

Recently Inducted Members Value Rotary as a Means to Support their Community

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Providing care for the community and the world are the main reasons why two recent inductees desired to take up membership with the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise.

On Friday, October 04th, Sandra Impey and Karan Massar were inducted into the membership of the club by club Membership Chair Doreen Welsh, the first two new members since the commencement of the new 2021-22 Rotary Year and the first ever on-line live meeting.



Sandra Impey, transferring her membership from the Rotary Club of Grand Prairie Sunrise where she served as a member since 2007, joins the club with a wealth of club service and leadership having served as the chair of the Club Service, Foundation and Membership Committees, and as the 2017-18 Club President.

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She shares that she “felt like “coming home” at the first Kelowna Sunrise zoom meeting; and now as a member looks forward to getting to know the city of Kelowna and the Rotary members through active participation in the club.”

As a Kelowna Sunrise Rotarian, Sandra is anxious to get involved in a variety of ways, such as serving with fund raising, international service and/or with the Rotary Foundation which she has actively supported by providing leadership and financial contributions in the past. In fact, she has achieved a PHF+5 level while doing so.



Karan Massar, sponsored by club member Jane Fletcher, holds the position of Senior Officer, Community Giving, with the British Columbia SPCA Kelowna Branch, a position she has held since February of 2019.

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She pointed out that while doing a presentation to the Rotary club and after spending time conversing with club member Jane Fletcher, she was confident that the Kelowna Sunrise Rotary Club would be a "great fit."

Karan has a desire is to use her background in fundraising to support the fundraising that the club conducts as a means to generate funds which support the needs within the community.

Sandra Impey.....

Sandra holds a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy degree (1990) and a Master of Health Science degree (2004), which served as the basis for her career practicing Occupational Therapy for the past 31 years working primarily with the adult populations and across a wide spectrum of injury, illness and disease processes. From 1990-2000, she worked in the public sector in Acute Care, long-term care, a Rehab unit and in Home Care. In 2000, Sandra switched to private practice when she started her company called F.A.C.T. Services (Functional Assessment, Consultation and Therapy), providing a range of assessments and consultations to the insurance industry, WCB, private enterprise and the medical-legal sector.

Rotary has not only been her passion, as she has also recognized that there are also other ways to serve. In the past, Sandra has served on many boards, including on boards within her professional organization, on the Academic Council at the GPRC, and with Technical Search and Rescue.

Somehow, this woman has found time and energy to participate in a wide range of self-interest hobbies and activities, such as cooking, of course with wine, painting (as a budding artist), hiking and travelling. Her travels with her husband took her to countries in South America, Europe, Africa and Southeast Asia, to Australia and New Zealand, and to the Caribbean for scuba diving.

Karan Massar.....

Karan received a degree in advertising at Georgian College in Barrie, ON in 1984, followed by a Postgraduate (Honours) degree in Fundraising and Resource Development in 2005.

Her career as a Professional Fundraiser from 2005-2021 involved holding contracts with Abbotsford Hospice, Langley Hospital Foundation, Chilliwack Community Services in British Columbia and Family Services of Simcoe County, Lake Simcoe Conservation Foundation and Big Sisters in Ontario. Additionally Karan enjoyed a variety of other employment experiences in Ontario, including promotion and marketing, newspaper advertising, and clothing store management and ownership.

Currently, Karan serves on a voluntary basis as Chair of Education & Programs with the Okanagan Association of Fundraising Professionals.

With the spare time she has, Karan can often be found boating, swimming, walking her dog, reading, doing craft activities and exercising with Yoga.