

Message from the Executive Director



As June 30, 2021 looms, my thoughts and memories become ever more vivid. Images explode as if in a movie trailer. I think of the first golf tournament when the naysayers were abundant, and their concerns were vexing. But we dove in, plowed through and made it work. Thank you, Frank Roberto, John Pusic and Linda Jensen, for having faith in our vision. You were there from the very beginning and came back for the next 16 years to help make each tournament a success. Then came the first gala – small and intimate, it was held in Envision Financial’s foyer and board room. Alison McVeigh, Rod Ross, Susan Byrom and Eleanore Robinson were right beside me, rolling up their sleeves and making the gala a surprising success. And they too came back almost every year as it evolved from a wine & cheese after work get-together into a Sunday afternoon soiree held during an International Equestrian Jumping Competition at Thunderbird Show Park. (Not to drop names, but attendees included Bill and Melinda Gates, albeit in happier times). Huge thank you goes out to Jane Tidball and all her staff for accommodating us for 10 years. We could not have done what we did without you!

And over the years the volunteers kept coming. Thank you, Rosemary Wallace, Mary Krische, Ngaire Leaf, Sam Muraca, Clare Pereira, Alice Boyd, Wendy Robson, Amber Illes, Grace Stewart, Donna Mason, Cathy Gracie, Lisa Farquharson, Lara Petrie, Shirley Van Noort, Sue Mercer, Shannah Berge and many others who volunteered at not only the golf tournament and gala, but film festivals, art shows, Santa Heroes, gift wrapping and shopping night events. And special thanks to the spouses who somehow found themselves embroiled in flurries of activity – Ray Brown, Keith Wallace, Gord Stewart, Bob Jensen, Sandra Roberto and Jodie Pusic. You are indeed rock stars, and I will never forget you.

And, now to thank all those donors who I approached with such trepidation 16 years ago and again and again over the years. Thank you for your gracious interest and your ongoing support. All of you have become the anchors and linchpins that hold us together.

The list is long, and the generosity is huge.

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Thanks everyone. It's hard to say good-bye, but I feel confident that the Foundation is in good hands with Alicia Rempel, Joanna Dorland and Deb McKeown holding down the fort, alongside the Foundation Board who will always make learning UNFORGETTABLE for every Langley student.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Alicia Rempel'.