

PolioPlus Goal Achieved

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Thanks to a very compassionate talented artist and dedicated Rotarian, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise has achieved its PolioPlus funding goal for 2013-14. Rena Warren, a member of the club, organized and instructed a six session beginner art class from January 16 to February 20, with all of the profits designated to the PolioPlus fund of The Rotary Foundation.

Twelve participants each paid \$175 to receive the art instruction, totaling eighteen hours, at the Rotary Centre for the Arts in Kelowna.



With all proceeds from the fees dedicated to the PolioPlus Fund, a total of \$2100 was then presented to the club as its means to exceed its 2013-14 goal of \$2000.



Patrick LeBlanc, the General Manager of the Rotary Centre for the Arts and a member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Ogopogo, donated the use of classrooms, a value of \$500, to enable the class to proceed at no cost.

Rena's generosity reflects her compassion for those in need in the community and around the world. The club, along with The Rotary Foundation, is extremely pleased with her gift which will help to eradicate polio from the world.

Rena moved to the Okanagan in 1991, at which time she enrolled in the Bachelor of Fine Arts program at Okanagan University College, and then proceeded to attain a Bachelor in Education through the University of Victoria. Since her graduation, she has taught art classes for Opus Framing & Art Supplies, Kelowna Art Gallery, and in the private school system. In her private practice, she continues to specialize in oil portraiture and original block print design.

Rena's hard work, outstanding achievement in the arts, and her contribution through her art education endeavours were recognized by the Arts Council of the Central Okanagan at the Council's 2014 7th Annual Okanagan Arts Award event held in Kelowna on March 22, 2014. Rena was awarded the Okanagan Art Award under the Art Educator category.



Rena was inducted into the membership of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise on October 12, 2012.