

The Rotary Connector

Rotarians enjoy picnic at Gyro

Trail Rotary Club got together for a fun lunch at Gyro Park on July 30.

Caffe Americano catered with a fabulous down-home fried chicken and potato salad picnic plus a lot of extras.



Trail club takes a big step, joins Chamber of Commerce

The executive of Trail Rotary agreed to join the Trail and District Chamber of Commerce for a year, “to see how it goes,” said club president Laurie Pettijohn.

Since the club is actually joining in the middle of the chamber’s fiscal year, the executive decided to extend the first year to the end of December 2009. Cost for a non-profit organization is about \$53 annually, which will be pro-rated to July.

The main reason for joining is to take advantage of the events calendar, advertising and a higher profile in the business community. The chamber currently has 239 members. We can list our weekly meetings on the events calendar, post our guest speakers or any other special occasion. That way, if anyone is interested, they can come to lunch. It is hoped the club could pick up a few new members this way. Another advantage is the ability to promote some of our bigger events on the chamber website, which gets between 300,000 and 450,000 hits per month. New members get significant discounts on

ads at both the Trail Daily Times and Trail Rossland News, hence a huge savings on the cost of advertising our silent auction..

While the Rotary club isn’t able to take advantage of all discounts offered to businesses, the club will receive a “gas” card which allows a two- to three-cent per litre discount at Shell, Esso, Husky/Mohawk and Petro Canada stations. This benefit could be used by the executive for people driving to PETS, a district conference or assembly, or the president may decide to use the card to award a worthy Rotarian, or other good cause.

So when out shopping, see if the business has a Chamber of Commerce membership sign posted. If it does, feel free to invite the business owner or staff to a Rotary lunch.

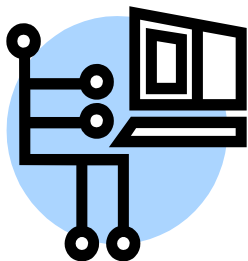
Lana Rodlie has taken on the task of keeping the calendar updated with Rotary events. To check out the chamber website, just go to www.trailchamber.com, click on “Events” then “Calendar.”

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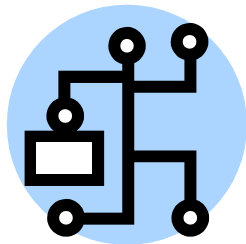
Upcoming events and speakers:

- Sept. 10—Darlene Kalawsky
The lunch will be held at Rotary Park where we’ll have a special ceremony concluding the District Convention legacy.
- Sept. 17—Frank Marino
- Sept. 24—Mike Martin
- Oct. Wine Tour cancelled
- Nov. 22—Christmas Auction



This year, the club has a busy board of directors

If you know the name of someone you'd like to invite into Rotary but are afraid to ask, tell the Membership chair. Let's get it done.



Running too late for the meeting? Do a make-up.

Who's on the executive for 08/09?

The board of directors includes:

President:	Laurie Pettijohn	250 364-2558	lpetti@telus.net
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Who's on rackets?

Today: Betty Anne Marino, Larry Martin, Ray Masleck

Sept. 8: Jack McConnachie, Shane McIntyre, Joanne McQuary

Sept. 17: John Merlo, Peter Morgenthaler, Janet Morton

Sept. 24: Joe Mykietyn, Don Nutini, John Palmason

Oct. 1: Laurie Pettijohn, Barbara Pistak, Jane Power

Who's been proposed for membership?

Helen Graham was introduced to the club by Barb Pistak. Helen lives in Annable and is the library director at the Trail and District Public Library. She's served on an advisory council for the Columbia Basin Alliance for Literacy and Success by Six.

Helen is also a past member of the Parent Advisory Council, Trail Silver City Days Curling executive, Trail Gymnastics and soccer committees (when her kids were young.) Welcome to Rotary, Helen.

Where can I make up a meeting?

The regular weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Trail is held at Caffe Americano, 1435 Bay Street, Trail, on Wednesdays at noon.

Make-up Meetings

- Rossland - Monday @ 6:15 p.m. Flying Steam Shovel (Rossland was meeting at the Rock Cut but had to move recently. Check with a Rossland Rotarian for more specifics.)
- Castlegar - Tuesday @ 6 p.m. Community Complex
- Castlegar Sunrise - Tuesday @ 6:45 a.m. Sandman Inn
- Beaver Valley - Thursday @ 6:15 p.m. Fruitvale Memorial Hall
- Waneta Sunrise - Fridays @ 7 a.m. at Rave's (This doesn't qualify as a make-up but members are more than welcome to attend. The club has not been chartered yet but hopes to get enough members to do so by December.)

Billets needed for exchange student

It's back to the drawing board for our International committee which is trying to find host families for our exchange student.

Our student arrived in August from Slovakia and stayed with Dieter Bogs for a couple of weeks. Seventeen-year-old Julius Koval is currently slated to stay with Jane Power for awhile but host families are needed for the fall and the rest of the year.

Julius had hoped to play hockey with the Beaver Valley Nitehawks, but he didn't make the team. Dieter says it was a problem with the

league allowing international players.

It had been hoped that he would be able to play hockey and could be plugged into the hockey billeting system. But since that didn't work out, it's up to Rotarians to pull together and come up with a solution.

Julius speaks English very well and is a very likeable kid, says Dieter.

We urgently need host families for this young man.

Although Rotarians are preferred for billeting, a host family needn't be Rotarians.

Anyone interested in foreign exchanges, traveling and visiting people in foreign countries might enjoy connecting with Julius and his family.

In the past, we've had successful exchanges with students from Japan, Thailand, Brazil, France, and a host of other countries, most recently, Germany. Talk to your friends who have hosted foreigners before and talk to any Interactors you know.

For more information, contact Ray Masleck at 364-2893.

What happened last year?

As you all know, a new Rotary year began July 1. A big thanks goes to past president John Palmason and his executive for a great job getting us through 07/08. During that year, two directors encountered serious health problems and had to withdraw and we all are still mourning the loss of Rich Thorpe. Another director resigned, but despite these setbacks, the club achieved several goals.

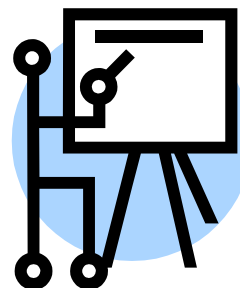
A very successful auction evening was held that grossed over \$25,000. The annual Carol Festival raised nearly \$2,000 for the Salvation Army, \$2,200 was raised at the Chinese New Year dinner, and under Leigh's exceptional guidance, our club donated an average of \$100 per member to the Foundation.

The District 5080 Conference was held in Trail, and under the chairmanship of Bruce Fawcett and the help of a small army of Rotarians, it was a resounding success. Club member Elizabeth Cytra topped off her year as district governor and we were proud to be able to say she was from our club. And for the first time

in 26 years, the noon lunch moved from the Riverbelle to a new site, Caffe Americano. Although the cost for lunches rose, members are reporting that they enjoy the bright new surroundings and the great food.

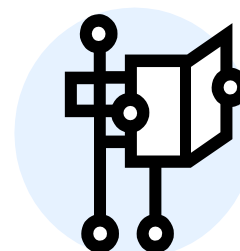
Membership decreased somewhat during the year and we've had to say farewell to Peter Dewdney and Mac Phillips who can no longer make it to meetings. The club hosted an exchange student from Germany; sponsored our former Interactor Jill Davidson at RYLA; helped spruce up the Rotary bed in front of the arena; and took a fun wine-tour to the Okanagan. Unfortunately, plans for the Abbeyfield House at 410 Ritchie didn't pan out but the project is still being pursued by a separate committee.

Laurie Pettijohn stepped up to be the new club President for 2008-2009. Bruce Fawcett is our president elect and there is a great team of Rotarians on the executive. Everyone is encouraged to check out the Rotary website for information on guest speakers, racketeers or committee meeting reports.



Can you think of any families who could host a student?

Trail Rotary Club donated an average of \$100 per member to the Foundation last year. Good work!



Missed some meetings? Here's what's happening.

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Four Way Test

- **Is it the truth**
- **Is it fair to all concerned**
- **Will it build goodwill and better friendships**
- **Will it be beneficial to all concerned.**

Message from the our president

All those who have been away, welcome back after a hopefully fine summer. The club has lots to do this year and president Laurie Pettijohn is hoping people are ready to dig in.

A new fun item instigated this year is "Rotarian of the Week." George Swanson was the first to receive the illustrious certificate, followed by Jenny Ghilarducci, Jack McConachie, and Larry Martin. Laurie says, with 44 members in the club, chances are "everyone will get their turn once during the year." He also will establish a Rotarian of the year which will be selected by a committee.

Laurie, being the sociable guy he is, wants to resurrect a fun program we used to have in Rotary called "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner." Those interested can sign up to be hosts or guests and an organizer decides who goes where. So the fun is not knowing who might show up. It's a great way for Rotarians to get to know each other.

Laurie had made plans for another wine tour but, due to a convention that took up all the hotels in the chosen area, it had to be cancelled for this year. But The Chinese New Year dinner will still be a go with proceeds going to the Foundation.

The board has decided to focus on just one fundraiser this year—the Christmas silent auction. A theme hasn't been chosen yet but Bruce Fawcett and John Palmason agreed to co-chair. The event will be held at the Cominco Arena on Nov. 22. The annual Carol Fest is slated for the Christmas season, with proceeds to the Salvation Army again.

"We're looking for a community project for the Erickson Trust," said Laurie. "We want some small project to put funds into." The trust is an endowment from a former Rotarian set aside exclusively to help seniors or children in need. The trust has a total of over \$91,000, of which the interest (close to \$20,000 currently) can be used for an appropriate project.

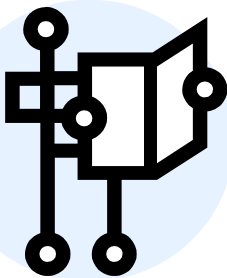
Last year ended with a bang, thanks to the District 5080 Conference held in Trail and next Wednesday (Sept. 10), we'll be having a special lunch meeting at Rotary Park. Darlene Kalawsky of the Castlegar club will be in town to share the legacy from the convention. A red maple tree will be planted in the park.

In the past two years' we've watched the Interact club at Crowe grow, with some excellent young people taking part. Laurie wants our club to have a closer relationship with them and plans to attend a few of their meetings.

Treasurer Scott Daniels reports that the club is in great shape with over \$24,000 in the bank, some of which has been allocated, but basically a good start for any projects the club wants to support this year. Ardith White and her committee are currently looking for ideas for a community project. Anyone with thoughts on what the club should be focusing on this year is invited to contact her at AWhite@selkirk.ca or call 250 368-8859.

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What's in this month's edition of The Rotarian? Take a look and find out.

Rotary Moment: Polio Plus

Decades ago, polio outbreaks were a constant threat around the world until a vaccine was found. In the 1980s, 1,000 children were infected by the disease every day in 125 countries.

Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2006. Two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented.

Thank you Rotarians.