

# *Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians Recognized for Their Continued Support of The Rotary Foundation*

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During the 2020 Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise Installation, six Rotarians were recognized for their level of support for The Rotary Foundation. During the 2019-20 Rotary Year, Melanie Hall-Szyszkiewicz attained a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF), four members achieved another level of PHF recognition (Don Martin - PHF+2, Colleen McEwan – PHF+1, Randall Bamford – PHF+8, and Moya Webb – PHF+2) while Ed Kolybaba was honoured for becoming the club's ninth Major Donor.



As of June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2020, 44 current Rotarians with the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise have achieved Paul Harris status as contributors. The records show the following achievements:

#### Paul Harris Fellow Members

PHF – 14

PHF+1 - 7

PHF+2 - 5

PHF+3 - 4

PHF+4 – 2

PHF+8 – 3

Major Donors – 9

A Paul Harris Fellow is a Rotarian who has contributed at least \$US1000 to the Foundation; while a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow recipient achieves an increased number for each additional \$US1000 he/she contributes to the Foundation. Major Donors are those

Rotarians who make cumulative contributions between \$US10,000 and \$US24,999 to the Foundation.

Kelowna Sunrise Rotarians have also made provisions in their wills for the Endowment Fund of The Rotary Foundation. This Fund was established to ensure the long-term viability of The Rotary Foundation and its programs. Contributions made to the Endowment Fund are invested in perpetuity with no erosion of the contribution itself. Unlike the Annual Fund whose money is distributed after four years after contribution, the Endowment Fund's principal is never spent and is structured to maintain value against inflation.

Currently, 19 club members have made provisions in the Endowment Fund as benefactors; while 13 of these benefactors have been recognized as members of the Bequest Society.

Rotarians who are benefactors include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when they donate \$US1,000 or more to the fund outright. Rotarians who make a commitment for future gifts of \$US10,000 or more become members of the Foundation's Bequest Society.