

Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise



Monday, July 1, 2024

Birthdays

Alexia Turner Tammy Verigin-
July 13th Burk
 July 25th

Events

July 4th, 11:30-12:30 PM Castlegar Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting - Black Rooster Patio Speaker: None Subject: Mad Hatters Tea Party - Wear a silly hat	July 11th, 7:30-8:30 AM Castlegar Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting - Millenium Park Speaker: None Subject: Blueberry Muffin Day - NOTE THE TIME CHANGE TO 7.30	July 18th, 11:30-12:30 PM Castlegar Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting - Boston Pizza Patio	July 25th, 7:30-8:30 AM Castlegar Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting - Confluence Centre or San
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Mad Hatters Tea Party



Youâ€™re late, youâ€™re late for a very important date! Donâ€™t tell me you forgot we are having a SPECIAL Mad Hatterâ€™s Tea Party to celebrate Alice in Wonderland Day?

You must wear your âœœbestâœ hat, or you just wonâ€™t fit in~~~oh very well, any hat will do.
Please just come! Please do!

Hereâ€™s a riddle for you, because you know that the March Hare and I love riddles. Why is a raven like a writing desk?

Come on **JULY 4, 11:30 AM to BLACK ROOSTER** patio in your finest headgear to find out plus enjoy a delicious lunch and Rotary camaraderie.

See you for tea

Incoming Presidents Letter to the Club



I thought as your incoming president I would drop a note to the whole club, whom I have become very attached to over the years. That attachment is because of you. You welcomed me in and got me involved right at the start, thanks to Collin for persuading me to come back, albeit through drinking and smoking cigars!!

I thoroughly enjoy being part of what is a very vibrant and growing club, thanks in part to Collin and Geoff's leadership over the past 4 years. I say in part because it is the members that make the club vibrant, despite all the efforts to bring in new people, if the club is not in a good place, or has a good feel about it, then they will not stay. In our district, indeed in this country and beyond, we are bucking the trend big time and that is down to you. Thank you for making this club what it is today, under the leadership of Geoff, most recently, and Collin, previously.

It is my desire to continue this process of growth, but I need your help, to continue doing what we are doing, and, having fun along the way. You, the members, are what make this club what it is. For the coming year we have set a goal of 10% growth from July 1st 2024 to June 30th 2025.

As explained in my previous communications, the new board has already been meeting and have set some goals

which we shared with you and asked you for input. My disappointment is that only 8 members have responded so far. This is a chance to have your say on the direction of the club over the coming 4 years and hopefully beyond. Please take the survey. Let us know what is important to you. Here is a link that will take you there. It is very easy and there are full instructions. [Take Survey](#)

I know that technology is a challenge for some of you, and that it is tough to embrace new ways sometimes. Why did we have to change? If we are going to attract the younger generations, then we have to become tech-savvy. It is a changing world out there and the ways in which people communicate today, and expect to be communicated to, are vastly different than they were 20 or even 5 years ago. If we don't embrace this, we will never reach them. Rotary Clubs around the world are declining, hence there is a big push to increase membership at the moment. This is why Rotary International has changed its requirements to help attract new members.

Having embraced this new technology a year ago, it has given us much more access to information, and to Rotary International, it is helping us to improve our communications with the club and the district. It is helping us cut down the work required by individuals to make their roles easier. It also means that we can communicate easily with each other and no one gets missed off lists that used to be held by individuals, where now it is all centrally located. I could go on, but my point is that if we want to move forward and improve things, we need to embrace change.

Meetings: Meeting together is important, this is where you find the heartbeat of the club. Having said that, it is much more important to be engaged with the club. There are many ways that people can engage with the club and still feel connected to it. It is not always easy for people to get to our meetings, and we need to have a flexible attitude to be able to involve them. Our morning meetings have been the least well attended over the past few years, having said that the numbers are starting to grow. We now meet in a much more intimate boardroom, so it does not have a feeling of being empty anymore. At a recent one, we drank Chardonnay and ate cheese to celebrate Chardonnay day. Starting in September, we are going to be asking each of our committees to meet one morning, from September to June, so people can come and find out what they do. This is another approach to try and make sure people have as many opportunities to hear what is going on as possible, and maybe even consider joining a committee that they had not considered before.

The other new thing coming in September, again via improved technology, is the ability to log into club meetings online, through either Zoom or Microsoft Teams. For the people that are logging in, there will be a simple link to click on which will take you to the meeting. There is also going to be the resumption of the wine draw each month, we have a real nice selection of wines to win.

Finally, I am so much looking forward to becoming your president for the next 2 years, and look forward to working with you closely to maintain the momentum that we currently have in our club. It is going to be a tough act to follow, with Geoff and Collin having done so much to take the club to where it is now. I relish the challenge, and look forward to serving you in this position. I am always open to having conversations with people about whatever they want to discuss (I may not always agree with your position, but that does not stop us working together towards a solution). Please feel free to call or email anytime.

Yours in Rotary Service

Gordon

Doing Service in Bolivia

Fresh off of being awarded District 5080 Interact Club of the Year, our Castlegar Rotary Interact Club will be departing on the Bolivia Service trip that they have worked towards for the past 2 years. The pictures in this story are of some of the Interactors doing their presentations.

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Club Fun

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Letters: EHILMNPRW

Rules: Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the letters named under the board. The diagonal will contain a word. There is only 1 solution for each puzzle.

7	3		18
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	2		9
18	9	18	1-9

Rules: Fill in the board, so the sum of each row is the number to the right in the row, and the sum of a column is the number in the bottom of the column. You must use all numbers 1-9.

Club Meeting

Castlegar Sunrise Rotary

Meets at Weekly, alternating between lunchtime & mornings. Every 5th Thursday in a month is a social. Please [view our calendar \(click here\)](#) for more details. info@castlegarsunriserotary.org

400 Columbia Ave - Grateful Table - 11:30 pm 1944 Columbia Ave - Sandman - 7:00 am Please check the Calendar for Dates & Details.

Club Leaders



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President



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Garry Gawryletz
Secretary



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