

Rotary Club of Nakusp



Thursday, December 19, 2024

Rotary International Theme for December

Disease Prevention and Treatment

Ann Lee Hussey's Polio Journey

Thursday, December 5, 2024



Click the image above to find out why Ann made 29 Polio immunization trips.

Our Sponsored Student from Honduras

Gracias

Rotary Club of Nakusp



Your generous contribution to the
Santa Barbara Scholarship Program
will allow

Wendy Pamela Hernandez
to attend school for the 2024 year.
Wendy achieved Academic Excellence



H.E.L.P. Honduras Society
ADESENH

Rotary Support for International Students

As well as offering scholarships to local students, the Nakusp Rotary Club supports a student every year from Honduras. This year we are sponsoring Wendy Pamela Hernandez. Wendy is going into grade 8, and has a 97% GPA. Every year of schooling helps to improve this

young person's life chances.

Nakusp Christmas Community Parade

Saturday, December 7, 2024



After many years of absence, our Nakusp club joined the community Light Up Festival Parade on December 6. It was a joyous event, with cookies, candies, and hot drinks available free of charge along Broadway Street. The street was packed with people. It was as if everyone in town and neighboring towns came out to celebrate this annual community event. Our club will be participating in the parade again next year with a louder boom box for sure!

Year-End Christmas Celebration & New Member Induction

Wednesday, December 18, 2024



December 17 was a celebration of our friendship, club achievement, and it was also an induction ceremony for our newest member, Paul Britton. Our members and families gathered at Chumley's restaurant for dinner & drinks, and enjoyed a **Bad Santa's** Christmas Gift exchange. We also celebrated Jim's birthday!!

Nakusp Rotary reaches 150% of its online Silent Auction goal!

Thursday, December 5, 2024



The online silent auction organised by the Rotary Club of Nakusp in the last week of November raised over \$6000, which was 150% of their target and a record for the club's online auctions. The club attributed the success to the generosity of both the donors of items and the 60+ bidding participants. Gift cards and gift certificates were the most popular, being seven out of the ten most active items. A generous cash donation by NACFOR financed the purchase of six grocery gift cards, which together raised \$845. Two bottles of wine from Nakusp's Valley of the Springs winery and a bear sculpture by Hugh Egener were also hotly competed.

In the last few years, the Rotary Club of Nakusp has attracted over \$500,000 to the Nakusp community from grants, donations and fundraising initiatives. The club has supported local causes such as the foodbank and hospice, awarded scholarships to local students, financed the Nakusp waterfront lighting and the Adventure Park projects and donated to other local clubs. Rotary also supports selected international projects such as ["End Polio Now"](#) and [ShelterBox](#).

The club conducts three major fundraising activities during the year – the online auction, the wine festival and the concession trailer which serves food on Canada Day as well as for visiting clubs and groups during the summer. During the COVID epidemic, Nakusp participated in a Rotary online bingo project which netted over \$50,000 to the community.

ShelterBox Brings Shelter and Hope to Families

Thursday, November 28, 2024



Click the image above to see how our donations to ShelterBox help families displaced by disaster or conflict situations. Here's a message from Kerri Murray, the President of ShelterBox USA

In 2024, you've helped ShelterBox respond to unimaginable challenges: catastrophic hurricanes in Grenada and the USA, devastating flooding in Pakistan and Bangladesh, tens of thousands of refugees fleeing from Sudan into Chad, the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza, and more.

Your support has been a lifeline for these families. Thank you!

Earlier this fall, I had the opportunity to meet Lucy, a grandmother from Grenada, who shared her story of resilience and the impact you've made on her life. When a Category 5 hurricane hit her island in Grenada, Lucy was unable to evacuate to a shelter because she was caring for her disabled son. During the storm, Lucy took refuge with her son, protecting him behind the concrete wall of her tiny bathroom. When the storm lifted, Lucy's home and entire community were destroyed.

ShelterBox responded in the aftermath of the hurricane, and because of your support, provided Lucy with a customized shelter package, including an emergency relief tent, solar lanterns, a kitchen set, and a mosquito net. This enabled Lucy to create a space filled with warmth, comfort, and hope for her family.

"Where there is life, there is hope."

- Lucy, Hurricane Beryl, Grenada

Events

November 24th

[**Rotary Nakusp 2024 Christmas Online Silent Auction**](#)

January 7th

[**Club Meeting**](#)

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Birthdays

Lori Mackenzie
January 10th