

District Governor

Stephen "Steph" Gurney (Linda)

Highway Lions

Lion Steph was born in Palatka, Fla., in 1947, grew up in Yankton, S.D., where he married his high school sweetheart, the former Linda Brunick in 1966. Steph and Linda moved to San Diego on the Navy plan in 1967, with a short stay in Omaha, Neb., where he graduated from Computer trade school.

In Steph's eight years in the Navy he became a Vietnam veteran, received an associate degree in Business Administration, and was privileged to be on the team that picked up the Apollo 5 capsule. After the Navy, he continued going to college at night and received his Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration with a minor in Quantitative Analysis. Steph has worked in the computer field for over 30 years. He is a Senior Systems Application Analyst with San Diego Gas & Electric.

Lion Steph was the first of his family to join the El Cajon Highway Lions, in February, 1992. Since then Linda and their children, Reese and Sara, have also joined. Steph served as 100% President in 1992-93; 100% Secretary 2 years; and is now Major for the Regulators, the club's western reenactment group. At the district level, Steph has held the positions of District Campaign Sight-First Coordinator, Cabinet Secretary 2 years, District Leadership Chairman 2 years, and has served on numerous district committees.

Lion Steph is a Melvin Jones Fellow and a life member of SCLEI. He has received the International Leadership Medal, International President's Certificate of Appreciation and Campaign Sight-First Lion of the Year, and the award that means the most to him: Highway Lions' Lion of the Year. Steph loves being with his family, which also includes his daughter-in-law, Claudia, and his grandchildren, Tony and Rebecca Lynn, helping people, old west reenactments, and of course his passion which is programming computers.