

Stephen R. Beer
General Chair 2024-25
Chesapeake Presidents-Elect Training Seminars

Stephen Beer is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Chesapeake PETS, a position that allows him to incorporate his commitment to Rotary service and his passion for providing quality leadership training.

An accomplished international marketing manager with an undergraduate degree from Gettysburg College and an MBA from Creighton University, Stephen led a team that marketed international transportation and logistics services to the automotive industry. After having spent twenty years in the industry, he became an entrepreneur, owning and operating a custom picture framing business. He later sold the business and retired.

Stephen joined Innsbrook Rotary (Richmond) in 1998 and served as Club President in 2007-08. Beyond the club level, he served as a Rotary Foundation Advocate, Assistant Governor, District Membership Chair, Extension Committee Chair (starting new Rotary clubs), before becoming District Governor. Stephen helped to charter two new Rotary clubs in District 7600. He has also been District 7600's International Service Chair, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, District Trainer, and District PETS Trainer. Stephen was his district's representative to the Council on Resolutions and Council on Legislation and served on the Zone 33 nominating committee to select our next RI Director.

Passionate about training, Stephen served for several years as a Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) Discussion Leader and served in different roles for Chesapeake PETS since its inception.

Stephen's favorite part of Rotary International is the "International" part, as evidenced by his involvement in overseas projects in Honduras, the Philippines, and Ghana. One of Stephen's most memorable experiences was participating in a polio National Immunization Day in India. He was also the Team Leader for a Group Study Exchange to District 1850 in Germany and has led or participated in Friendship Exchanges to/from Germany and the Philippines.

Stephen supports The Rotary Foundation. He is a member of the Arch Klumph Society and Bequest Society. He has seen the incredible impact our Foundation has made to improve the lives of disadvantaged people locally and around the world. He believes his own personal Rotary experience is worth all his support for The Rotary Foundation. He has received more than he has given back.

Stephen is a recipient of Rotary International's Service Above Self Award and the District Rotary Foundation Service Award.

Stephen is married to his wife, Beverley, and enjoys travel, gardening, and reading about history and economics.

With a proven track record of dedicated servant leadership, a passion for training and a demonstrated commitment to strengthening the pillars of Rotary, Stephen Beer is poised to lead Chesapeake PETS into its next era of innovation.