

ANNOUNCEMENT

STEVE CANTRELL, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DISTRICT 5450 GOVERNOR 2008-2009

Professionally, Steve is a real estate broker specializing in corporate relocations and residential home sales, assisting over 1,200 families in just the last (14) fourteen years! In 2005, he was RANKED in the TOP 1% NATIONALLY for the 14th year in a row. He is also recognized as one of the top RE/MAX agents in the mountain states region and is a member of the exclusive RE/MAX Hall of Fame, and recipient of the Platinum Club award for each of the past twelve (12) years!

In 2006, he received the rarely awarded and distinguished RE/MAX International Lifetime Achievement Award!

He also has an extensive background in Commercial Real Estate and Banking. You can visit his professional web page at www.stevcantrell.com

Steve joined Smoky Hill Rotary Club in 1990. Like many in Rotary, his first six months left him wondering whether Rotary was for him. Fortunately for him, Smoky Hill Rotary and District 5450, he finally discovered that moment when, as Cliff Doctorman put it, he became a Rotarian, and not just a member of a Rotary club. He discovered the incredible gift of service through Rotary. His passion was first ignited by service in the community, but he soon brought his passion, expertise and enthusiasm to positions of leadership in his club.



Rotary International is a worldwide organization of business and professional leaders that provides humanitarian service, encourages high ethical standards in all vocations, and helps build goodwill and peace in the world. Approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 32,000 clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Rotary International is pleased to announce Steve Cantrell as District 5450 Governor for 2008-2009. Read more about Rotary International at www.rotary.org or www.rotary5450.org District Governor Nominee Steve can be reached at 303-796-1219, or toll free 1-800-380-RELO. You may email him at tscantrell@aol.com

In 1998, he was awarded the Robert W. Tschappat award as outstanding member of the Smoky Hill Rotary Club. Steve showed the importance he places upon Rotary's activities by maintaining perfect attendance. That perfection currently stands at 14 years.

Steve sponsored his first member in Rotary, a way to share his love of service and the world wide fellowship of Rotary. Steve has continued to share his passion over the years. To date, he has proposed and sponsored more than 25 people to membership in Rotary, most in his own club, but also in other Rotary clubs. No less than four presidents of Smoky Hill Rotary were originally sponsored for membership by Steve. He could legitimately claim that he has single handedly sponsored enough people to populate a Rotary club of his own.

Rotary Year 1995-96 was a special one for both Steve and for Smoky Hill Rotary Club. Under his leadership, Smoky Hill was awarded the President's Award, an award for international service, and the Bemis Award for its newsletter. Following Steve's example, the club also grew in membership, involvement, and service. Having completed his term as President, Steve served in 1996-97 as Past President. Steve's legacy of leadership in the Club is evident to this day.

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Even while he was serving as club president, Steve also began his lengthy service to the District by serving as the District 5450 Programs Chairman in 1995-96. However, upon completing his term as Smoky Hill's president, Steve, typically, did not rest on his laurels. He continued serving the District as District Foundation Chairman for two (2) years from 1996 to 1998, achieving spectacular results. In recognition of his service in this capacity, he was named the recipient of the Rotary Foundation District Service Award in 1996. Even before finishing his term in that capacity, Steve served as Assistant District Governor for two (2) years from 1997-1999. While serving in this dual capacity, Steve was awarded the distinguished "Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service Award" in 1998.

In 2000, Steve served as the District 5450 Conference 2000 Chairman. Under Steve's leadership, the Smoky Hill club hosted a conference that is still being talked about as a model for the District. Rotary International awarded District 5450 the Best District Conference Award in our Zone 25 consisting of 17 Districts!

Steve was one of the founding members of Special Things for Special Kids, Smoky Hill's primary community service project involving a close relationship with an Aurora elementary school to provide literacy assistance, help with special projects, and clothing to needy kids. This program has received multiple awards from this District in literacy and publicity.

Since first becoming involved in the District, Steve has continually served at that level in some capacity, and usually in several capacities. In addition to the service already referred to previously in this letter, Steve has:

- Trainer for P.E.T.S. (President's Elect Training Seminar) for past ten (10) years.
- Served on the District Executive Committee as an At-Large Representative during the 1999-2000 Rotary year.
- Served as the Chairman for the Quad-District President's – Rotary International Foundation Dinner.
- Served on the District Executive Committee and as the World Community Service Chairman for the 2004-2005, 2003-2004 and 2002-2003 Rotary years.
- Currently serves on the District 5450 Executive Committee as District Governor Nominee.

Steve's service has been recognized many times, but most significantly and rewardingly by being the recipient of the District 5450 Rotarian of the Year for 2003-2004 representing 58 clubs and 3,000+ Rotarians!

Steve's record of service includes complete appreciation of the importance and significance of the Rotary International Foundation. He takes giving to the Foundation as a personal imperative. He is himself a Three Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and a continuing Annual Contributor. In addition he has made each of his two children, Nick and Nina, Paul Harris Fellows. Despite this enviable record of giving, perhaps his most meaningful moment came when he established a legacy in Rotary by becoming a Rotary Foundation Benefactor, and most recently a member of The Rotary Foundation Bequest Society.

In his free time he loves almost anything outdoors. Steve is an avid runner, and loves the play golf and fish.

Object of Rotary:

The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and, in particular, to encourage and foster the development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service, high ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society, the application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life, the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.