

Rotary Club of Castlegar Sunrise



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Committee List

[CLUB SERVICE - Director Responsible Food Programs](#)

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Events

January 30th, 5:30-7:00 PM

[Club Social](#)

February 6th, 11:30-12:30 PM

[Castlegar Sunrise Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Speaker: Miguel Godau - Castlegar & District Arts Council

Subject: Miguel Godau - Castlegar & District Arts Council

February 13th, 7:00-8:00 AM

[Business Meeting](#)

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Speaker: Amy Bell, KSCU

Subject: Amy Bell Branch Manager, Castlegar / Salmo

Custom Text

February 5th, 5:00-6:00 PM

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A New and Fresh Way of Being Rotary

By Gordon Malcolm on Monday, August 14, 2023

About IMPACT SERVICE AS A SOLUTION



Time is a precious resource. We are all becoming experts at multitasking, being more productive, and trying to do it all. While we run the race of daily life, we find that something is missing. We can identify that missing piece as an unfulfilled need to serve our communities.

Everyone has this need. We all know about the wonderful non-profit agencies and service clubs in our own communities. They are well organized, with members attending regular meetings and social hours. Unfortunately, not everyone has time to attend these worthwhile events. They do, however, have time to serve.

IMPACT was formed to meet the needs of individuals who recognize their personal drive to serve but cannot commit to regular meetings. IMPACT started as a companion club (officially called a "satellite") recognizing the need for an organized structure and an opportunity to quickly perform service amongst

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individuals' busy schedules.

Currently, IMPACT simply denotes that an individual Rotary club uses this particular model.

If you would like to know more, I have added the following link so you can read more about what Impact is all about.

<https://www.impactclubs.org/about/about-impact>

Scholarships for Local Students

By Gordon Malcolm on Monday, August 21, 2023



Every
year
our
Rotary
club

support some of the local students in furthering their careers.

Cheques are presented to the students usually at one of our Rotary meetings.

If you would like to read more about this Rotary commitment, please continue reading below. Alexia Turner, who chairs the committee, has written a really good piece on all that we have been able to achieve. [Read More](#)

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. [Read More](#)

Dram Good Evening 2023

By Chris Trudeau on Sunday, September 10, 2023



The
Dram
Good

Evening will be happening on Saturday, October 14, 2023 at the Nineteenth Restaurant at the Castlegar Golf Course. This year promises to provide a tasting of five rare whiskeys obtained from specialist bottlers that are not available to the general public.

It will truly be a once in a lifetime opportunity for attendees to taste something rare. As in past years, there will also be raffle items sponsored by local businesses and a live auction sponsored by Castlegar Toyota and Craig Kalawsky.

The MC of the live auction will again be the owner of the Nineteenth Restaurant, Florio Vassilikakis, who will also be serving a 6 course meal throughout the night. It will be a night to remember for all those that attend. Tickets are \$125 per person, but are limited so please contact Chris Trudeau for ticket availability and inquiries on corporate sponsorships for the event at ctrudeau@ctlawco.com.

Castlegar Wins The Heritage Conservation Award



Darlene Kalwasky a long term member of the Sunrise Rotary club in Castlegar BC, has once again helped steer Communities in Bloom towards yet another award. [Read More](#)

Castlegar Rotary Sunrise Club Meets to Brainstorm Projects for 2024

On Thursday October 25th 28 people gathered in the Sandman Hotel for a brainstorming meeting to seek out projects for 2024. The meeting was well attended by Rotarians and their spouses and some non-Rotarians also. This was facilitated by Rotarian and business owner Eva Hernandez. Eva did a great job of keeping us focused and engaged, thanks Eva.



There was much discussion around the type of projects we would like to take on in the community in the coming year. Eva is going to provide us with a summary and outcome of the meeting as soon as it is compiled.

All in all, there was a lot of discussion, laughter, good food, and some drinks to help loosen our thinking.

Thanks to Collin Ludwar for providing the drinks and the food committee for doing such a great job with the food.

WATCH THIS SPACE!!

WACANID (Washington, Canada, Idaho) bike ride once again a huge success.

WACANID 2023 was a huge success again!

This is an annual bike ride that comes through this area, where riders from all over gather to ride through Washington State , Idaho and this part of Canada.

[Read More](#)

INTERACT - What is Interact and what are they all about?



Elaine has put together a great piece on our Interact Club and what it is all about. My name is Elaine Pilla and I was asked to do a little write up on the history on our Castlegar Interact Club and what it is all about. The Castlegar Rotary Interact Club is the sole reason why I became a Rotarian. [Read More](#)

A Hugely Successful DGE 2023

The DGE was a huge success and we were able to raise over \$17,000 because of support from our community. Along with 117 tickets sold (max capacity) we had corporate sponsorship return year after year from KalawskyChevrolet GMC Buick, Lion's Head Pub, Lordco Auto Parts, Bill's Heavy Duty, Kootenay Family Dental, and Chris Trudeau Law Corporation. We were also able to raise \$7,500 in our live auctions from generous donations by Craig Kalawsky, Castlegar Toyota and Florio and Rebecca Vassilakakis, The Nineteenth. The 6 course meal presented by the Nineteenth with our 6 whiskeys was first class as always. Thank you to everyone that supported the event and we look forward to it again next year.

Event for everyone happening in Castlegar on December the 9th.



As part of the City's winter celebrations, December to Remember will be on December 9th downtown. This is a joint effort combining the resources of our City Council, The Rotary Club of Castlegar and the Castlegar Rotary Sunrise Club. This would not have been made possible without their support and the support of our many sponsors who are listed below with the itinerary of what is going on. [Read More](#)

Head to City Furniture

Manjit, owner of City Furniture in town, is selling Samosas for charity. Manjit is a member of the evening Rotary club and is a huge supporter of many events that Rotary put on the Castlegar. He has asked us to mention it in our bulletin as he has quite a number left this year. It would be good to support him in his cause as he has done many times with us. The samosas are excellent, and even if you don't like them you could buy some for friends.

Rotary at work helping keeping the highways around Castlegar free of garbage.

November 13th highway cleanup saw many interactors combine with Rotarians from the evening and morning clubs to pick up highway garbage from 32nd Street south to The Brick and from the Kinnard Bridge to the Truck Scales. Approximately 20 bags were picked up, it was truly a fantastic effort by those attending. Sadly, the highways continue to catch a lot of garbage, and next year we will continue to work with the Interactors to help clean these areas, so please try and find some time next year to help.

Thank you,
Garry



December to Remember 2023



December to Remember was a huge success. This was evident by the many happy children cruising and enjoying the events, eating S'mores, hot dogs, nachos, hot chocolate and popcorn and doing crafts, followed up by getting their photos taken with the "Jolly Ol' Guy" accompanied by the famous Mrs Clause.

This event was put together in under 6 weeks, by a handful of determined individuals. We're speculating that more than 1500 people enjoyed the event. We ordered specific weather, and that was also delivered on time. It was indeed a real Castlegar Christmas.

This was a joint event run and organized by Castlegar Rotarians and the City of Castlegar. Many, many thanks to all the Rotarians and others who gave up their time to help organize and volunteer on the day. It was because of all your efforts that this event was the success that it was.

Apologies for no Santa pictures. I was struggling to get them to size properly

Pictures Below: [Read More](#)

Castlegar Sunrise Creating Hope in Honduras



Current Rotary International President David McNally imagines Rotary "Creating Hope in the World." A project that this club initiated in our first year with Inga Lamont as President is doing just that, creating hope. [Read More](#)

Highlights of 2023

Please

find
below
a few
of the

Rotary



highlights of what we have been able to achieve in 2023 in our note from the President.

Thank you to all fellow Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club members for making 2023 a huge success. We have done so much over the past 12 months, and it is hard to recall everything. I therefore wanted to pull together everything that I can recall. I am sure that there are a few that I missed and if so, would you please remind me. That said here is what we have done (can you hear the drum roll????).

[Read More](#)

Some Great thoughts on Rotary and what it should be like.



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a

January address to incoming district governors before the International Assembly, Jennifer Jones, then RI's president-elect, told the story of a 30-year Rotarian who fully understood what Rotary was all about only after participating in a project that delivered coats to children in his community. "Imagine," said Jones, "more than 1,500 club meetings before he finally got Rotary." The fault, suggested Jones, wasn't entirely his. "We must engage our members," she insisted. Ask

members what they want out of the experience and provide them meaningful responsibilities. "It's our offer of hands-on service, personal growth, leadership development, and lifelong friendships that create purpose and passion. These are our responsibilities. If we don't serve our members, we don't serve our communities. And if we don't provide comfort and care for our members, they may never truly get the power of Rotary."

[Read More](#)

New Members Inducted

6 new



members for Castlegar Rotary Sunrise Club.

On Feb 29th 2024 6 new members were inducted into the Castlegar Rotary Sunrise Club. Over 30 members and guests attended a wonderful catered meal. There were a number of people absent due to illness and various things, including two of our inductees. We hope that they are on the mend now.

The new members are, Belinda Field, Ellen Fowler, Gwen Chernakoff, David Bzdel, Roman Shalagin and Mylet Carpentier.

We welcome you to our club and look forward to serving alongside you in the coming years. Please see pictures below. [Read More](#)

Project - EcoLink-From College to Castlegar

This project has been tried before, and it was unsuccessful. If it were not for the tenacity of Garry Gawryletz, one of our rotary members, it may well not have got off the ground on this occasion.

Garry and the committee, including Tammy, Geoff, and Gordon have been successful in raising the money necessary to have a Feasibility Study completed. This would not have been possible without Garry constantly moving us along, or without the following sponsors.
Moneys approved:

- \$4,000 Rotary Sunrise
- \$4,570 REDI
- \$5,000 City of Castlegar
- \$13,000 Columbia Basin Trust (CBT)
- \$5,000 Stellar Vista Credit Union
- \$11,000 ESTI

\$42,570 Total vs Original Target of \$30,000

This is something that has to be greatly celebrated. Now we will see if a link is actually feasible. Thanks to all for their hard work.

5080 District Assembly

On Saturday, Geoff, Gordon, Rhonda and Carol attended the Rotary District 5080 spring assembly in Spokane, WA. This was mine (Gordon) and Carol's first time at the assembly.

Judging by the conversations we were all having during our sessions and at lunchtime, we all seemed to be gaining good information and ideas from our sessions.

There were a number of sessions that we could choose from, including Ryla, Youth Protection, a number on DACdb, club secretary and treasurer training. There was a session on the District Governors role and what that entailed, that was excellent.

For me personally, the sessions that I went to, and the ones that stood out were the DG session and the Building Successful and Vibrant Clubs. Lots of different ideas about making our club successful.

We also had a session at lunchtime on the peace initiative and about how they are erecting peace poles in so many communities around the world. It made me think of Castlegar. As the others traveled home on the Saturday afternoon, I am sure that there was a lot of conversation in the car. Jackie and I decided to stay on for a couple of days in Spokane, to enjoy the rain that you all seemed to miss out on.

Cloud Wine 2024



Our latest wine festival proved to be a huge

success once more, and as normal, attendees kept us waiting for ticket sales, making more than 50% of the purchases within the final 3 weeks.

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Final Games Night of the year



Tuesday evening saw our final poker/games night of the year. There were two tables, one with the "professionals" and one with the fun people!! 😊 Seriously, though the whole evening was a lot of fun, with a number of non-Rotarians attending, which has been the case throughout this season.

First and second place at each table got to choose their prizes and walked away with the satisfaction of knowing they were successful in conquering the rest of us.



Castleview Care Center in Castlegar Photo Collection Project



My husband Ed was admitted to Castleview Care Center in Castlegar, where he resided for over three years, when he became unmanageable at home due to dementia.

I realised there was a desperate need at Castleview for an upgrade in décor in the long hallways and common areas where the residents spent most of every day. There was very little to look at which could stimulate a conversation or provide some distraction for the 60 or more folks, most of whom had dementia, who lived there. This was their home.

[Read More](#)

Confluence Centre

Back at the end of November, Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club had the privilege of a tour of the new

Confluence Centre as it was then. We are very proud to have been involved in this project by donating \$45,000.

Back then it looked impressive, with local products being used to build it. Inside was a work place but even then you could see the wood finish in the structure. Beautiful as it was back then, the finished project is even more beautiful, and is going to be a huge asset to our city. Whichever direction you enter the city from the highway this building is going to stand out, and will be a place our visitors will love to visit. Thank you to all who were involved in the dreaming, production, constructing and donating to the build of this fabulous place.



Target Not Reached - Come on Castlegar Sunrise! - We should be able to achieve this!

This is a follow-up to the survey I sent earlier this month.

A survey respondent mentioned his/her disappointment over the lack of recognition during the recent Awards Ceremony for clubs achieving Every Rotarian Every Year distinction, and I agree that this recognition needs to be made. Accordingly, I am taking this opportunity to share with all our District Rotarians the names of the eight Rotary Clubs who have achieved this distinction for the Rotary fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. In late summer, I'll share the names of the clubs who achieve this distinction at the end of the **current** Rotary year. And, I hope to have more than eight clubs to recognize! I have an offer for you - read through to the end of this email for this special announcement! You could earn your next level of Paul Harris Fellow recognition.

A Rotary Club earns **Every Rotarian Every Year** (EREY) distinction when it achieves at least \$100 USD per capita giving to the **Annual Fund** of the Rotary Foundation, AND every active member donates at least \$25 USD to the Annual Fund. An active member for this purpose is one who was enrolled as of July 1 of the recognition period. New members are not included in the calculation until the following year.

I am pleased to share that the following clubs achieved **EREY** status, and I've included their Annual Fund per capita giving in parentheses and also their average Rotary Foundation (TRF) giving next to that. Average TRF giving includes giving to any of the Rotary Foundation funds, such as Polio Plus, the Endowment Fund, etc. All amounts are expressed in U.S. Dollars.

Coeur d'Alene Sunrise (\$299.49) \$416.92 average TRF giving
Columbia Valley Daybreak (\$132.27) \$219.87 average TRF giving
Moscow (\$253.71) \$265.48 average TRF giving
Ponderay Centennial (\$126.00) \$147.50 average TRF giving
Post Falls (\$401.41) \$456.41 average TRF giving
Pullman (\$433.62) \$1,786.34 average TRF giving
Radium Hot Springs Sunrise (\$323.44) \$348.50 average TRF giving
Spokane Valley Sunrise (\$181.79) \$181.79 average TRF giving

The top three clubs for Annual Fund per capita giving as of June 30, 2023, are as follows:

1. **Richland** (\$912.73)
2. **Columbia Center Kennewick** (\$616.32)
3. **Pullman** (\$433.62)

Would your club like to have a banner (or two) presented this fall? Here's my offer - I have 11,799 Foundation Recognition Points (FRPs) from the District plus 6,927 of my own FRPs to share - I will match on a first-come, first-serve basis, any donations to the Annual Fund made between now and June 30, for anyone who has not yet achieved Major Donor status, until these points run out.

The funds we raise from donations to the Rotary Foundation **Annual Fund - SHARE** come back to us in the form of matching funds for humanitarian service projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams in our local communities and globally. The Rotary Foundation provides the necessary funding for Rotarians to "do good in the world," in the words of Arch Klumph.

I'm making a personal appeal to you to help us do good in the world. As a Rotarian, you are familiar with the impact that Rotarians have in supporting education and literacy, economic and community development, disease prevention and treatment, peace and conflict prevention, protecting the environment, and so much more.

If you donate \$100, I'll match your donation with 100 Foundation Recognition Points, accelerating your progress toward Paul Harris Fellow recognition. If you donate \$25, I'll match your donation with 25 Foundation Recognition Points, and so on. When they're gone, they're gone!

Donating is easy - it does not require any forms. Simply use this link www.rotary.org/donate. When you use this link to donate, make sure you select "**Annual Fund - SHARE**" as the fund you are donating to.

Thanks for being generous with your time, talents, and funding.

Miss Castlegar



Each year, our Club sponsors one of the Miss Castlegar candidates. This year, our Miss Castlegar candidate, Bella Simon, was sponsored by both of the Rotary Clubs. Bella had been overwhelmed by public speaking, but through the training in Miss Castlegar and the Toastmasters public speaking training that the Rotary Interact Club does, she did fabulously at the final competition and received rave reviews. Bella did very well in the competition. Thank you to Linda Cassidy and Kay Jones and Darlene Kawalsky for supporting her.



Mad Hatters Tea Party



You're late, you're late for a very important date! Don't tell me you forgot we are having a SPECIAL Mad Hatter's Tea Party to celebrate Alice in Wonderland Day?

You must wear your "best" hat, or you just won't fit in---oh very well, any hat will do. **Please just come! Please do!**

Here'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

Presidents Dinner 2024



 Our

Presidents Dinner was a huge success.

It all began on Saturday, June 8th at 10am. Around 40 of us were picked up by our amazing driver and his wife, Rob and Annette Lovick. Rob drove the bus while Annette entertained us on the way over to

Creston to visit 3 Creston Wineries.

We began our trip at Red Bird Winery where we tasted quite a number of their wines, whilst we chatted among ourselves and enjoyed the bright sunshine, and heard about their dreams for the winery, which has already diversified into other things. From here we proceeded to our next stop, which was Skimmerhorn Winery, with beautiful views from its deck out across the fields to the mountains.



We were again able to taste a number of delicious wines and see how they produced their red wines. Our final destination was a short walk away to the Baillie-Grohman Winery. The owners took time to explain a lot about their process and where they started from. And, of course, we sampled some more of their wines.

We rounded the day off by having a beautifully catered meal under the pergola on the property where we chatted, laughed a lot, and stuffed our bellies with the most amazing dinner.

Thanks to Geoff for organizing all this and for all those people that made this day such a fun day out. No pressure for next year!!!

There are so many photos that we could not accommodate many here, and so I have created the link to the album.

[Presidents Dinner Photo Album](#)



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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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

**Welcome to Rotary year 2024-25! A message from RI
President Stephanie A. Urchick**

Dear
Rotary



member,

For most of us in Rotary, what matters most is our personal club experience. When I joined Rotary, my club made me feel like I belonged. I couldn't wait for the next meeting, and I found a new purpose in the service projects we completed together. To me, this sense of meaning and belonging defines Rotary. As president, I feel a special commitment to help every member in every Rotary and Rotaract club feel like an essential part of our family.

I'm writing today to thank you for being a member and making Rotary part of your life. And I want to share a tool that can further enhance your experience with Rotary — our Action Plan.

The Action Plan challenges us to find ways to increase the impact of Rotary service, expand our reach by bringing more people together to share our vision, adapt to a rapidly changing world, and enhance the experience that you and your fellow club members have in tangible, meaningful ways.

[To view the video introduction, click here!](#)

[Read More](#)

Scholarships Awarded

By Alexia Turner
Fellow



Rotarians,

This year our club awarded four \$1000.00 scholarships to Stanley Humphries students and one \$1000.00 scholarship to a student at the Kootenay Columbia Learning Centre (KCLC).

The Stanley Humphries recipients are Laura Belanger-Ihlen, Jenna Hastie, Abigail Hunter-Oglow and Cora Laporte.
The KCLC student that received our scholarship is Perry Gordon.

[Read More](#)

Scenes from Xmas in July Breakfast - Kinnaird Park '24

Big



Shout Out to the Food Committee!

Christmas in July Breakfast at Kinnaird Park.

Wow! Mrs. Claus even showed up.....



Click on Read more to view photos.

[Read More](#)

Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club presents two of the four recipients their cheques.

On Thursday, July 25th our Rotary Club's scholarship committee presented two of our four recipients of the scholarships, their cheques to help towards their further educational expenses.

Every year our club presents four worthy graduates with \$1000 cheques, to help with their future education. On Thursday it was the turn of Jenna Hastie and Laura Belanger-Ihlen. These were presented at our sculpture at Kinnaird Park in Castlegar.

We send them best wishes and success to them both for their chosen careers. Please click on Read More to see photos.

[Read More](#)

Robusters Shed at Christina Lake

By Carol Gleave on Monday, August 5, 2024

A huge thank you to the



Castlegar Sunrise Rotary for their donation to make this happen.

Getting the boat shed built has taken the Robusters 4 years to get grants and donations to complete the project.

We are so happy to have our own "home" for our dragonboat.

If you happen to be at Christina Lake please come down and take a look. We are situated next to the main beach on the south end of the lake.

- PETTAPIECE HOMES AND DEVELOPMENTS
- THE MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE
- RDKB AREA C CHRISTINA LAKE DIRECTOR GRACE MCGREGOR
- CANADA COMMUNITY REVITALIZATION FUND
- ROTARY CLUB OF CASTLEGAR
- PHOENIX FOUNDATION OF THE BOUNDARY COMMUNITIES
- STELLERVISTA CREDIT UNION
(CASTLEGAR & GREENWOOD BRANCH)

- PHOENIX FOUNDATION (GRAND FORKS CU DONOR ADVISED FUND)
- CASTLEGAR SUNRISE ROTARY
- BARTLETT EXCAVATING
- KOOTENAY SAVINGS COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- LEROI COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
- JANNA L. SYLVEST, ESQ.
- STELLERVISTA CREDIT UNION
- CUSTOM SORENSEN HOMES LTD
- ROTARY CLUB OF GRAND FORKS
- ROTARY CLUB OF ROSSLAND
- ROTARY CLUB OF WANETA SUNSHINE
- BEREZAN CHANCES
- COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF CASTLEGAR & DISTRICT
- ROKFORM SOLUTIONS LTD
- WSA ENGINEERING (2012) LTD
- BETA SIGMA PHI - OMICRON CHAPTER
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- ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION
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- LORRAINE LOUIS
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- MYRNA MCNIVEN
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Presidents Report September 2024

By Gordon Malcolm on Saturday, September 28, 2024



President's Report

**Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club
September 2024**

September has been a month which has brought joy and sadness to our club. We welcomed four new members to our club at the installation dinner, which was exciting, and we look forward to them getting involved in the club.

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Presidents Report October 2024

By Gordon Malcolm on Saturday, November 9, 2024

Presidents Report for October 2024

October has come and gone, with some beautiful fall colours, and like September, it has been a busy fundraising month.

Our fundraising focus this month was our DGE (Dram Good Evening). [Read More](#)



Time to Celebrate



President's Report

**Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club
Presidents Report November 2024.**

Here we are nearing the end of another calendar year. Before I retired, people would say to me, I don't know how I had time to work, I am so busy. I used to think about it and think how that can be true; well, I know now. I don't know how I had time to work. I am sure many of you feel the same way. [Read More](#)

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Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club in association with our major sponsor



This event is fully booked and is not taking new registrations.

If you like to be added to the waiting list please email annettelovick@gmail.com

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Brenda Balahura

By Mike L Balahura on Monday, January 20, 2025



It is with heavy hearts that we share with you that Brenda Balahura, loving wife, mom, sister, auntie, and proud Nana, has lost her hard-fought battle to cancer.

Brenda's warmth and kindness touched so many, not just within our family but throughout the Castlegar community. Alongside her husband Mike, Brenda was honoured as Castlegar's Citizen of the Year and was named District Rotarian of the Year in 2024 for their incredible service and commitment to others. She was deeply involved in the Legion, Rotary Club, Eastern Star, and many other organizations. As a dedicated librarian, Brenda also shared her love for books and learning with countless individuals in her community.

Brenda's roots ran deep in her early years growing up in Northern England, and she was very proud of her English and Scottish heritage. Her love for the UK never left her. Brenda had a real zest for life!

Whether she was getting lost in a good book, dreaming of her next Hawaiian getaway, or pulling an old record off the shelf from her huge rock and roll collection, she embraced everything she loved with passion. She had a special gift for hosting—whether it was the lively gatherings of the Rotary Club, a huge family feast that always felt like home, a big dinner for the fly fishing club, or making staff parties unforgettable, she knew how to make every occasion memorable and full of joy.

As we say goodbye, we hold on tight to the beautiful memories she created with all of us. Her love and joy will continue to inspire and guide us in the days to come.

In lieu of flowers please donate to Help Honduras at www.help honduras.ca or the Castlegar Public Library.

With love, the Balahuras

Tequila Tasting



Saturday, January 25th 2025

Castlegar Sunrise Rotary Club along with their major sponsor, Doane Grant Thornton, came together to put on their first ever Tequila Tasting fundraiser at the New Confluence Center in Castlegar. Taco's El Gringo provided a 6-course meal to pair our 6 tequila's with.

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Accommodations for guests at the upcoming Nelson District Conference

As you know, the Rotary District 5080 Conference will be held at the Prestige Inn in Nelson, BC on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3. The Past District Governors (PDG) dinner will be held for PDGs on the evening of Thursday, May 1. Registration for the conference will open in the next few weeks.

Keeping with tradition, the Conference Planning Committee has suggested that Home Stay and a Home Hospitality Dinner be offered to interested participants. For the first time, a "Pub Crawl" in Nelson, will also be offered at the same time as the Home Hospitality Dinner on Friday, May 2 at 6 pm. Home Stay may be required for April 30, May 1, 2,3 for PDGs who attend the PDG dinner, but most Rotarians will only require Home Stay on Thursday, May 1, Friday, May 2, Saturday, May 3. The Home Hospitality Dinners will be held on Friday 2 at 6pm.

For past conferences in Castlegar and Nelson, Rotarians have volunteered to provide Home Stay and a Home Hospitality Dinner. Most involved have thoroughly enjoyed this experience. I give thanks to Castlegar Rotarians who have volunteered in the past to support the conferences in Nelson.

I am seeking volunteers for both of these events. The application forms for both are attached to this email. If you could respond to this request as soon as possible or by February 28, it would be greatly appreciated.

Yours in Rotary Service
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Scenes from Tequila Tasting Event

Monday, January 27, 2025

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