

Inducted Member Brings His Passion for Social Justice to the Club

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Dean Reidt, a retired civil engineer, who from time to time contracts out on an ad hoc basis, was inducted into the membership of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise on February 23rd, the third member to be inducted since January 01. Dean was sponsored by Greig McPhee.



Dean brings to the club a passion for social justice, international humanitarian service and a response to community related issues, which is certainly the focus of Rotary and much desired by the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise. His involvement in leadership roles with his church, the Council of Churches and with a variety of community organizations will greatly enhance the leadership roles available within the club as well. Currently, Dean volunteers at the Central Okanagan Community Farms and at a local fruit rescue program.

Upon their retirement, Dean and his wife moved to Kelowna to take advantage of the wonderful climate and opportunities to pursue outdoor activities. From their new base, both Dean and his wife plan to take advantage of their love for travelling around the world.

As a civil engineer, Dean has experienced a rather eclectic career working in highway design and construction, urban design/construction and airport engineering, design of defence airport facilities, and international highway maintenance and residential site development, over a forty-four year period.

As a Saskatchewan native, having been born and raised in Shellbrook, he attended the University of Saskatchewan graduating with a Civil Engineering Degree in 1982. Dean worked for two years with the Saskatchewan Department of Highways before joining Associated Engineering in 1984 which was established over 70 years ago as a uniquely Canadian consulting company. His first assignment with the company was in North Battleford, SK, followed by relocation to the Regina, SK. Office in 1988. One year later, Dean relocated to Edmonton, AB., the company's home base, where he worked for 25 years until his retirement in 2016. While in Edmonton, he primarily focused on urban roadway planning, design and construction with additional involvement in other engineering disciplines including municipal, highways and airports.

Dean appreciates that he had the opportunity to be a part of some very significant projects while working from Edmonton, including participation in the development of two international projects, one in Vietnam involving a CIDA funded highway maintenance project, and another in Shanghai, China, which involved the site development for a residential community for international expats, providing his expertise on a variety of airport projects situated in Edmonton, Calgary, Vancouver and Port Hardy, and designing and managing Edmonton's inner and new outer ring road development and several of Edmonton's LRT projects.