Dr. Bob Scott

Rotary International Past Vice-President and Chair Emeritus of Rotary International Polio Plus Committee

Dr. Bob Scott was born and raised in Edinburgh, Scotland, and received a medical degree with distinction in dermatology and chest diseases from the University of Edinburgh in 1957. Bob immigrated to Cobourg, Ontario, Canada, where he continued as a small-town general practitioner which involved all aspects of medicine. He was a coroner for the Province of Ontario and investigated more than 1,200 cases before retiring in May 2003.

Bob became a member of the Rotary Club of Cobourg, in 1971 and served as President in 1978-79 and subsequently on many Rotary District 7070 committees and on many committees for Rotary International after his year as District Governor in 1987-88. He was elected a director of Rotary International in 1996 being appointed Vice-President for the year 1997-98. In 2010 Bob chaired the Rotary International Convention in Montreal.

In 2024, Bob became a Rotary Foundation trustee and elected Chair of the Trustees in 2007-08. In 2006, he began his term as Chair of the International PolioPlus Committee a position he held until June 30, 2014. He rejoined the committee as of July 1, 2015 as an advisor for two years. He has taken part in many National Immunization Days in many counties including Pakistan, India, Nigeria, and Egypt.

A Paul Harris Fellow, Bob has received the RI Service Above Self Award, The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service and The Distinguished Service Award, the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World, and the Four Avenues of Service Citation. He has been named an outstanding leader in polio eradication by the United Nations Foundation. He received the Sitare-i-Khidmat award from President Zardari of Pakistan and was awarded the Order of Chad at the level of Chevalier by President Deby. Bob received the Sovereign Medal for Volunteers from the Governor General of Canada, and he also received the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee Medal.

Bob is a major donor of The Rotary Foundation and with his late wife Ann, are members of the Arch Klumph Society.