



Introducing

2010 Foundation Chair

Rod Stork

Rod and his wife Marlene have been residents of Guelph since 1994.

Rod and Marlene are both natives of Eastend, Saskatchewan located in the Cypress Hills of southwestern Saskatchewan. Rod attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon and obtained a Degree in Agriculture majoring in Agricultural Economics.

In July of 1970 Rod joined the Ontario Department of Agriculture (later known as the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs) beginning his career in Durham County with the local office located in Bowmanville.

In October of 1970 Marlene and Rod were married and thus started their partnership together.

Rod was a 4-H member in Saskatchewan belonging to the local 4-H Beef Club. He was an interprovincial 4-H exchange delegate in 1963.

In Bowmanville Rod began his career as a 4-H coordinator for the agricultural clubs in Durham County. In 1979 Rod was appointed as supervisor of Youth Extension and Secretary-Treasurer of the Junior Farmer's Association of Ontario.

Following his stint in Toronto Rod was appointed as Agricultural Representative in Welland. Rod continued his interest in 4-H during that time working with local staff to strengthen the program in Niagara.

Rod and Marlene then moved to Kemptville where Rod assumed duties as Regional Manager for the 15 Ministry offices in Eastern Ontario. In 1994 Rod and Marlene moved to Guelph where Rod assumed various responsibilities with his final full time role with OMAFRA as Chairman of the Ontario Farm Products Marketing Commission.

Following his retirement in 2004 Rod was appointed Chair, Ontario Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs Appeal Tribunal finishing his term in 2007.

Rod was named as a Trustee to the Ontario 4-H Foundation in 2005 and currently is the Chairman of the Foundation.

During his career Rod has been a member of the board of the Ontario Agriculture Training Institute (OATI), Canadian Farm Business Management Council (OFBMC) and the The Centre for Rural Learning (TCRL).

Over the years Rod has been a member of Lion's Club International, serving as a Board member in Bowmanville, Vice-President in Welland, President of the Kemptville Lions and Board member of the Guelph Lions Club.

Rod and Marlene are active curlers and have served in many capacities on various curling club boards over the years. In addition they have attended nine Briers' (Canadian Men's Curling Championships, two World Men's Curling Championships and two Canadian Olympic Curling Trials.)

Marlene and Rod have two sons, Michael living in Kemptville and Trevor living in Yarker. Along with their partners Darlene and Terri, they enjoy their 4 grandchildren, Jenny, Matthew, MacKenzie and Emma.

Rod has served as a judge for the Gold for the Gold Competition at the Royal Winter Fair, judge for the 4-H Field Crops Competition at the Royal Winter Fair and as a volunteer at the Canadian Agriculture Hall of Fame at the Royal Winter Fair.

Marlene and Rod are currently coordinators of the Friday morning senior league at the Guelph Curling Club, members of the Guelph United Way 'Leader's campaign and Rod is a member of the Board for the Royal City Mens Club. They have also volunteered at two Ontario Provincial Mens Curling Championships and the recent World Curling Tour 'National' held in Guelph in January 2010.

Rod and Marlene are avid gardeners, travelers, curlers and golfers enjoying all of these activities with friends and family from across Ontario and Canada.



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