



Pictured: Rita Vandevyvere

Rita has been a committed volunteer since 1985 when she was a driver for the National Scott Tournament of Hearts held in Winnipeg. Since then she has been, and continues to be, a time keeper and statistician at provincial, national and world events. If not timing or doing stats, Rita has been active in some capacity at every significant curling event that has been held in Winnipeg. Rita is also a certified curling instructor and has run or participated in numerous clinics throughout southern Manitoba as well as coached junior women.

Rita has been active on the administration side of the sport. She is a past president of the Heather Ladies, the Heather Business Women and the St. Vital Business Women's leagues. This resulted in her chairing a committee for the 1989 Canadian Pepsi Juniors held at the Heather Curling Club, co-chairing the 2011 Senior Provincials at the Heather Curling club and being the Chairperson for the 2003 World Senior Women held at St. Vital Curling Club. Rita was a member of the Board of Directors of the Manitoba Curling Association from 2004 to 2008. During this time she served as zone chairperson for numerous competitions, was responsible for provincial bonspiels with berths and acted as liaison for the Mixed Provincials at Fort Rouge Curling Club in 2004 and the East St. Paul Curling Club in 2008.

Rita has served as a member of the Manitoba Curling Foundation and currently sits on the Curl Manitoba Scholarship Committee and the Hall of Fame.

The many aspects of curling with which Rita has been involved has resulted in wonderful friendships and memories. Rita was surprised and honoured to be recognized as an Honorary Life Member.