

## Who Are We

The Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club was formed in 1987, sponsored by the Courtenay Rotary Club . Today Strathcona Sunrise is a dynamic group of sixty plus professional men and women living and or working in the Comox Valley who are dedicated to “ Service Above Self” & “World Peace and Understanding” . Here are a few of our many projects :



Internationally we have worked with other Rotary clubs to educate children, provide corrective surgeries and prosthetics to polio survivors, repair cleft palate deformities, provide computers for a school in Venezuela, and contribute funds to

immunize the world’s children to protect them from Polio.

Locally, we have built playgrounds and parks, granted student bursaries, sponsored school activities, built nature trails and supported a myriad of other worthwhile community causes.



As our Centennial Project we will be building trails, interpretive facilities and a lookout in the Millard Nature Park.



## Why Join Rotary ?

- A. To work with your fellow Rotarians in addressing community needs.
- B. To interact with other professionals in your community .
- C. To support RI's international humanitarian service efforts, locally and Internationally.
- D. To establish contacts with an international network of professionals and friends.
- E. To develop leadership skills.
- F. To involve family in promoting service efforts.
- G. To have an opportunity to do hands-on service to your fellow man.

**MEMBERSHIP RULES** The membership rules in the Club are set by Rotary International and are as follows .

- 1. An individual must be proposed for membership by a member of the club.
- 2. Membership is open to men and women .
- 3. Membership is limited to business owners, managers, farmers or individuals in a supervisory position, professionals such as doctors ,dentists, school administrators etc. or retired individuals from the same area of work.

The Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club is part of Rotary District 5020, which is made up of Vancouver Island and part of Washington state.

The Club’s mailing address is:

Box 3576 Courtenay BC V9N 6Z8

The Club’s website is <http://www.Strathconasunrise.bc.ca>

## Everything you need to know about the Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club



We meet every Wednesday Morning at the Crown Isle Golf and Country Club, Courtenay, BC

For information or directions call 250-336-8377



The club is a member of Rotary International



## Paul Harris

Paul was the founder of Rotary International who in 1905 formed the first Rotary club in the World

## ROTARY HISTORY

Rotary International grew from the first service club in the World in 1905 to be the premier organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In 166 countries worldwide, approximately 1.3 million Rotarians belong to more than 30,000 Rotary clubs.

### Responsibilities of Membership

Rotary club membership carries with it certain responsibilities:

- Members are expected to attend weekly meetings of the club or take the opportunity to "make up" by attending a meeting of another Rotary club or attending a club service project authorized by the club board of directors.
- Members are required to pay annual dues to their clubs, their districts, and to Rotary International.
- Members are expected to participate in local and or international activities or projects of the Rotary club.
- Members are encouraged to aspire to leadership roles within their clubs, following the philosophy that the more one is involved the more one gets out of Rotary.

## The Rotary Foundation



The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to support the efforts of Rotary International in the fulfillment of the Object of Rotary, Rotary's mission, and the achievement of world understanding and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian, educational, and cultural programs.

The foundation of Rotary International is the largest private foundation in the world. It is supported by Rotarians from all over the world by donations.

The primary goal since 1985 has been to eradicate Polio in the world by 2005. Donations from Rotarians have totaled over 800 Millions dollars and by partnering with the World Health Organization and individual countries we have immunized over 1 billion children and reduced polio cases from 3,000 a day in 1985 to less than 400 world wide in 2001.

The Rotary Foundation supports thousands of Matching Grant Projects ( 2 or more Rotary clubs working together) world wide such as drilling water wells to provide safe water.

Other projects are funded to immunize children, to supply computers and learning tools , and school supplies and even chairs to sit on .

Over 2,500 Ambassadorial scholars (college graduates) are selected every year to travel in a foreign country to study at a university to learn and also promote world peace .

Every other year Group Study Exchange teams of non-Rotarians led by Rotarians exchange visits between over 500 Rotary Districts to further peace and understanding .

## What does it cost to be a member of the Strathcona Sunrise Rotary Club ?

Dues of \$250 are billed annually in advance for all members . The cost to join includes an a one time initiation fee of \$25 plus the prorated cost of the remainder of the year.

Meals cost \$12 per week. An additional personal donation to the Rotary Foundation is made by many members. This is a tax deductible donation. Our Club's goal is to help all members become Paul Harris Fellows by donating US\$1,000 to the Rotary Foundation.

Many of our members continued to donate to the Rotary Foundation and become Multiple Paul Harris Fellows as they feel that this is the their best investment in the future of our planet and they are happy with the fact that 100% of their donations go to the projects supported by the Foundation.



A Mexican Group Study Exchange Team that visited the Comox Valley in 2004