

## Club Rotarians Honoured for their Contributions to the Foundation

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Supporting The Rotary Foundation with financial support is one of the best ways to make a difference for those in need throughout the world. Rotarians around the world and from the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise recognize this, and in doing so, make The Rotary Foundation one of their charities of choice.



Club member Paul Mulvihill, after being honoured for his financial support for the Foundation on November 6<sup>th</sup> at the club's hybrid weekly meeting by Pete Erickson, District 5060 Foundation Chair, expressed that he had first hand seen, along with club member Andy Griffin, what the Foundation could do for a community in desperate need of

humanitarian aid. Paul shared that "when Andy and I went to Ethiopia and saw the work that the Foundation did with providing fresh water within 500 metres instead of five kilometres away, I found out exactly what the Foundation does and why it is so important." This is just one example of the impact the financial support for the Foundation is being made throughout the world where people are experiencing deplorable living conditions..

DG Pete Erickson, following a presentation on the financial status, grant programs and impact of The Rotary Foundation paid tribute to a number of Rotarians of the club who have made The Rotary Foundation their charity of choice with their generous donations to the Foundation over the years. Tom Paterson, Colleen McEwan and Ed Kolybaba were recognized for their status as Paul



Harris Society Members; Helmut Hubert and Randall Bamford were honoured for attaining Major Donor status, along with Paul Mulvihill who had reached Major Donor, Level 2 status; and John Pouliot was recognized for increasing his commitment in his estate planning to the Endowment Fund at a Bequest Society Level 2.



During his presentation, Pete Erickson stressed that it was not difficult to financially support the Foundation using Rotary Direct, whereby the Foundation, either through a monthly bank account debit or monthly credit card, has the donation deducted according to one's preferred allocation; thereby setting up a process of a regular payment "that you will not even miss over time." This was echoed by Tom Paterson, club Foundation Chair during his Foundation Moment, and by Paul Mulvihill. Paul's exact words were "you don't need to donate large amounts, just set up a small regular payment and you will not even miss it."