



Conferred upon Dave Morton on June 17, 2025

Picking up from this member's last award in 2021, the Lloyd Loynes, and not having received a PHF since 2011 it is time to recognize further significant contributions by him to the work of this Rotary club. Dave Morton is a perfect nomination for a PHF having met criteria A of having served a minimum of 2 years on the Board; Criteria E performed a unique role for the Club over a period of years and Criteria H performed outstanding volunteer service for the community, external to Rotary.

Many of you will not be aware that in December 2023 Canadian Blood Services honoured this member after achieving 100 donations to Canadian Blood Services. Dave Morton also volunteers at the Marathon race weekend and the Army runs in Ottawa. And he volunteers on Earth Day to help clean up Brewer Park.

This member actively participates in and frequently leads projects to serve our local community. A strong supporter of RCWO's literacy projects he has managed the delivery, and helped distribute, over 2,000 dictionaries each year that are key to the success of the 'Dictionary4Life' project in which our club serves 10 local schools. This member also is a key contributor to the success of the Rotary Cash calendar fundraiser as an administrator, advertiser and salesperson.

Having served on the Board since 2020-21 initially as Secretary Dave Morton later swapped jobs to become Treasurer, a role he had previously performed for 4 years, from 2006-10. Clear, accurate recording and reporting of our Rotary Club finances has been managed by him for the past four years. Recently, he has helped at the District level by performing a District audit. The Treasurer role also demands 100% attendance in order to collect and pay for our meals. The unique role of Treasurer really means being involved in virtually every aspect of the club from operations, to fundraising to disposition of funds.

With respect to our club's social events, Dave has been a major contributor to RCWO's 'Mushing with Morton' in snowy Ottawa. His unique role is to walk or snowshoe and be hike leader for what now appears to be an annual event for the Social and Recreation committee.

Another unique role he plays is Captain of RCWO's Trivia Team in our inter-club competitions. Dave took over the organization and leadership of the Trivia team from Alan Bowles eight years ago. In recent years, this member expanded the participation of the Trivia team to include the Trivia fundraiser for Camp Misquah. His extensive knowledge of trivial and meaningless information has since led the team to several victories and thousands of dollars raised for the Rotary Club of Ottawa Stittsville's annual Trivia Night.

For his unwavering support of the Rotary Club of West Ottawa, and Rotary International, throughout the past four years it is our great pleasure to award Dave Morton a Paul Harris Fellowship.

Paul Harris Fellow Award:

At the Club's request Rotary International issues a certificate in the awardee's name and a PHF pin. Paul Harris was the founder of Rotary.

Awardees should meet at least three of the following criteria:

- a. Served a minimum of two years on the Club's Board of Directors;
- b. Chaired two or more of the Club's standing committees;
- c. Performed noteworthy volunteer service in the Club over the years;
- d. Provided extraordinary support or leadership in Club fundraising;
- e. Performed a unique role, or provided a special service, for the Club over a period of years;
- f. Enhanced the Club's reputation or public profile;
- g. Been active on a Rotary district committee;
- h. Performed outstanding volunteer service for the community, external to Rotary.