

Biography

Roland (Roly) Turner

District 5580

Roland (Roly) Turner is a lifelong resident of Thunder Bay, Ontario. He has been active since 1965 in the building construction industry. From 1979 to 2000 he was an owner and president of two plumbing and heating firms. He served in various capacities with the Mechanical Contractors Associations of Thunder Bay, Ontario and Canada particularly in Joint Management - Labour issues and in liaisons and partnerships with a number of government and civic agencies. Following his business career Roly moved to the public sector, employed with Lakehead Public Schools as Property Services Master Plumber. He recently received a *Trustees Recognition Award* for his service to Rotary. He plans to retire in May 2010. Roly has also been active on a number of community boards in Thunder Bay including a charitable foundation awarding post secondary scholarships and humanitarian grants and a not for profit agency providing services for youth in conflict with the law. His other interests include downhill skiing, boating, travel, yard-work and dog walking.

As a member and Past President of the Thunder Bay (Port Arthur) club since 1982 he has served in all four Avenues of Service. He was *Rotarian of the Year* (1993/94) and is a multiple and sustaining Paul Harris Fellow. Roly has been active in District 5580 affairs for many years serving as District member to the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Service, District Grants Subcommittee Chair, Assistant Governor and member of the Executive Finance and Strategic Planning Committees. He was *District Rotarian of the Year for International Service* (2003/04) and received *The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service* and the *District Service Award* in 2006. Roly has been elected to serve as District 5580 Governor 2010 – 2011.

Roland was drawn to the Amazon rainforest in 1993 to volunteer in the construction of "La Clinica Yanamono". Since that time he has worked to help identify, plan and complete a number of Humanitarian projects in Peru and Guatemala and has travelled to work on those sites on at least nine occasions.

Roland is married to Judi, also a member of RC Thunder Bay (Port Arthur). They have 2 daughters and 3 grandsons.