

Oh, what a night!

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*Oh what a night
Late June back in twenty-three
What a very special time for me
As I remember, what a night*
(Sounds like a song by Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons)

These were probably the emotions that out-going 2022-23 Club President Randall Bamford was experiencing when he finally sat down with his wife Dawn with a beverage in his hand back at home after an exciting evening with his fellow Rotarians and their guests at the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise's Installation Dinner on June 15th. After all, after a successful evening filled with celebration, socialization, good food, and the promise of good things happening with the new leadership team, it would have been difficult not to be filled with emotions lingering into the night. Or, were the words of that song in his mind saying "Oh what a year?" now that only a few days were left in his presidency.

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In addition to planning the evening, getting others to decorate the venue, serving as the Master of Ceremonies, and selecting the award recipients, 2022-23 President Randall Bamford also took time to share his thoughts on the successful progress and the achievements the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise made throughout the year.



Randall congratulated the members of the club on the achievements made in reaching new records with member donations to the Annual Fund and PolioFund of The Rotary Foundation, in raising funds through fundraisers that exceeded amounts ever raised in the club's history, and for historical donations to not-for-profit organizations responding to humanitarian needs within the community. In total, \$248,000 was raised through the various fundraisers with almost all of it going back into the community. "I've never been in a club that has raised that kind of money; so just hands up everybody; way to go!" expressed Randall.

Congratulations and gratitude were also extended by Randall, on behalf of the club, to the Rotarians who had received an award for their outstanding leadership and volunteerism.

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