

## Special Tribute Made to Club Members for Their Support of The Rotary Foundation

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All of the members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise financially support The Rotary Foundation`s humanitarian service around the world in one way or the other through their donations to the Annual and PolioPlus Fund, and through bequeaths to the Endowment Fund of The Rotary Foundation. This continues to be an annual commitment that club members from the club make to make a difference for those in need around the world and right in the Okanagan.



2016-17 Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise Foundation Committee Director Huck Parfeniuk, during the 2017 Installation Dinner and Program of the club on June 24<sup>th</sup>, expressed how important it was that members of the club continue to support The Rotary Foundation because of the high standard of humanitarian service provided by focusing on highly successful and sustainable projects in the areas of peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.

The Installation Program provided an opportunity to honour those Rotarians who had achieved a higher level of recognition from The Rotary Foundation for their commitment and donations to the Annual Fund and Endowment Fund.

### Major Donor Presentation.....

Robin Durrant was recognized for his achievement of a Major Donor, Level Two, which indicated that he had now made cumulative cash donations over US\$25,000 to the Annual and PolioPlus Funds. The recognition was actually extended to Robin at the club's July 07<sup>th</sup> meeting, as he had not been able to attend the Installation Dinner and Program.



### **Bequest Society Presentation.....**

Wendy and Tom Paterson were presented with lapel pins for their increased commitment to the Endowment Fund of The Rotary Foundation. In making a Bequest Society, Level Two bequest, they have made a decision via their estate plans to contribute an amount between US\$25,000 and US\$49,999 to the Endowment Fund.



In making the presentation to Wendy and Tom, club Foundation Committee member Ed Kolybaba expressed that “It is clear that people like Wendy and Tom make Rotary very effective through their generosity and for their passion for positive change in the world. They are among many who come from all over the world and from all walks of life.” Directing his words toward Tom and Wendy, he stated that “We are so grateful for individuals like the two of you. Thank you so much Tom and Wendy for the values you hold and for the personal actions you take that express these values!”

Kolybaba concluded his remarks by expressing that whether we support the work of the Foundation with annual donations to the Annual Fund, or through bequeaths in our wills as benefactors and Bequest Society members, we all share a common trait: “we are compelled by a desire to share our good fortune with others, simply because we can make a positive impact for someone whose life has not been so easy.”

### **Paul Harris Fellow Recognition.....**

During the 2016-17 Rotary year, the following club Rotarians were recognized either for achieving a Paul Harris Fellow status or an additional Paul Harris Fellow level:

Joanne Reynolds (PHF)  
Laurel D’Andrea (PHF+2)  
Al Strachan (PHF+3)

Ed Kolybaba (PHF+6)  
Helmut Hubert (PHF+8)

**Additional Bequest Society Recognition.....**

Two of the Rotarians from the club made a commitment during the 2016-17 Rotary year to bequeath between US\$10,000 and US\$24,999 through their estate plans, increasing the number of Rotarians within the club who have done so to this date to 12 members.

**Barb Penner** and **Carole Farley** were recognized for this generous commitment to the humanitarian service provided by The Rotary Foundation