

Leadership runs in the family

It would be safe to say that leadership is a quality that runs in the Mackay family.

Earlier this year, Belleville Rotarian Bill Mackay was appointed as the Governor for Rotary District 7070, an honour his father carried in the late 1970s.

He was also presented with his fourth Paul Harris Fellowship Award, the highest honour a Rotary Club can bestow on a member.

Mackay officially assumed the role of District Governor for the upcoming year on Canada Day — a post his father, Bill Mackay Sr., held for the 1977-78 term, the last time the Rotary Club of Belleville produced a district governor.

In his role as governor, Mackay will be responsible for co-ordi-

nating many community and international service projects for the 56 clubs in Rotary District 7070. The district — which has more than 2,400 members — is made up of clubs from Belleville westward to the outskirts of Toronto to Alliston. Mackay is one of 529 Rotarians world-wide serving as a district governor this year.

A member of the Belleville Rotary Club for 15 years, Bill Mackay Jr. will also be responsible for organizing new Rotary Clubs and strengthening the ranks of existing associations.

President of Windows to Technology Ltd., and Blue Moon Management Company, he has contributed to the community in many ways over the years, serving as director of the Belleville and District Chamber of Commerce, as a past director of the Belleville Club, he also helped organize the Probus Club of Belleville, and

began the annual television auction for physically challenged children. In addition, Mackay is the recipient of the Easter Seals Silver Meritorious Service Award this year.

Throughout his years of involvement with the service club, Mackay has carried with him a few words of advice once given to him by an old friend, who happened to be the celebrated 85-year-old mayor of Mississauga, Hazel McCallion.

"Hazel once said to me that if you take away the work of Rotary clubs and other service organizations in the community, you rip apart the social fabric. For some reason or another, that always stuck with me, in the back of my mind."

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