

Club Welcomes another Two Community Members into its Membership

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The Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise welcomed another two members into the club on December 09 to increase the membership of the club to 70 members. Sue Porter, a seasoned and highly energetic Rotarian, recently a member of the Rotary Club of Kamloops; and Gord Lovegrove, a well-known and successful professor with the University of British Columbia Okanagan were inducted into the club by Lynn Spence, a member of the Club Membership Committee.



L to R: Lynn Spence, Gord Lovegrove, Ken Ottoson, Bruce Falkins, Sue Porter and Marjolein Lloyd

Sue Porter.....

Sue Porter has been a Rotarian since February of 2009, all with the Rotary Club of Kamloops. As a member with the club she served as its president (2014-15), membership chair, community service chair and in other leadership capacities. Sue is a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF+1).

Sue has been a Partner with KPMG LLP working in the Kamloops office. She has over 25 years of experience as a CPA/CGA and business advisor to small and medium sized businesses assisting in areas of accounting and taxation. Her main areas of expertise have been focused on advising clients on general corporate and personal tax planning and strategies as well as overall business advisory services. Sue recently moved to Kelowna with her husband and took on the challenge of expanding their KPMG office in Kelowna.



Sue attended and completed her post-secondary education at Simon Fraser University, graduating with a BBA (Bachelor of Business Administration) in 1991.

Sue and her husband are avid animal lovers and true outdoor people. They love to golf, hike, paddle board, and snowshoeing.

Gord Lovegrove.....

Gord Lovegrove is presently the Associate Professor with the School of Engineering in the Faculty of Applied Sciences at the Okanagan Campus of the University of British Columbia focused engineering for sustainable communities.

Gord was raised in East Vancouver in his early years, but in 1971 he moved with his parents to Coquitlam where he graduated from Centennial Senior Secondary, before pursuing further education.



Gord acquired his expertise in civil engineering by excelling in a multitude of successful educational and research experiences. His post-secondary studies began in the early 80's when he graduated with a Bachelor of Applied Science (BA/Sc) – Civil Engineering in 1982 at the University of British Columbia (UBC). Other educational achievements included a Master of Engineering (MEng) in 1988 from UBC, a MA (Business Administration) and MBA (Public Policy) in 1993 from Simon Fraser University, and a Doctorate of Philosophy (PHD) – Civil Engineering in 2009 from UBC.

Gord says that his first real job was as a Special Projects Engineer for the City of Vancouver, where he oversaw design and construction of some of Vancouver's first major sustainability-related infrastructure. After stints as Langley Transportation Engineer, and as a Kelowna Transportation Planner, Gord became UBC Director of Sustainable Transportation where he led the project that got U-Pass for 50,000 UBC students in 2003. In June of 2005, he joined the staff at UBCO.

In addition to his contributions in teaching and research at UBCO, Gord works off campus as a volunteer to promote sustainable lifestyles providing leadership on various Boards and community groups to support youth, families, men's recovery, and seniors. In 2020, Gord was the recipient of the BC Professional Engineer's Award for Community Service.

After nearly six months and twenty or so Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise meetings as an honoured guest, he has finally realized that serving as a Rotarian is a must. "You know what, Rotary is GREAT, and, it's something that Karen (his wife) loves too! Service, fun, socials, fund raising – all in the name of peace and understanding – does it get any better?" expressed Gord at his induction into the club membership.