

President Penner Expresses Appreciation for the Support of the Club Members

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Out-going President (2013-14) Barb Penner was congratulated by her outstanding leadership at the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise's 2014-15 Installation Dinner on June 21, 2014 by District Governor Darrell Blue (2013-14). DG Blue spoke of her dedication and achievement and in doing so presented her with a ***Presidential Citation with Distinction*** on behalf of Rotary International President Don Burton and District 5060. In recognition of this achievement, President Penner was presented with a Certificate and a Banner.

President Penner's Address, following the presentation by DG Blue, were predominately expressions of gratitude to the many Rotarians of the club who had been part of her team in achieving success throughout the year and in making a difference for the club, community and world.



President Penner referred to her Installation address one year earlier when she had outlined some of her goals for the club. In her address at the 2014-15 Installation Dinner, she expressed that she was pleased that these goals had been achieved. In particular, she pointed out that bringing the constitution up to date and taking the Visioning exercise to the next stage which involved the development of a working document, were both achieved. She quickly pointed out that this would not have been possible without the support and active involvement of the executive and other Rotarians of the club.

President Penner shared that the club had fulfilled the Rotary Theme, "Engage Rotary, Change Lives," in "spades." An example of this was the club's support for the community through the allocation of over \$47,000 for the funding of various community activities, events and projects.

As is customary during an Installation Dinner of Rotary, the out-going president had the opportunity to recognize individuals who had made significant contributions to the club, community, district and the Rotary Foundation throughout the past Rotary year.

In appreciation of outstanding contributions by the 2013-14 executive, Penner ensuring that each member would receive 300 points toward the Paul Harris Award in recognition of their commitment to Rotary and the community.



2013-2014 Executive.....

L to R: Jane Fletcher, Pete Mackenzie, Laurel D'Andrea, Chris Murphy, Max Mosley, Sarah Mosley, Craig Garries, Linda Frandsen, Ken Ottoson, Josh Stehmeier, Doreen Welsh, Greig McPhee, Bill Reynolds, and Barb Penner

Missing: Ken Spence and Bruce Brown

Eleven club members were presented with a Club ***Distinguished Service Citation Award***. In making the presentation, Penner explained that "every Rotarian brings their gifts to Rotary," and that "there are always Rotarians who step up to the plate." Members of the club receiving this award included Doreen Welsh for her leadership for the 'Rockin' Thru the Ages' Fundraiser, Laurel D'Andrea, also for her leadership for the 'Rockin' Thru the Ages' Fundraiser, Ed Kolybaba for continuing with the club website development and maintenance, Jane Fletcher for editing and publishing a weekly club eBulletin, Bruce Brown for organizing the Mill Creek Project, Don Turri for completing up the special project of the club, Steve Goddard for his care and concern for his fellow Rotarians and families, Lind Frandsen for providing leadership for the Silent Auction at the 'Rockin' Thru the Ages' Fundraiser and for taking on a leadership role for the Sewing Project for the sanitary needs of girls in underdeveloped countries, Greig McPhee for his leadership in the Early Childhood Stimulation Program Global Grant Project in Honduras, Pat McAllister for his leadership in the Mityana Farm District Grant Project in Uganda, and Allan Perry for taking on the responsibility of updating the club's Constitution.

In addition, Doreen Welsh, described as a "perseverant, flexible, confident and just a little worker bee" by President Penner, was recognized and acknowledged for her service for Rotary with a ***Paul Harris Award***; while Rena Warren, "one of those people who makes people smile, with a contagious enthusiasm for life," was presented with a ***Certificate of Appreciation*** for her innovative fundraising project which raised \$2100 for the Foundation's PolioPlus program.

Two major awards were presented to two outstanding Rotarians.

The ***Dale Frandsen Award***, first introduced to the club in 2004, and presented to a Rotarian who "exemplifies the spirit of dedication, friendship, optimism, and integrity, the core values of a true Rotarian, was presented to Bill Reynolds.

The ***Rotarian of the Year Award***, also referred to as the "President's Award," "presented annually to a member of the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club for inspiring others to model with them 'Service Above Self,'" was presented to Pete Mackenzie.

An article sharing the outstanding contributions of these two recipients is found in another article on the Home Page of the club website.

The club extends their gratitude and appreciation to Barb Penner for providing the club and its Rotarians with exemplary leadership and guidance; and extends to Barb and her husband Garth, happy travels as they head out for a circle tour of the United States this fall.