

Linda Frandsen, another Successful Graduate of the Rotary Leadership Institute

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Linda Frandsen, a very active member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise since 2008, graduated from the District 5060 Rotary Leadership Institute on October 05, 2013. In taking the three day program scheduled on September 14 and 28th and October 05, Frandsen experienced a highly interactive leadership development program that focused on a wide spectrum of topics of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. Through the program, she was able to continue to strengthen her personal leadership skills, to gain valuable Rotary knowledge at all levels of the organization, and to gain valuable knowledge and skills that will motivate and give her the ability to assist the committees she provides leadership for and to assist her own club in experiencing growth and achievement.



Nine facilitators, under the guidance of RLI Coordinator Ed Kolybaba, offered over 15 workshops/sessions over the three Saturdays. As a result, 11 Rotarians graduated from the RLI program. Past District Governor Doug Everett, himself a participant and graduate of the program, presented certificates signifying successful completion of the program.

The Rotary Leadership Institute is a grassroots, multi-district leadership development program whose mission is to strengthen Rotary clubs through quality leadership education. It was introduced to the district in 2008 at which time club member Ed Kolybaba accepted the role of coordinator for the Canadian side of the district, which he now shares with Tony French, a member of the Rotary Club of Kelowna. Since its inception in District 5060, 125 Rotarians have graduated from the program which has been offered in Kelowna, Penticton, Salmon Arm and Kamloops over the five year period.

Up until 2013, the Rotary Leadership Institute program operated as an independent program in over 300 districts. While the program was supported and encouraged by RI, it was not until the 2013 when during the RI Council in Legislation it became an official program of RI.

Other Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise who have graduated from the RLI program include Greig McPhee, Craig Garries, Paul Mulvihill, Barb Penner, Bruce Falkins, Jane Fletcher, Pat Bentley, Jim Belshaw, Scott King, Ed Kolybaba, Maxwell Mosley and Sarah Mosley.

According to the current list of registrants, another three club members are planning to attend the three day RLI program being offered in Penticton on October 19, and November 02 and 16, 2013.