

Jim Parrott - Biography



Jim is an active retiree, spending his time on various activities, including pickleball, skiing, singing and playing guitar/ukulele, spending time at the cottage, curling, and turning seemingly innocent logs of basswood into proud and majestic totem poles. He also has completed the construction of the family cottage, and major renovations at the city home.

To stay in touch with his technical background, Jim periodically provides his engineering expertise to consulting assignments, including electric vehicle development, powertrain and electric vehicle testing capability studies for National Research Council, and refereeing technical applications for National Science and Engineering Research Council funding.

Jim was employed at General Motors for 32 years, in Oshawa, Ontario and Michigan, functioning in various engineering roles, from manufacturing engineer to director of product engineering, the position he retired from in 2009.

Jim holds a Bachelor of Science in Engineering degree from the University of Manitoba, and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Windsor.

On a monthly basis when not in a pandemic, Jim entertains an Adult Day Care program for early dementia and Alzheimers sufferers, with his voice and guitar. He finds those musical events very fulfilling.

Jim has played many forms of racquet sports, including badminton, squash, tennis, table tennis, and racquetball, prior to being introduced to pickleball.

Jim has recently completed a four year term on the Board of Pickleball Association of Ontario (one year as VP and three as President), and currently serves as Director at Large and Chair of Coaching for Pickleball Canada Organization.

Jim is happily married to his lovely wife Sally, and they have two adult children, along with one grandchild.