

Rotary

Club of Cranbrook Sunrise



Monday, March 10, 2025

Events

March 11th

[Cranbrook Sunrise Weekly Meeting](#)

Speaker: Steve Mercandelli - Bio

March 18th

[Cranbrook Sunrise Weekly Meeting](#)

Speaker: Rocky Mountain Students Association

March 26th

[Rockies Film Series](#)

Speaker: Bob Trevino Likes It

Birthdays

Roger Brown
March 7th

Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found

Years of Service

Lynnette Wray
03-07-2018
7 Years

Meeting Notes for March 4th, 2025

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, March 9, 2025

Guests: Naye Kim (Youth Ambassador)

Inspiration: Dennis Parsons

"Volunteers don't get paid, not because they're worthless, but because they're priceless."

"Fundraising is the gentle art of teaching the joy of giving."

Club Reports:

Roger - our membership committee met, and a new approach developed regarding presenters at our meetings and possibly becoming prospective club members. The speaker would not be approached immediately after their presentation but rather at a later date. Within 2 weeks, the committee will contact the presenter, or if you personally know the presenter, let the committee know in the event you want to be the one that talks to them about membership.

Arlene - Ride or Die stickers for the Gran Fondo were handed out to everyone. They were a huge hit in Lethbridge last weekend at their bike show where the fondo was promoted. We are currently 206 registered riders. The winner of the early bird draw for accommodation at the St Eugene Resort is from Winnipeg. Arlene liked the idea of the 50/50 draw at the Rider's Experience night.

Darryl - the Tamarack Mall on April 12 is having an early Easter celebration. They need some volunteers from 11a.m. - 5:30 p.m. They will cut a cheque to our club for \$500 for helping out.

Club Fundraising

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, March 9, 2025



Darryl Bishop, head of our fundraising committee, gave a presentation to the club looking for fundraising ideas.

We have done major fundraising in the past that we should be proud of, such as the Moir Park Field House, which was a \$235,000 project where we ran a car raffle for

a 1965 restored Ford Mustang (which Roger Brown's son won). We used to run a wine and art sale which produced a modest profit, our assistance to the Cranbrook library in running their annual book sale put about \$6,000 in our coffers each year. Our discount golf cards brought in about \$2,000 - \$3,000. For a couple of years, we did parking at Kootenay Ice games, running the Moir park concession.

As a result of the Elko train project running over budget by \$60,000, the Kootenay Rockies Gran Fondo emerged to pay the money owing on the train project. This year will be the 10th riding of the fondo.

Ramden Estate is not really fund-raising but the scholarship likely originated because of the Rockies Film Festival(Claire Ramdin appreciated what Rotary was doing). Our scholarships are only partially covered by the Ramdin Estate scholarship fund.

Why we raise funds - because supporting community, international and youth projects costs money. We cannot rely on the fondo each year as we have had to cancel it in previous years due to forest fires, the risks and the smoke.

This year the fondo is hoping to raise enough funds to contribute to the Cranbrook and area Hospice house that is in the works. Thus the striking of the fundraising committee to come up with ideas through the membership.

The club was shown a list of potential fundraising ideas and each table was asked to pick one that they would be interested in. The fundraising suggestions were to be broken down into 1 minor and 1 major fundraiser. The tables suggested the following: Diamond dinner, Eagles boxing charity challenge(annual event), Rubber duck race, Dine Cranbrook/Kimberley and a 50/50 during the Gran Fondo, small couples dinner, a larger garage sale and soup for the soul.

You will be receiving a survey so that each club member can have their input into the future plan of fund-raising.

Happy Bucks & Sgt. at Arms

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, March 9, 2025

Happy Bucks!

Bob - the rodeo is in August (15th - 17th) and they would like our Rotary club to work the entrance gate again.

Penny - the Special Olympics raised \$4500 during their Polar Plunge. Cranbrook Rotary Club also supported them with \$5000.

Darryl - his 7-year-old Bichon, Monty, recently had surgery and is recovering well.

Bre - gave Happy Bucks for her Bunny 'Snowball' which will be 13 years old. There are 296 days until Christmas.

Our Sgt. at arms was Rotarian Penny Coyle.



The following fines were given out:

Bob - fined for being surprised that Harley knew his name.

Arlene - was fined for saying thank God there is only 1 Dewayne.

Lynnette - was late for the meeting, fined.

Bre - didn't know how many days until July 1st? fined.

Dennis - was fined for his short comment

Darryl - was fined for wearing a very bright shirt and for a comment about knowing someone who can leave us money when they passed.

Helen - fined for the selling of the cloths.

Ursula - a bottle sale? Our club has lots of bottles? fined.

Closing Comments

By Dennis Parsons on Sunday, March 9, 2025

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.
Winston Churchill

