

Meet Bonnie Towne

Introduction by Joel Paget

It is my pleasure to introduce to you Bonnie Towne as our newest member. To many of you, Bonnie needs no introduction. For the rest of you, Bonnie comes to us with the classification of Foundations and Philanthropy. She was proposed by Trish Bostrom and seconded by Marli Iverson, both of whom we thank. Bonnie is joined today by her husband, Jim.



Bonnie's roots are in Oregon, where she was raised in Portland and graduated from the University of Oregon with honors. She and her husband, Jim, moved to the Seattle area in the early 1980s when Jim became the first outside president of a fledging software firm called Microsoft. Both did well.

Bonnie loves to challenge others to support the many worthwhile charitable organizations we have here in the Pacific Northwest. She leads by example, knowing first-hand that there is more joy in giving than receiving.

Bonnie is currently the president of the 5th Avenue Theatre and is a board member of the Seattle Humane Society and the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center. She has been involved in the fundraising for those organizations, as well as many others, helping the giving achieve new highs.

When she is not out encouraging giving and helping others, she is at home in Redmond with Jim and their four dogs: a Saint Bernard, a German shepherd, a black Labrador and a malamute-wolf. They have two grown children, a daughter, Staci, and a son, Cameron.

Bonnie's favorite saying is "life is expectation management." She has done well in managing expectations and exceeding them.

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