

Club Members Continue to Respond to Humanitarian Needs

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Supporting the humanitarian work of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), whether it is through donations to the Annual Programs Fund, the PolioPlus Fund or the Permanent Fund, is of vital importance to the members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise.



Steve Goddard receives recognition as a Benefactor from Director Tom Paterson on March 15, 2013

Since the last story on the Front Page of the club's website, the club has honoured four additional Rotarians for their generous contributions to the Permanent Fund and their focus on making a difference for those in destitute situations throughout the world. Steve Goddard was recognized as a benefactor on March 15th; while Rene Bernard and Jane Fletcher were recognized as Bequest Society members and Barb Penner was recognized as a benefactor on April 12th.



Barb Penner recognized as Benefactor on April 12, 2013



Rene Bernard and Jane Fletcher, the club's newest Bequest Society members

Rotarians around the world have recognized the need to support the Permanent Fund, The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund, as a means to combine their gifts with others to create a significant force to address the world's greatest needs for generations to come. Rotarians typically support the Fund through outright and planned gifts, including bequest commitments, life insurance, marketable securities, real estate, and charitable trusts or annuities. A gift to Rotary's endowment ensures a strong future for the Foundation by providing a continuous stream of income that will fund Foundation programs in perpetuity. Gifts are invested, and the spendable earnings are used to support the program you have designated. The initial target of US\$200 million for the Endowment Fund was met in 2005, six years ahead of schedule. The next target is \$1 billion by 2025.

Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise have also recognized the need to support the Permanent Fund; and as a result more and more club members have either contributed to the Fund as a benefactor or as a member of the Bequest Society. In the current 2012-13 Rotary year, four members have joined the ranks of those who have become members of the Bequest Society, while another three members have been recognized as Benefactors. The club now consists of sixteen benefactors and eight Bequest Society members. In addition to those noted above, other club members who have been recognized as benefactors include Wayne Evans, Pat Bentley, Graham Bell, Linda Frandsen, Craig Garries and Andy Griffin; while Bruce Falkins, Paul Mulvihill, Chris Murphy, Ed Kolybaba, Jerry Sedmak, and Tom Paterson, while also designated as benefactors have additionally been recognized as Bequest Society members.

Surpassing the club's 2012-13 goal of an additional three benefactors and one Bequest Society member is certainly good news for the club and the Foundation.