

# Supporting a clean and healthy Squamish

**2**016 WILL mark the 50th anniversary of the Rotary Club of Squamish. The Club was chartered in September 1966 by 22 businessmen and professionals from the Squamish community including John Drenka, Dr. Laverne Kindree, Bob Bishop, and Don Ross. We currently have 66 members — men and women aged 35 to 99.

The foundation of our local Rotary Club is built on two pillars — friendship and service. Like-minded people come together to enjoy fellowship and to do good in our community and around the world. Our motto is 'Service above Self', and over the last 49 years, members have been active in supporting Squamish through many projects and funding, including the downtown Rotary Clock, the Rotary Garden at the Westcoast Railway Park, and the Dental Clinic at Hilltop House.

Our goals for 2016 are to have fun, build acquaintances and camaraderie, and to serve our communities. At the local level, we will continue to provide funding and volunteer support for the Breakfast Program in the local elementary schools. We will support local events that help to keep Squamish clean and healthy such as Pitch-in Week, the Shoreline Cleanup, and Rivers Day. The Linda Carney Rotary Chal-



lenge Ride at the Test of Metal will be a fun event and raise money for the Linda Carney Rotary Cares Fund, providing medical financial assistance to those in the Sea to Sky corridor. Once again, we will be putting on the 'world-

famous' Rotary Beef BBQ during the Squamish Days Loggers Sports Festival. All proceeds go back into the community through our service activities. In addition, we will support local organisations which are doing good and helping others; such as Big Broth-

ers Big Sisters, the Squamish Hospice Society, Sea to Sky Community Services, Sea to Sky Suicide Awareness and Prevention Group, Camp Summit and others. Next December, Rotary volunteers will be working with Christ-

mas Community Cares to sort, pack, and deliver hampers. We will work to engage youth through our youth exchange programs, young leader awards, youth clubs at Quest University and Howe Sound Secondary, and a scholarship program. The Ro-

tary Pavilion at the new Squamish Legacy Sports Park will be officially opened early in 2016. The pavilion is a centrepiece of the all-season park for the development of Nordic Sports.

At the global level, Rotary International has made a commitment to the world to eradicate polio forever.

Tremendous progress has been made since we launched this campaign in 1986. The number of polio cases has decreased from 350,000 in 1986 to less than 100 in 2015. But the job isn't finished yet. We will continue to raise awareness and fundraise until there are zero cases and all children are protected from this terrible disease.

We plan on supporting a water and sanitation project at the Hosanna Children's Home in rural Kenya, funding for the Casa Colibri Medical Clinic in Guatemala, and support for the Mae Tao Clinic in Thailand which provides healthcare for displaced people along the Thai-Burma border.

You can find out more by coming to one of our meetings, talking to a local Rotarian or contacting us at [contact@squamishrotary.com](mailto:contact@squamishrotary.com). We meet every Thursday at 12:00 pm for lunch at the Howe Sound Brewpub.

## THE ROTARY CLUB OF SQUAMISH

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## Club of Squamish



**We wish all a Happy New Year filled with Peace, Friendship, and Goodwill.**



We invite you to visit us and learn more. You will be welcome at our lunch meetings on Thursdays: 12:00 noon at the Howe Sound Brewpub. Or contact us:

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