

## Local Volunteer Adds Rotary to her Passion for 'Giving back to her Community'

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Erika Jarvis, a 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Kelowna native, was welcomed into the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise on Friday, March 10th when she was inducted by Membership Chair Lynn Spence.

Erika was sponsored by club member Robin Durrant and will be mentored by club member Doreen Welsh.



Erika works for Acera Insurance – formerly CapriCMW Insurance, where she was hired there by our own Robin Durrant. While trained as an Insurance Agent, instead of selling insurance she has taken on a multi-faceted role that includes internal communications, business development, organizing events, networking and being active in the referral business. Her work nickname is “she who must be obeyed”.

Erika has spearheaded community giving for Acera Insurance locally which involves a charity golf tournament for BGC Okanagan and YMCA Cycle for Strong Kids Campaign and Variety - The Children’s Charity. She has also personally worked with many local charities on fundraising initiatives including the Ride to Conquer Cancer, Movember, Heart and Stroke Month, and Run for the Cure. Erika has served on the local board of CHBA (Canadian Home Builders Association) for seven years and is a current volunteer with the KGH Foundation.

While Kelowna is her home town and where she received her education, she ventured out into the world. She spent time living in Thailand, New Zealand, England and in other places in Canada. Obviously, Erika along with her husband Danny love to travel, enjoy good food and wine, and when at home, enjoy practicing their gardening skills.

Having worked with many Rotarians over the years, Erika decided it was time to join this illustrious group! She says “Giving back to my community has always been important to me and I respect what Rotary stands for ***Service Above Self.***”