

Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise



Club Meeting

Castlegar Sunrise
Meets at Summer months, 1st and 3rd
Thursdays at Millennium Park. 2nd and
4th Thursdays supporting local
restaurants. Please see Calendar for
more details.

Castlegar, BC
Time: Thursday at 07:00 AM

Club Leaders



Geoff Yule
iPast President
President



Gordon Malcolm
President-Elect/ Director
Responsible for COMMUNITY
SERVICE/VOCATIONAL
SERVICE / PHILANTHROPY



Garry Gawryletz
Secretary and Director
Responsible for
FUNDRAISING



Fred Hughes
Secretary



Carol Gleave
Treasurer



Alexia Turner
Rotary Foundation Chair and
Director Responsible for
INTERNATIONAL SERVICE



Collin Ludwar
Past President
Webmaster



Gordon Soukoreff
Webmaster



Elaine Pilla
Interact Chair and Director
Responsible for NEW
GENERATIONS



Mayumi van der Pol
Assistant Governor

Comments from your editor - Marvin Smith

Greetings to all of you again this week. I am slowly getting used to this new format but am not completely confident with it yet. However, thanks to Gordon Malcolm for his help.

I hope you like the article on WACANID as we are getting very close to this event.

Thought for the Day:

???????It's fine to celebrate success, but it is more important to heed the lessons of failure. - **Bill Gates**

...and a little humor:

Diner: "I would like a cup of coffee, please."

Waiter: "I'm very sorry, sir, but I'm afraid we're fresh out of coffee today; our coffee maker has been completely exhausted."

Diner: "I'm not surprised, due to how weak it's been lately."

For some reason this program won't recognize my own birthday. So, I'll post it right here. I will be celebrating my 84 th at the President's Dinner this week!!!

Riders will once again be coming through Castlegar on Sept. 13th

By Gordon Malcolm on Wednesday, August 23, 2023



Below is a history of the ride written by Marvin Smith, longstanding Rotarian.

The WACANID Ride idea was initiated by Rotarians from the Newport-Priest River Club. They made a tour of possible clubs around the route and solicited their participation. The Castlegar Sunrise club came on board immediately and has continued to be a

Committee List

Communications/Internal/External
Dram Good Evening
Family of Rotary
Fish Sales
Food
Friendship Exchange
Highway Clean up
Interact Club
Membership/Mentoring/Social/Education
Miss Castlegar
Online Auction
Programs
Project Evaluation
Rotary Foundation Grants
Scholarships and Bursaries
WACIND
Wine Fest
World Community Service

Birthdays

Connor McCarthy
September 5th
Maylet Carpentier
September 26th



participating club. The late Ron Ross was our main club contact for this ride and was instrumental in getting us all involved for our day of participation. When Ron became ill, I was co-opted to take over from him and did so for a number of years.

The registration numbers were initially fairly low and the riders had the option to choose which direction they would go around the loop. This was a logistics nightmare and was quickly changed to one direction for all. There have been a number of route changes over the years as well, the latest to include Collville and Rossland. The proceeds from the ride were to be divided among the participating Rotary clubs. For the first few years, we hardly had a real payday.

The ISL (International Selkirk Loop) became involved with us and acts as the registration and advertising clearing house for us and as a result, they receive 30% of the proceeds from each ride. The rest is divided equally among the nine participating clubs. The ride has since flourished with ISL participation. The key to our success is the excellent support provided for the riders, which included moving the luggage every day. There are a great number of volunteers who are responsible for these services.

For a number of years, the post-ride comments we received indicated that we were under charging for the services which we were offering, so over the past 2 or 3 years, the registration fee has risen from \$495 US to \$895. This certainly hasn't caused a reduction in the numbers, as we currently have more than 130 riders for this year's ride.



One problem we have had in the past few years is the smoke from wildfires as the riders can't breathe properly. We have had to cancel the ride twice at the last minute. In addition to this, the pandemic caused us to cancel the ride for 2 or 3 years as cross-border travel was restricted. We may have some difficulties because of smoke again this year the way things are progressing. We should all hope and pray for cooler and wetter weather to clear the air.

For more information and a good look at how ISL is helping us out, you can go to the WACANID website at www.wacanid.org