

Club Welcomes Two Avid Community Volunteers

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Past President (2015-16) Bill Reynolds, filling in for current Membership Chair, Brian Wrightson, introduced and inducted **George Pinches** and **Peter Turgoose** to Kelowna Sunrise Rotary on April 20th. In his remarks to George and Peter, Bill stated that “you are continuing your adventures in leadership, friendship and service to our community,” adding, “Sunrise Rotary will offer you many opportunities to enhance and expand your professional and personal skills to the benefit of others, and we encourage you to do so.”

The club is very pleased to welcome two community minded individuals who truly embrace the values and work of Rotary locally and worldwide through its humanitarian service.



When Peter Turgoose was asked why he joined the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise, he shared that he has always volunteered to support a good cause. He expressed that he wanted “to continue promoting support for improvement of Safe water and waste water systems in third world countries, and to help out with Rotary initiatives at the local level.”

George Pinches already recognizes the impact that Rotary makes locally and around the world. As a long-term Rotarian with the Ancaster, ON club for nine years, where he served as the club’s secretary for five years, he realizes that Rotary provides an opportunity to “contribute to the success of others, while attaining personal satisfaction.” This being his personal mission statement, he was anxious to be back as an active Rotarian. George’s financial support for the Rotary Foundation has been recognized with a Paul Harris Fellow +1.

Peter Turgoose.....



Peter was born in Victoria, but raised in Kelowna before leaving in 1968 for both his education and Career aspirations. After graduating from Dr. Knox High School, he continued his education at the BC Institute of Technology where he attained Civil and Structural Engineering Diplomas.

This combination led to a varied career as both businessman and activist in the Water and Waste Water industry. Peter's career involved working in both British Columbia and Alberta, starting with work with engineering consultants on pump designs and startups. For the next 20 years, he worked in pipe manufacturing and design with Johns Manville and IPEX Pipe. In 1992, Peter and a partner started PSI Pipeline Supply International, a technical marketing company which they sold off in part in 2016 to Pro-Line Fittings. The remainder of the company became MP Supply which then provided service for Pro-Line and served as an agent for two manufacturers.

Peter is an avid community supporter and volunteer. He served as the president of the BC Water and Waste Association and as the BC Director of the American Water Works Association for three years. He is currently on the Board of Directors for Water or People Canada, the Canadian division for Water For People, an NGO dedicated to building Sustainable Safe Drinking Water and Wastewater systems for third world countries.

Peter served as a school trustee for nine years with the Delta School Board, including two years at their Chair and as the president of the Delta Learning Disabilities Association.

Peter loves to golf, participate in a Corvette Club, drive his 2017 Grand Sport and his Kawasaki Nomad Cruiser motorcycle, and spend some time gardening, that is, if time permits.

George Pinches.....



George was born and raised in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. He graduated from Central High School and then attended the University of Calgary which provided him with a Bachelor of Physical Education.

George was a private club GM/COO for 33 years. He managed five golf clubs in three Canadian provinces and was involved with both the Canadian Society of Club Managers (CSCM) and the Club Managers Association of America (CMAA). George served as President of two branches, been National President and a session leader and guest speaker at branch, national and international industry events. He received the Score Golf Manager of the Year Award in 2007.

George previously taught in the Golf Management Program at Grant McEwen University in Edmonton. He currently instructs Golf Club Governance in the Business of Golf and Resort

Management Program for McMaster University. He has taught sections of the Business Management Institute (BMI) courses, a certification requirement for CMAA.

Most recently, he has been in the golf course management industry specializing as a Club Management consultant, providing service with Club Governance International and management coaching as a Director with Global Golf Advisors. George is still active in this role but no longer in a full-time capacity.