

## 2013-14 Officers Installed

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Barb Penner was installed as the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise's president for the 2013-14 Rotary Year, along with her in-coming Executive and Board of Directors, at the club's Installation Dinner and Program on Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>. The event, held at the Kelowna Golf and Country Club, was attended by over 100 Rotarians and guests who applauded Penner's vision and aspirations for the new Rotary year.



L to R: Linda Frandsen (Dir), Craig Garries (PP), Sarah Mosley (Dir), Jane Fletcher (Dir), Chris Murphy (Dir), Barb Penner (P), Marion Hanselwood (Dir), Laurel D'Andrea (Dir), DG Doug Everett, Dan Hillbrecht (Dir), Doreen Welsch (Dir), and Greig McPhee (PE). Missing from the photo: Bruce Brown (VP), Josh Stehmeier (S), Ken Spence (T), Ken Ottoson (Dir), and Bill Reynolds (Dir)

The evening event commenced with a reception with entertainment by song writer/singer, Gorden James, followed by a delicious buffet. Master of ceremonies, past-president Jim Belshaw presided over the evening program which featured District Governor Doug Everett who spoke about his role and experiences as a District Governor. Following his address, DG Everett made a presentation of the Presidential Citation to club president Craig Garries, which signified the clubs achievement under his leadership, the presentation of the RI Vocational Service Leadership Award to Steve Goddard, and a PHF+1 to Laurel D'Andrea for her leadership in organizing extremely successful fundraising activities for the club. **(See separate story on the Home Page.)**



Florine Dieu, the club's Rotary Youth Exchange student from Belgium, with support from Dan Hilbrecht, the club's Youth Service Committee director, recapped her successful and exciting year; one that she felt had helped her to mature greatly and to enjoy an experience that has changed her life significantly. She then shared a PowerPoint which reviewed some of her unforgettable experiences as an exchange student over the past year.

During the annual outgoing club president's speech, Craig Garries expressed his appreciation to his executive and board of directors, and the members of his club for enabling him to enjoy a very exciting and memorable year as the club's president, one that he shared that he would be having a difficult time giving up at the end of June. He also reflected on some of the successful projects, events and activities that the club had experienced and congratulated the club for its achievements.

Don Turri, with his off the wall humour, brought the house down during "The Turri Report," by diplomatically putting down a number of Rotarians, much to the chagrin of their dearly beloved spouses who learned more about their partners than was necessary.

A highlight of the evening program was the annual presentation of awards by the outgoing president which acknowledges the exceptional leadership and work of the club's Rotarians. Well known for his use of adjectives attained from his personal *Garries Thesaurus*, published just before taking over the presidential office on July 01, 2012, President Garries presented "coveted, or whatever" Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Pens to Mike Crowley, Don Turri, Bruce Brown, John Finnerty, Ed Kolybaba, Gary Ford, Brian Fennel, Dan Hilbrecht, Jane Fletcher, Gary Bowker and Andy Griffin for their efforts and contributions in assuming specific responsibilities throughout the year. He then followed up with the presentation of the club's two major awards, the Rotarian of the Year to Tom Paterson, and the Dale Frandsen Award to Greig McPhee. **(See separate story on the Home Page.)**



The Installation program came to a conclusion with remarks from the in-coming President Barb Penner. In her address, Penner focused on the Rotary International theme for 2013-14, "Engaging Rotarians, Changing Lives," in particular, expressing just what the theme means for each of us as Rotarians. In reference to the meaning of the theme, Penner noted that Ron Burton, in-coming RI president, shared that our responsibility does not end by asking individuals to become members of Rotary, but instead we should be sharing the experience of Rotary; and most importantly, we should not accept that our job is done until "that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives," quoting Burton. Penner concluded out that her goal was "to continue to have every Rotarian involved in Rotary," in adherence with this theme.

*Events of the evening have been captured in photos and can be seen by going to the Gallery of Photos on this website.*