

Rotary Club Celebrates a Successful Rotary Year and Installs the Club's 2010-21 President and Officers

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The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise celebrated a very successful Rotary year on-line via Zoom during its Installation program on Saturday, June 27th. While unable to gather as a club, as has always been the case since 1986, the year the club was chartered, Rotarians either gathered together in small groups in several homes or individually from their own homes. Even so, the Installation program was effectively organized to celebrate the past Rotary year and to recognize Rotarians for their exceptional service; and to introduce the new president and executive members who will continue to provide leadership throughout the 2020-21 Rotary Year.

Prior to the main address by 2019-20 President Susan McIntyre, it was noted that 26 of the club Rotarians had had perfect attendance throughout the Rotary year. Additionally, the Rotarians who had achieved another milestone in their giving to The Rotary Foundation during the past Rotary year were recognized by Leslie Monro, the club's 2019-20 Foundation Committee Chair. Those recognized included Melanie Hall-Szyszkiewicz, Don Martin, Colleen McEwan, Randall Bamford, Moya Webb and Ed Kolybaba.

A slide presentation by Arnau Qirante, the club's 2019-20 Rotary Youth Exchange student from Spain, highlighted the beginning of the Installation program.



During the evening program, out-going 2019-20 President Susan McIntyre expressed her appreciation to the club members and her executive; and in doing so shared that she was very pleased that with their support the goals that she had put forward at the time of her installation as president had been successfully achieved. She pointed out many of these achievements, including the increased membership, the successful international projects that came about through the use of the district and global grants and by partnering with other Rotary clubs, donations to community needs valued at \$86,400, the financial support of \$50,000 for a major project with The Bridge, continuing support for youth services with an increase in the amount of the student bursaries, and the development of a multi-year plan for future club growth. This is the template with image at the left side and floating text on the right side.

As is customary at the end of each Rotary Year, Susan announced the winners of the club's 2020 prestigious awards:

The Dale Frandsen Award – Brenda Bell
Rotarian of the Year – Marjolein Lloyd
Changemaker Award - Patty Garrett – District Youth Committee Chair
Rising Rotarian Award – Allision Kirkwood

Along with the 2020 Presidential Citations:

Do-Goodery Award – Chris Murphy
Making a Difference Award – Jane Fletcher
Distinguished Service Award – Colleen McEwan
Spirit of Rotary Award – Ken Ottoson
Rotary Connector Award – Doreen Welsh
Spouse of a Rotarian Award – Eric Dumoulin

Following the award announcements, 2019-20 District Governor Peter Schultz introduced and welcomed the new 2020-21 President and the in-coming club officers and then had each of these incoming club leaders to take an oath of office to fulfill their duties to the best of their ability.



In-coming President Norm LeCavalier concluded the evening event with a brief overview of his focus for the coming Rotary Year, which will be particularly centred on implementing the club's multi-year plan.