

Youth Programs, Anniversary, Wine, Fat Bike winners and much more about what we have done with funds raised from our community!

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## Welcome to the Rotary Club of Rossland

### Youth Programs, Anniversaries, Wine, Fat Bike and more!

Every week we meet to hear new ideas and proposed projects, discuss upcoming events and activities, and/or learn something new from a variety of speakers. If you have a project you'd like to share with us - or if you like the idea of "giving back" to our wonderful community - please contact us!

Below is a summary of what we've been up to these past few months (details are on [www.rosslandrotary.org](http://www.rosslandrotary.org)):

#### **ADVENTURES IN CITIZENSHIP (OTTAWA) MAY 1-4, 2016**

Mishak Helberg will attend Adventures in Citizenship May 1-4, 2016 with 200 young Canadians to gain a better understanding of our country. Through meetings with political leaders, senior officials and others, they learn a great deal about the workings of our democratic institutions.

Co-sponsored by NDCU and Rossland Rotary, the student pays no airfare, registration or lodging. Many thanks to NDCU for their generosity.



**Ottawa Adventures in Citizenship**

#### **ADVENTURES IN TECHNOLOGY (SASKATOON) APRIL 24-29, 2016**

Mercedes Heckhausen will attend Adventures in Technology April 24-29, 2016 with 30 students from Western Canada to participate in an intense exploration of advanced technology, research, development and applications.

Co-sponsored by the KAST GLOWS program, KBRH Nuclear medicine staff and Rossland Rotary, the student pays no airfare, registration or lodging. Many thanks to these sponsors for their generosity.



**Saskatoon Adventures in Technology**

#### **MIKE PISTAK AND THE ROTARY CLUB OF ROSSLAND CELEBRATE 50 AND 65 YEARS OF SERVICE**

Mike Pistak was asked to join the Rotary Club of Rossland just over 50 years ago. The Club was founded in 1951, 65 years ago. The reason we are all part of the Club is exactly the same as it was back then: "it offers us the opportunity for fellowship and to contribute just a little bit to the community and to our country.", says Mike.



**YOUTH EXCHANGE 2015-2016:**

Rossland Rotary has been involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program since 2001. See the [District 5080 Youth Exchange website](#) for details.

Carla Herbst from Germany has been in Rossland this school year, and Hannah Klemmensen has been in Brazil. Casey Bowman (from Australia, 2000), also contacted us. What a wonderful experience for these young ladies, and we have enjoyed their reports and photographs immensely.



**Hannah Klemmensen and her host family in Brazil**

**FAT BIKE RAFFLE, DECEMBER 14, 2015:**

"Thank you to Rossland Rotary and for all that you do for our community!" says enthusiastic Christine Finke who won the fat bike supplied by Revolution Cycles and the Club. Rossland Rotary thanks all of Rossland and each of the donors for supporting the fall Fat Bike Raffle and draw on December 14 and congratulations to the following additional winners:

- Back Country Pack & Accessories from Powderhound: Alistair Lornie
- A Long Board from Ross Vegas: David Ferraro
- Blundstone Shoes from A Red Pair: Terry Miller
- Ferraro's Gift Certificate: Allison Brown

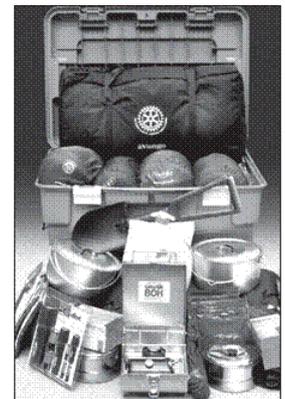


**Fat Bike Winner Christine Finke and son Aaron**

**SHELTERBOX CANADA AWARDS ROSSLAND ROTARY AND COMMUNITY "SHELTERBOX HERO STATUS": Shelterbox Canada contributes to disaster relief worldwide**

We all achieved "ShelterBox Hero Status" by helping send seven ShelterBoxes to Nepal this past year. Thank you to all donors and special thanks to JL Crowe students, staff and Rotary Interact for their contribution of \$3,098 and Rossland Summit School raised \$2,240 towards the seven boxes. In the past we have also sent ShelterBoxes to Haiti, Pakistan, East Africa and the Philippines (Tsunami and Earthquake).

A ShelterBox emergency shelter is setup in downtown Trail, if you are interested in seeing what is included in the ShelterBox and how it sets up. It is in the retail space where the Fields department store was located, across from the main bus stop downtown.



**Typical ShelterBox contents**

**TEGUCIGALPA MARKET CHILDREN PROGRAM**

In Tegucigalpa, Honduras, the poorest of the poor families are working in the public markets and in the local dump. The children of the mostly single women working in the markets were not attending school. As these children became teenagers, some of the children drifted into gangs and petty theft or, at best, took over their mother's stall in the market.

Rossland Rotary and the community have sponsored these students to attend school since 2008. Today, the Club sponsors 5 students and one of our students recently graduated from high school. In total, 17 students from grade 3 to 13 are sponsored by Rosslanders. The lives of these youth and their families are significantly changed from this invaluable program.



**Tegucigalpa Market Children Program**

**PANHANDLING FOR POLIO AND ROSSLAND WINTER CARNIVAL EVENTS, 2015**

During Rossland's Re-Kindle and Winter Carnival you saw Rotarians "Panhandling for Polio". The goal is to eradicate polio worldwide by 2018. During the next four years, the Government of Canada will contribute two dollars for every dollar raised by Rotary Foundation Canada in support of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Endgame Strategy, to a maximum contribution of \$12 million.

You may have seen us during Winter Carnival helping out with several events such as the John Heintz Relay Race.



**Panhandling for Polio**

**APRIL 2, 2016: CASTLEGAR SUNRISE 2000 ROTARY'S 17TH ANNUAL WINE FESTIVAL**

Over 40 wineries, a silent auction, food, and a ride back up to Rossland is possible (contact Alexia Turner of Castlegar Sunrise 2000 Rotary Club, [turner4@shaw.ca](mailto:turner4@shaw.ca) to discuss the ride). Tickets can be purchased through Alexia or by using a credit card and phoning Oglows in Castlegar (250.365.6214).



**April 2, 2016 Castlegar Sunrise 2000 Wine Festival**

**SKI BUM SNOWBALL, DECEMBER 12, 2015**

The Ski Bum Snowball with the Foggy Goggle Boys was a celebration of Red Resort's opening day. An evening of great dancing music to test our ski legs and wear our best ski bum outfit. Thank you to

everyone who participated in this fundraiser.



**SLOPES FOR HOPE TEAM "ROTARY WHEELS ON SKIS"**

Rossland Rotary Club team "Rotary Wheels on Skis" again participated in Slopes for Hope, a winter sports fundraising event taking place at five mountains across BC. The event was designed by BC residents and has seen hundreds of people hit the slopes to support the Canadian Cancer Society. Since it began, Slopes for Hope has raised over \$160,000 to help eradicate cancer and support Canadians living with cancer, while providing an enjoyable and memorable experience for hundreds of participants.



**"Rotary Wheels on Skis"**

Thank you for your interest in Rossland Rotary activities and events,

*Rossland Rotary, meeting on Mondays, 6:15pm, Rock Cut Pub, Rossland, BC*

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