

## Wilkinson takes up fight to rid world of landmines

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Trenton – The Canadian Landmine Foundation has elected Trenton resident Wilf Wilkinson as a member and director.

Wilkinson, a founding partner of the public accounting firm Wilkinson and Company, has served as president of the Province of Ontario Public Accountants Council, and treasurer of the Canadian Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Ontario.

He's also served as Rotary international president as well as president of the local Rotary Club of Trenton during his 46 years with the organization.

"The foundation reaches out extensively to Rotary clubs and certainly this will substantially increase club's attention and interest," said Scott Fairweather, the president and CEO of the Canadian Landmine Foundation. "Bottom line, we are going to raise more money and do more projects. This is just a huge, huge step for us."

The Canadian Landmine Foundation was created in 1999 after the Ottawa Treaty became international law. The treaty bans the production, use and trade of landmines.

"Our function really is to raise money and take landmines out of the ground," Fairweather said. "We also assist landmine survivors and provide mine risk education for children."

Wilkinson was introduced to the foundation in 2005 when he was serving as the chair of Rotary's centennial convention in Chicago. Wilkinson allowed the group to make a presentation to Rotarians regarding children who are injured or killed by landmines left behind after war.

"It was just a real breakthrough for us to reach out to the Rotary world," Fairweather said.

Wilkinson said his connections with Rotary clubs will help aid the foundation in its fundraising efforts. He said the appointment "seemed very appropriate" as there are 80 countries in the world with Rotary clubs and active landmines.

"I think it is a worthy cause and so I was happy to agree to participate," Wilkinson said. "Getting rid of landmines is very difficult, but they have made tremendous progress in those countries."