

Biography of Steve Kirton



Born in Barbados, Steve grew up in St. Michael but somehow found himself in the parish of St. Lucy where he met and married his wife Annis. They have raised two grown children, Steve and Rochelle.

Steve humorously refers to his life as in two phases; BC, before Canada and AB, after Barbados. In the BC phase he was schooled, married, and spent the first 8 of his 38-year banking and finance career with Barclays Bank.

The AB phase commenced in 1979 upon moving to Canada where he and Annis started their family and Steve joined the Business Development Bank of Canada. He enjoyed a career spanning 30 years with BDC holding various positions over the years. One of his most satisfying contributions was helping to establish the Diversity Action Committee which was implemented to monitor and effect change to ensure fairness and diversity at the bank. Steve recently retired from BDC where he was Vice President, Credit Risk Management & Strategic Initiatives.

Steve is a former President of Barbados Overseas Community Canada Inc, served on the Board of Directors of St. John Ambulance, Toronto Branch, is a Habitat for Humanity volunteer and served with the Rotary Club of Scarborough Bluffs.

Steve enjoys gardening and is an avid reader. He loves sports, particularly basketball and baseball, and is often heard screaming in delight during a Jays' or Raptors' game when their fortunes are on the upswing. He is a music lover who recently started learning to play the steel pan to fulfill a long held dream of playing a musical instrument.