

Welcome Barry Reid

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Barry Reid, with a record of outstanding leadership at both the club and district level which he maintains to this day, transferred his Rotary club membership to the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise on May 27th, and in doing so, provided the club with additional leadership experience and the promise of continuing support for the vision and goals of the club.



Barry Reid served in a leadership role over his 15 years with the Rotary Club of Penticton Sunrise before departing to Vernon where he joined the Rotary Club of Kalamalka for the 2021-22 Rotary year. While with the Penticton Sunrise club he served on the executive taking on a number of different responsibilities from 2008 until he departed from the club in 2021. Barry particularly enjoyed the challenge of providing leadership for the club as its club president during the 2011-12 Rotary year. Furthermore, from 2009 to 2018, he and his wife Denise hosted five students on the Rotary International

Student Exchange from Brazil, Finland, Austria, India, and Bolivia. When he left the Penticton Sunrise club he was recognized as an Honourary Member which he still enjoys today.

Barry has been a vital leader at the District 5060 level in a number of positions which support clubs throughout the district. The responsibilities he has taken on include serving as the Rotary Leadership Institute Registrar for several years starting 2012, as the D5060 Youth Protection Officer/YEAH (Canada) from 2018 to the present, and assuming the position of chair of the D5060 International Service Committee from 2021 to the present. In 2021, Barry also became very involved as a member of the District Grant Review Committee 2021 which he continues to this day. Barry has also taken on a new challenge beginning in the 2022-23 Rotary year when he will serve as the D5060 Global Grant Chair.

When Barry and Denise moved to Kelowna in 2022, knowing the reputation of the Kelowna Sunrise as being active in the community and internationally, he decided to attend several meetings where he discovered that this was the club which would enable him to extend his focus on service while enjoying the friendship of the “nice” club members. Having met several members through the Rotary Leadership Institute, International Service, and Youth Exchange, many club members such as Martha Kennedy, Ed Kolybaba, Linda Frandsen, Bruce Falkins, Colleen McEwan, Marjolein Lloyd, and Brian Wrightson, convinced him that was joining a club with a strong leadership component.

Barry Reid received his secondary education in Surrey, graduating in 1969, and then continued with post-secondary education at Eastern Washington University where he attained his degree in 1975.

He spent most of his working life within the communities of Maple Ridge and Penticton, but also had the opportunity to work in Walla Walla, Washington. In 1991, and until 2009, when he retired, Barry worked as a director for the City of Penticton.

Like so many other Rotarians, volunteering within the community, in particular providing leadership, became a desired way of Barry carrying for others and their needs and interests. Barry at some point in his early years, got involved in minor sports organizations, Kinsmen, local arts groups, the curling club, BC Games, BC Festival of the Arts, United Way, hosting several provincial and national conventions and other community events. Beyond the community, Barry served as the president of BC Parks & Recreation Association and as the BC/Yukon director with Canadian Recreation & Parks Association.

Barry enjoys spending time with his family, walking with Denise, travelling, caring for his dogs, hot tubbing, biking, Y Fitness classes, food and wine, entertaining, reading, attending the Kelowna Actor's Studio productions, and just about everything else.