

Valdy is coming to raise money for Rossland Rotary!

Rossland has many of the same challenges as a big city, but without the financial resources to meet all these needs. Over the years, Rossland Rotary Club has stepped in to bridge that financial gap, even though this is more difficult each year. Dwindling government resources, increased costs and needs, changing priorities all contribute to a complex challenging current environment.

For a small Rotary club (only about 25 people) the group has raised and contributed quite a lot to projects the club determines have the greatest need and impact.

A few examples of Rossland Rotary's community and youth projects are:

- No grants are available to build a skate park for Rossland youth:
Rossland Rotary committed \$20,000 (and has paid \$15,000 of that to date), for construction of a skate park that Rossland and its youth has strived to complete for many years. From tighty whitey challenges to campouts, Rossland youth and adults are seriously to committed to Rossland youth having their own skate park. The Skatepark Association has raised nearly (but only) 2/3 of what is needed to break ground in 2016. Rotary has supported this from the very beginning, funding \$5,000 of the initial design cost. See details: [Skate Rossland, Facebook](#)
- Community enrichment through international youth exchange:
Rossland Rotary's international youth exchange program is funded and managed by the club. This program has enriched adults and youth in our small remote community through teenage ambassadors who come here for a full school year to assume a normal teenage life and share their ideas, culture and friendships. In exchange, Rossland youth do the same in distant parts of the world, learning and bringing their experiences back to Rossland. This program is an ongoing, annually funded program of Rossland Rotary, through the world's most experienced student exchange program. See details: www.rotary5080ye.org
- Youth education through "Adventures in Citizenship" participation, in Ottawa:
Rossland Rotary sends a qualified youth to Ottawa each year to join 200 other young Canadians across the nation who participate in a structured unique 4 day program to learn up-close about our democratic institutions, explore Canadian identity, shared values and appreciate the diversity of Canada. See details: [Rotary Club of Ottawa, Adventures in Citizenship](#)
Read this year's young adult candidate's impressive essay "[What Does being a Canadian Mean to Me](#)"
- The Rossland Miner's Hall multi-purpose heritage building kitchen facility was unusable:
A few years ago, Rossland Rotary completed a \$40,000 kitchen update and renovation to greatly improve the building's utilization and functionality. The Hall requires further renovation, update and maintenance to continue to serve the community. The Evening with Valdy event will take place in the [Rossland Miner's Hall](#).

By any measure, these are huge contributions from such a small Rotary Club. We accomplish this by carefully producing benefit events that raise funds. All Rossland Rotarians are volunteers, there is no paid administrative staff. We raise money and then discuss and decide which projects are most valued and most need our contributions, which programs have no other or inadequate funding.

This all gets more difficult for the club each year. It is frustrating to choose among the numerous funding requests. We cannot possibly raise as much as is requested. We try to balance and weigh all the factors, needs and requests to structure a contribution that makes a difference. We try to be smart about how we create events and raise money. Rosslanders are generous, but we recognize that many other organizations ask for contributions.

Every Rossland Rotarian shares a single desire: *to give back to our wonderful small mountain community that has given so much to each of us.* We know we are a small Rotary Club but believe we can make a difference and be successful in spite of our size.

We thank Valdy for partnering with us to raise funds for these purposes. The support of this Juno Award winning incredibly talented entertainer is invaluable to Rotary. We also thank all who attend the fundraiser, the Rossland News for sponsoring ads in the local print newspaper, and the Rossland Telegraph for sharing this community message.

Hopefully we will celebrate a big success and enjoy it all too.

For more information, see:

www.valdy.com

www.rosslandrotary.org

AN EVENING WITH VALDY

Saturday, March 14, 2015, Rossland Miner's Hall 7:00 pm Doors, 8pm Concert

Tickets \$25/person - \$30 at the door

Tickets available: Powderhound Sports (Rossland) , Mallard's Source for Sports (Castlegar)

A Rotary Club of Rossland benefit