

Annual Review Celebrates President Cathy's Year

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The Rotary Rogues provided pre-meeting entertainment, as Rotarians celebrated **President Cathy Gibson's** year with 34 community service programs launched with more than 2,200 hours of volunteer service, 48 new members and inspirational – sometimes controversial – weekly luncheon programs accented with motivating slide presentations of President Cathy's favorite programs and some of what we learned as Rotarians during her year.

Leroy Hood: "Medicine is a 360 degree survey of every person to create deep dynamic data clouds."

Dow Constantine: "a more inclusive economy is a more prosperous economy."

Lt. Governor Habib: "Better to mend a broken arm than a broken spirit."

Slides regaled programs from Blue Origin to SPD Chief O'Toole and County Executive Dow Constantine to RI president John Germ's call that 'Rotary is in the people business'. Slide presentations were followed by a reprise of talented musician Xollie Morra who performed "C'est l'amour" accompanied by her steel guitar.

President Cathy then recognized Rotarians for extraordinary service: **Diankha Linear**, Vice President for Membership; **Harvey Rubinstein**, Vice President for Service; **Lisa Mayfield**, Vice President for Programs; **Virginia McKenzie**, Secretary; **Carolyn Hojaboom**, Treasurer; and **Ken Grant**, Sergeant-at-Arms. With special thanks to SRSF President, **Cindy Runger**.

She also acknowledged the work of the Seattle Rotary Board of Directors and those whose terms are ending on 6/30/17: **Steve Crandall**, **Pete DeLaunay**, **Charlie Dickey**, **Roberta Nestaas** and **Sarah Weaver**.



“Community outreach has truly been inspirational this year,” President Cathy said, “and I am especially proud of the ‘hands on projects’ Rotarians have undertaken.” A slide presentation with ‘out takes’ of Rotarians who participated in filling 600 back packs for needy children in war-worn nations and 100 hygiene kits for those caught in the web of human trafficking captured moments from that memorable meeting on May 3rd.

President Cathy’s weekly ‘calls to action’ provided inspiration, motivation and stimulation to be active Rotarians by connecting ‘member to member’ in important work. Civil civic conversations are the hallmark of our democracy by listening and appreciating where one another stands.

“As Rotarians we stand for an organization that represents good in the world,” President Cathy continued, “from donating blood to championing peace and peace building.” Her pride in the Seattle Rotary 2020 strategic plan and its vision for our club: “Inspired leaders connecting for extraordinary good” was fitting as President Cathy introduced Immediate Past President **Sue Nixon** who presented now outgoing president Cathy Gibson her gold badge, pin and special plaque.

As the meeting drew to a close, 16 past presidents in attendance came to the stage from years 1973/74 to 2015/16. “I am grateful for the long legacy of leadership represented on this stage today,” she concluded. Then she passed the gavel to incoming president **Mark Wright** who said “Cathy generously helped prepare me for the coming year,” he said, “with an organization that is on firm financial footing and a bright future of service above self – embracing the 2020 plan ‘connecting for extraordinary good’.”

