

Colleen McEwan, Out-going Club President Recognizes Club Members for their Support and Active Engagement

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The Installation of the Incoming Presidents and Directors for the new Rotary Year is a special event held at the end of each Rotary Year. On June 17th, 44 Rotarians and guests of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise celebrated the special event at the Sunset Ranch Golf and Country Club, with a time of social activity, dinner, review of the past Rotary Year by the out-going President Colleen McEwan, recognition of Rotarians, installation of the in-coming president and directors and executive members, and words of appreciation from Bill Anderson, the in-coming 2024-25 President.

Out-going President Colleen McEwan served as the chairperson for the gala event. Following a welcoming of the Rotarians and their guests and a self-service dinner, McEwan presented the Annual Review, customary at each year end Installation Dinner.



McEwan highlighted how the “super active” club had “touched the community in so many ways.” She expressed how each member and the various committees together had provided the club with another very successful year as it supported the welfare of the community, peoples beyond our borders through international service and for its club members.

She noted how fundraising, particularly through the sales of the 3rd Annual Season of Giving Calendar, had raised \$134,400, “a huge accomplishment,” which provided the majority of the funds for the KGH Foundation and the Child Advocacy Centre. Additional funding

available from this fundraising source, and other club fundraisers, all administered through a very active Donations Committee provided funding support right across the community.

McEwan recognized the Community Service Committee, in particular with respect to the Pollinator Garden program, road and river clean-up campaigns and the spelling bee completion. She acknowledged the education provided to the club by the Environmental Committee, the support provided by the Youth Committee which involved such programs as the annual 'Lady of the Lake' competition, provision of Honouring Indigenous Peoples bursary program bursaries and School District 23 bursary programs, and of course the continuing successful Youth Exchange program. McEwan also reviewed the tremendous leadership provided by the Fellowship Committee for the many fellowship and social activities organized and provided for the club members and their families, the Program Committee's high caliber speakers, and the Membership Committee's energy in supporting and actively recruiting members to the club.

Through the Foundation Committee's active engagement in raising funds from the club members to support much needed humanitarian service throughout the world, the club's International Committee was able to continue to fund the Dang Nepal project, the continued development of school libraries in Honduras and ShelterBoxes Canada, added McEwan.