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Marilyn Taylor: 20 Years of Loyal Service with The Society of Notaries Public

This year The Society of Notaries Public of BC recognized the long years of service achieved by some Notaries Public in BC. And at a staff dinner hosted by Executive Director Wayne Braid, Marilyn Taylor was presented with a pearl bracelet from the Board of Directors, in recognition of her 20 years of service with the Secretariat.

Marilyn's advancement within the Society is a reflection of the Society's growth. Although she initially worked only eight hours a week as bookkeeper, with then-Secretary Dr. Bernard Hoeter, the demands of the Secretariat and the conception of The Notary Foundation soon required more of Marilyn's time and skills. Her position has evolved to Manager of Financial Services and Assistant to the Executive Director. She addresses her diverse duties in a very full four-day week.

Directors, Society Presidents, and Secretaries have all appreciated her service.

Wayne Braid regards his Assistant as "First Class."

Leta Best, our President, notes that Marilyn is "always willing to solve a problem immediately."

Immediate Past Secretary Stan Nicol offers, "The one thing I will always remember about Marilyn—which I've said to many people—is I don't remember her ever saying No. She's one of the most accommodating people I've ever worked

with. She's managed to keep us sane in some rough times over the years."

Fellow office-workers soon become firm friends, enjoying her sense of humour and dedication.



Margaret Doran, who worked with Marilyn from 1982 to 1994, calls her "a great co-worker and dear friend. I always admired her persistence in personal goals. She was always there for me, both professionally and personally."

Former staffer Diane Fong says, "Marilyn made things so easy for me. She is a great asset to The Society and staff. I admire her skills and her ability to always provide answers and information. She gets along with everyone, and is a tower of strength."

Dagmar Gilbert, who worked at The Society from 1986 to 1992, says, "Sometimes you get lucky; you get to spend your working time with someone who although basically shy, has a kind heart, good mind, and who works hard, doesn't get rattled easily, and shares your troubles (especially when learning computer program 222!). She laughs at our jokes, is always willing to learn, and is totally trustworthy. She works behind the scenes at The Society, never seeks the limelight, and quietly gets the job done. I feel honoured to share my time with my beloved friend, Marilyn Taylor."

Away from the office, Marilyn enjoys a busy family life. With her partner Ian, she shares three grandchildren: Alysia, Kelsie, and Cameron. The eldest of four daughters, Marilyn often hosts family celebrations and dinners.

Reading is a favourite past-time. With her head buried in a book, she will occasionally miss a transit stop on the way to work or going home.

Thank you, Marilyn. I hope we will have the pleasure of working together for many more years! ▲

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