong, Korea, South America, China, Mexico and Samoa. Most recently he has been involved in Mexico with the Christmas shoe box gifts, a medical mission, wheel chair distributions, water projects and orphanages, helping homeless children.

Doug has been very involved in most Rotary Foundation programs at all levels. He is a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, Major Donor, multiple Paul Harris Fellow and has received various Appreciation Awards for his work, including an R.I. President's Citation, District and Zone Service Awards, Four Avenues of Service Citation and Outstanding Leadership Awards.

Through his global activities and Rotary International assignments, Doug's contribution is well known, and he is often referred to as Rotary's "Roving Ambassador." In addition to his District 7080 involvement as Governor in 2005/06 and now Humanitarian Aid Chair and United Nations Representative, he has served on the R.I. Technology Task Force, Secretariat Focus Group and R.I. Fellowships Committee. Currently he serves as a Rotary Foundation Cadre Advisor.

In the words of Past RI President Frank Devlyn, "Doug Vincent is a soft spoken Canadian, who can see the things that need to be done. Then he has the ability to create awareness and take the necessary action. He is an excellent example for us all to follow."

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