

Patrick Eakes
Rotary 7690 District Governor 2014-15
Rotary International Board of Directors, 2024-26

Patrick grew up in Greensboro, NC, USA. He earned a B.S. and M.S. in Mechanical Engineering at North Carolina State University, focusing his thesis on innovative computer chip production methods. Following his graduation in 1989, Patrick returned to Greensboro and joined his family's mechanical contracting business.

In 1996, Patrick formed C.P. Eakes Company, a manufacturer of high-end custom metal goods. The company operates in Greensboro and produces a wide variety of products, including architectural stainless steel and brass, stainless steel trench drains for chemical and food applications, and many items for specialty contractors.

Patrick joined Crescent Rotary in 1998 and served as club President in 2001-2002. He also led the club's drive to become the first Triple Crown club (100% Paul Harris Fellow, 100% Sustaining, 100% Benefactor simultaneously) in the Rotary world. Patrick has served District 7690 as District Conference chair, Assistant Governor for eight clubs, and he was the district Rotary Foundation chair or co-chair for five years. During that time, the district became the first district in the Rotary world where every club (50 clubs) became a 100% Paul Harris Fellow club. In each of those five years, District 7690 also led the world in the number of 100% Sustaining clubs. Patrick has also served as District 7690's Membership Chair and Endowment Fund Chair. Patrick has served Rotary Zone 33 as Rotary Coordinator, Innovative Club Advocate, Assistant Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator, and as the Paul Harris Society Coordinator. Patrick served as Vice Chair of Carolinas' PETS, Training Chair for Zones 33 and 34, and chair of the Membership Action Plan. Patrick was a Training Leader at the 2021, 2022, and 2023 International Assemblies, and he was Lead Facilitator for Rotary International's Leaders Global Institute in 2023. Patrick will also serve on the Rotary International Board of Directors in 2024-26.

Patrick has served in leadership roles in many not-for-profit and community organizations, including the Greensboro Sports Council and the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Patrick also served two years as President of Sedgefield Country Club. Through his role on the board at Sedgefield, Patrick helped negotiate the move of the PGA Tour's Wyndham Championship to Sedgefield, and later he served on the Wyndham Championship Board of Directors. Patrick served a three-year term as President of the US-Canada Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians, and he has won one international and four national Rotary golf championships.

Patrick is married to Kristen, owner of Kristen Eakes CPA, and they have a 20 year old daughter (Sarah) and an 18 year old son (John), both of whom are active in Rotary projects. Patrick enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, and wine collecting.

Patrick and Kristen are Major Donors and members of the Paul Harris Society. Patrick is a recipient of the Distinguished Service Award and Service Above Self Award.

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