

2024-25 President, Executive and Directors Installed on June 17, 2024

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District Governor Marjolein Lloyd officially installed the in-coming president and board of directors for the new 2024-25 Rotary Year at the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise's Annual Installation Dinner on June 17th.

Using the backdrop of the theme, 'The Magic of Rotary,' Lloyd shared that the theme which "centers on the idea that through Rotary service, dedication and collaborative incredible things can be achieved to make the world a better place;" and therefore serves as guidance for the in-coming 2024-25 president and directors.

In inducting in-coming president Bill Anderson, Lloyd pointed out to Bill that he had been given the highest sacred honour by the club members to serve as their president. "Your leadership and inspirational abilities will dictate the future of this already amazing club," expressed Lloyd prior to officially inducting Bill Anderson as the 2024-25 President of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise.



The 2024-25 Executive and Board of Directors were also officially installed for the new Rotary Year. The slate of officers included Executive members Past-President Colleen McEwan, Vice-President Karin Massar, Secretary Carolyn Monz, and Treasurer Mike Wright; and the Directors including Jane Fletcher (Rotary Foundation), Shirley Gingras (Club Service), Linda Frandsen (International Service), Don Turri (Membership) and Colleen Welsh (Community Service).



Following the installation, in-coming President Bill Anderson addressed the gathered members and guests. Anderson shared how over time he recognized more and more how Rotary difference made a difference for him. He first joined Rotary in 2002 with the Rotary club and in 2017 he and his wife moved to West Kelowna, and

shortly thereafter he joined the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise. He expressed that it was and is what has brought meaning to his life.

Anderson stated how personally and his family just recently experienced the birth of a grandchild who required some care from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit at the Kelowna General Hospital, a unit that the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise had substantially funded. With a very gratifying humble statement, Anderson expressed that "It makes my heart warm to know that our Rotary club had something to do with making a difference for our grandchild; so, Rotary does touch ourselves," adding that Rotary touches people in need and care throughout the world.

Anderson acknowledged the hard work of Colleen McEwan providing leadership for the club in 2023-24, and the support of her executive and directors throughout the year; and then admitted that while he looked forward to his new responsibility, it was with "trepidation" that he did so. In concluding his message, addressing the board directly, Anderson stated that he was looking forward to working with them and getting their direction and guidance.