

Science World's Board of Directors Appoints Dr. Bonnie Henry a Friend of Science World British Columbia at AGM



Science World honours Dr. Bonnie Henry a Friend of Science World along with named Patrons including Mr. Peter Brown, Mrs. Pauline Finn, John and Dana Montalbano and Mrs. Lily and the late Mr. Robert Lee

Vancouver BC, May 27, 2021 - At last night's Annual General Meeting (AGM), Science World announced that Dr. Bonnie Henry was its sole 2021 'Friend of the Society' of Science World, in honour and recognition of her commitment to the health and wellbeing of British Columbians throughout the pandemic. Along with this designation were named Patrons of Science World, an honour bestowed by the members of the Society on an individual who has contributed in a significant way to the development of the Society.

To be named a Friend of Science World is a merit granted by the Membership of Science World to an individual who personifies the goals and aspirations of the Society. The recipient is characterized by a love of science, a dedication to community service and a commitment to the evolution of British Columbia as an international centre of science and technology. Either through their activities on behalf of the Society and/or by the example they provide by their life's achievements, Friends have contributed significantly to the development of a science culture in our Province.

"Whilst leading the Province through the most difficult of times during the COVID-19 Pandemic, Dr. Henry supported Science World in a highly impactful way as the iconic face of our The World Needs More Nerds fundraising campaign, featuring her childhood photograph, aged seven," said Tracy Redies, President & CEO of Science World. "These campaign images contributed significantly to the successful outreach and fundraising efforts of the campaign and continue to be seen across BC today. As a charity, with less than 2% government funding, all donations go back into inspiring the next generation of STEAM leaders across the Province."

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tions of energy, wisdom, time, financial resources and goodwill from the leaders of the community it serves. The Patrons of Science World are examples of this leadership.

Patrons announced at last night's AGM include:

- **Mr. Peter Brown.** The Browns, through the Peter & Joanne Brown Foundation, have been generous supporters of Science World. The Foundation demonstrated their commitment to children of British Columbia with a tremendous gift of \$500,000. Millions of visitors have enjoyed daily interactive shows on the Peter Brown Family Centre Stage, which sits at the heart of Science World, where the next generation of wonder seekers, problem solvers and world changers are inspired by science.
- **Pauline Finn.** Pauline started her career at Science World in 2004. In her 14 years with the organization, she enthusiastically managed a diversity of teams and initiatives in the areas of education, outreach, exhibits, and community partnerships. Pauline was passionate about the people around her and highly enjoyed collaborating on creative projects and was the first to start working with Science World on developing a STEAM ecosystem. She continues to be involved with science education in Victoria, BC as the Executive Director of the Shaw Centre for the Salish Sea. Pauline was loved and supported by Science World staff, volunteers, donors and partners alike and this honour only makes sense based on the lasting impression she has had on the organization.
- **Mrs. Lily Lee.** Lily and the late Robert (Bob) Lee are celebrated for their generous philanthropy, their focused shared passions of education and health, and their commitment to science and technology. For the Lee family, the practice of giving back is one that has not only spanned generations but will continue to uplift the youth of Vancouver for generations to come. The Lee's have supported critical updates at Science World since 2000, including The Wonder Gallery and the 'Tower of Bauble' located at the front entrance.
- **John and Dana Montalbano.** A member of the Science World Advisory Council since 2013, John is the retired CEO of RBC Global Asset Management and Vice Chair of RBC Wealth. He is a highly accomplished community leader, serving as Director of the Canada Pension Plan Investment Board, AbCellera Biologics Inc., and the St. Paul's Hospital Foundation. John and his wife Dana have been very supportive of the society, being not only significant contributors to Science World's Bridging the Gap campaign but also instrumental in our fundraising efforts for the Wonder Gallery construction in 2016.

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