



Rotary Club of Richmond Sunrise

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A SPECIAL MEMORIAL INVOCATION FOR SUE SMITH

As we assemble here as a club and as the sunrise rotary family today we are very conscious that we have lost Sue Smith our very dear sister Rotarian, valued friend and the beloved partner of our own Gordon Dalglish.

Sue passed away in her sleep in Halifax last Sunday while she & Gordon were attending a rotary institute meeting. Gordon tells us that it was the way she said she wanted to go – quietly, with no ceremony and no debilitating illness. Yet it is a huge shock to all of us that she went now as we & they were so looking forward to their partnership preparations for Gord's district governorship in 2010

Sue would want us to show our care and love for Gord and her family and to that comfort and care for Gordon & Sue's family we dedicate ourselves – the Rotary 4-way test being our guide.

We also want to honour and show our love & respect for sue by sharing the many happy memories of her very full life. Some who knew her really well say that sue would even be delighted if we popped a few champagne corks today and at the forthcoming memorial. That she would want us to remember her zest & passion for life as well as her zeal for rotary.

Indeed sue was a rotary leader in our district 5040, as we were reminded on Sunday by Dean Rohrs our current D.G. Sue was a past club president, a past chair of RYLA and an Executive Assistant Governor for our district. Sue died while she was on rotary duty and out there among Rotary leaders making new friends and - as we can see from the last picture of her with Gord – she was adding another fun time to her list of parties. Sue will be sorely missed at our club, at Rotary events and at future parties - but she will be remembered with smiles and with love as we give thanks for her life.

So as we meet today let us pause in silence and respect and then will someone please pop a cork – for sue!