

Biography

Shari Cunningham

Rotary Club of Windsor (1918)
District 6400

Shari Cunningham has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) for 20 years and served as President in 2007 – 2008. For the past 3 years she has chaired the Club's major fundraising event "Art in the Park", leading a significant re-vitalization of this iconic start to summer which has been a local tradition for 31 years. Shari has been involved in the Club's Foundation Fund, is a member of the Environment Committee and the Ghana Project Committee. She is honoured to be a member of the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development.

Shari is excited to be supporting the work of Rotary International and its Polio Eradication efforts first hand by joining other Rotarians and like-minded individuals in "Polio Vision 2010" – a trip to India in February 2010 where she will have the opportunity to participate in a polio NID and to observe and assist with other Rotary and Rotary Foundation projects, including an eyeglass clinic.

Shari, who has her BA in Psychology and a Master's degree in Social Work, has had a fulfilling career with extensive experience in the design and management of community-based services for children and adults. As Area Manager for the Ontario Ministry of Community and Social Services of the Windsor Area Office, she managed a multi-disciplinary team of 168 management, professional, and support staff, along with an annual budget in excess of \$145 million. Her excellent leadership, negotiation and project management skills provided her the ability to translate government policy initiatives into specific implementation plans by consulting effectively with community partners.

Since her retirement in 2000, Shari has dedicated her time and expertise to a number of organizations in addition to Rotary. She has served on the Board of Directors of Riverside United Church, was a member of the Advisory Board of the Salvation Army, and chaired the parent council at the school attended by her children. After many years serving on the Planning and Priorities Committee of Hotel-Dieu Grace Hospital, Shari recently took the lead as Chair.

Shari is married to Dave Langstone. Dave is a retired engineer who worked for Chrysler USA in the development of new cars for 39 years. Dave has an extensive interest in automotive history. Together they have two teenage children, Edward and Rebecca. All the Cunningham/Langstone family are Paul Harris Fellows.

