

Club Rotarians Recognized for their Outstanding Contributions to the Club at the 2017 Installation Dinner and Program

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A highlight of the Annual Installation Dinner and Program each year is the recognition of club Rotarians who have provided exceptional service for the club. Each year, the outgoing president presents awards to these members to acknowledge their contributions.

This year, 2016-17 President Pat McAllister presented a number of awards as each president has done so in past years.

Three major club awards and one district award were presented during the evening.

Rotarian of the Year – Awarded to Brian Wrightson for his outstanding leadership with the first annual Kelowna Ribfest which took place in September of 2016. His leadership, focused on working collaboratively with a host of Committee chairs and their members, provided the community and the Okanagan with the first Ribfest ever held in Kelowna. The success of the event guaranteed that the event would certainly become a fixture and a highlight of the events scheduled within Kelowna for years to come.



The Dale Frandsen Award – Awarded to Martha Kennedy for her continuing leadership with the club's Youth Program, particularly the Rotary Youth Exchange Program, a leadership role that has been extended within Rotary District 5060.



The Local Hero Award – Awarded to Stephen Buck, a local realtor and musician who has a passion for music and for helping others to gain an appreciation for music and in developing their instrument skills, particularly in the field of jazz. His volunteering in the music field continues to inspire individuals at all ages. In recognition for his voluntary service within the community, Stephen was presented with an Honourary Paul Harris Fellow.



District 5060 Friendship and Fellowship Award – Presented to Doreen Welsh for her leadership as the Director of the Fellowship Committee which organized a variety of fun activities throughout the year for club members and their guests. Doreen had been nominated by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise for this District Award which was announced at the 2017 District Conference held in April.



2016-17 President Pat also recognized a number of club Rotarians with two other awards:

President's Citations were presented to.....

Brian Fennell for his leadership in raising funds for the PolioPlus Program of The Rotary Foundation through the sale of beverages during all of the Sun Football's home games;

Greig McPhee for his leadership in organizing the club's 'Inn From the Cold' dinner initiative;

Nigel Hart for his leadership in the annual Shoe Bank Canada Shoe Drive held during the month of April each year, one of the club's Shoe Bank Canada initiatives; and

Ed Kolybaba for his outstanding and ongoing commitment in maintaining the club's website with up-to-date, fresh and topical home page stories and various sites covering all aspects of the club's organization and administration, projects, committee information, events and much more.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to all of the 2016-17 Executive members and directors in honour and with deep appreciation for their leadership, initiative and commitment in their roles.....

Andy Griffin (President-Elect)
Maribeth Friesen (Vice President and Donations Committee Chair)
Bill Reynolds (Immediate Past President)
Bob Fortier (Secretary)
Mike Crowley (Treasurer)
Max Mosley (Membership Committee Chair)
Jane Fletcher (Public Relations Committee Chair)
Marth Kennedy (New Generations Committee Chair)
Rene Bernard (International Committee Chair)
Huck Parfeniuk (Rotary Foundation Committee Chair)
Doreen Welsh (Fellowship Committee Chair)
Chris Murphy (Fundraising Committee Chair)
Heidi Miller (Club Service Chair)
Teri Kanner (Vocational Committee Chair)