

# Biography

## Brenda McCullough

Rotarian Brenda McCullough is the Past President and member of the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview. Over the past 15 years she has served in various capacities including Club Secretary, Vocational Services Director and coordinator of the 'Partners in Peace' program, a partnership between the Canadian Military Land Force Western Area, Edmonton Public Schools and the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview (1997 – 2003). This partnership brought 6 Bosnian young people (2 Serbs, 2 Croats, and 2 Muslims) to Edmonton for 10 days to explore peace and cultural diversity with the Canadian youth. The group of six Bosnian youth became fast friends and returned home optimistic about rebuilding their country; the Canadian youth bonded with them as well and heard of the shocking realities of living in a war zone. In June 2004, Brenda was invited to speak at a Peace Conference in Sarajevo. While visiting this war-torn country,

Brenda reunited with eight of the eighteen students who had come to Edmonton. Also, on the International scene, Brenda traveled to Cuenca, Ecuador assisting a team of Orthopedic Doctors and Nurses in January 2007. The Ecuador Medical Mission is a project led by Rotarian Dr. Tom Greidanus and backed by the Rotary Club of Edmonton Riverview for the past 8 years.

Brenda has also served on the Rotary District 5370 Board, as the Chair for Community Services (2001-2005) and is presently serving as World Community Services Chair and District 5370's representative to CRCID. She is a Paul Harris Fellow and has been awarded 'Rotarian of the Year' in 1998 by her Rotary Club for her role in the 'Partners in Peace' program.

Brenda McCullough is a graduate of the University of Alberta, earning a Bachelor of Education and a Master of Business Administration. Her career includes teaching in an elementary school, establishing a preschool program, administering an early childhood training program for preschool staff, managing the Children's Fair, the largest consumer show of Children's goods and services in Western Canada, co-owner of a children's boutique clothing business and Chairman of the Heritage Child Development Institute.

Global Learning Incorporated has been providing consultation in corporate and educational settings for 20 years. As an educational consultant, Brenda specializes in learning strategies, literacy, and accelerated learning techniques. She has delivered professional development seminars for teachers and corporate clients, presented at an Alberta Teacher's Convention and taught an Ethics course at the University of Alberta.

Volunteerism has always been very much part of her life – serving on boards of the Community League and the Edmonton Preschool Association. From 1996 - 2000 Brenda was a Director of Alberta's Adult Literacy Foundation, raising awareness and funds for adult literacy and evaluating grant applications for literacy programs. She continues to serve her community as a member of the RCMP liaison committee.

Brenda is married to Ron, a former senior Federal public servant and retired rancher. Together they have 5 children and 7 grandchildren.