



Pam Alexis

(1959 -)

“There is this Greek word called *philotimo* and it means love of honour but in essence it means loving what you do and doing it to your absolute best.” Pam Alexis’ avid volunteerism and enthusiastic spirit have driven her to achieve her absolute best in her life and in the community. Born in 1959 in the lively Greek community in Victoria, Pam Alexis was the second youngest of six children. Most of her childhood was spent in three places – at school, in a dance class or at her father’s restaurant. Pam claims to have inherited the volunteerism of her parents who were pillars of the Greek community in Victoria.

After graduating from the theatre department at UVIC, Pam worked at the Vancouver Ticket Centre, which was located at the Queen Elizabeth Theatre where her love of the arts flourished.

In 1985 she married her boyfriend of nine years, Charles Alan Fry, and they left for Japan the next day – where Pam taught English for five years. The cultural differences and language barrier made adjusting to life in Japan extremely difficult however it didn’t stop Pam from volunteering to help other expat women adjust to their new life. While in Japan she gave birth to her first child, Katherine (“Tiggy”) in 1989. The young family moved in 1990 after Alan took a job in Dallas, where their second child Paul Alexander (Alexi) was born in 1991. After their return to Canada in 1994, they began searching the lower mainland for a house to buy. Pam remembers the first time she set foot in Mission, she knew she belonged here.

Almost immediately Pam became involved at the Clarke Theatre and while promoting an event there she was invited and subsequently joined the Mission Rotary Club. She also founded Alexis Event Management (AEM) – a business where she could work from home. Due to the flexible schedule of self-employment, Pam discovered she could get further involved in the community and that’s exactly what she did.

She has been actively involved with Mission Community Services for nearly 20 years, volunteered for the Mission Heritage Association for 10 years, served as Vice President at the Chamber of Commerce and remains a proud Rotarian to this day. Perhaps her largest volunteer contribution was as the Vice-President of the Winter Games in 2014 – an event in which she helped coordinate from the ground up.

However, it’s Pams’ love for arts and culture that has been a constant through-out her life. She has served on the Cultural Resources Commission and she has been successful in bringing 4 classical ballets to Mission. She is also a vocal member of Joy Vox choir, a group she has sung with for 15 years.

Pam’s political career began in 2005 when she was elected as a trustee for Mission Public School District, where she served two terms. In 2011 Pam ran for council but was defeated. Not discouraged by this outcome she ran again in 2014 and was successful this time, topping the polls.

As a council member, Pam has used her influence to expand public funding for the arts and bring together the community. Pam claims to have lofty goals for the future as her dream is to become Mayor of Mission and eventually the Lieutenant Governor of British Columbia. When asked about her philosophy on life she stated, “Seize the moment, every day matters.”

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