Club Member Colleen McEwan Honoured with the Club's 2022-23 Rotarian of the Year Award

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Colleen McEwan, the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise 2022-23 President-Elect, was honoured as the Club's Rotarian of the Year Award during the club's 36th Annual Installation Dinner on June 15th. The event is held at the end of each Rotary Year to celebrate the past year's achievements and to install the in-coming president and executive and the officers.

Colleen was honoured with the prestigious award for her outstanding contributions over the past two years as the club's president-elect and vice-president and for her involvement in providing leadership and working diligently with the club's many activities.

In announcing Colleen as the recipient of the award, 2022-23, president Randall Bamford shared that Colleen as the club's designated Youth Exchange Officer had provided guidance and support for the Rotary Youth Exchange Program and the club's in-bound exchange student, along with working closely with the District Youth Exchange Coordinator to ensure that the students the club hosts from other countries were monitored and

supported. President Bamford stated that the "added role that she accomplishes behind the scenes is a necessary role that must be filled if a club is active with an exchange student."   On top of these tasks Colleen and her husband Chuck also supported the exchange student as host parents. "The program would not exist without host parents," noted President Bamford.

President Bamford expressed appreciation for the work Colleen completed with the club's 'Season of Giving Calendar' committee which helped to drive the success of the calendar. She was particularly instrumental in planning and coordinating the Red Bird Kick-off event and working with the club's media partners.

"Thank you for your volunteer time this past year Colleen. Your commitment to the clubs leadership, projects, and youth are being recognized tonight," expressed President Bamford.