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The Rotary Club of Edmonton Urban Spirits is a downtown Rotary Club in the Edmonton area. We were sponsored by the Edmonton Downtown Club and chartered in April of 2003 as group of young professionals with a common interest of making the world a better place. Our club of about 30 members has an average age of 35 and are about a 50/50 mix of men and women.

Our younger demographic is what makes us different from the other Rotary Clubs. We have been called a young and energetic group, a label we take on gladly. Visiting Rotarians often show appreciation for our style and are eager to return. One of our most notable traditions began when we chartered during the 2002-2003 NHL playoffs. It is with that spirit that we proudly sing

the Canadian national anthem and bang mini hockey sticks before every meeting.

Our Club's mandate is to help "kids at risk," which is why we are involved in community projects like a Spaghetti Dinner at Prince Charles School and building a shed at the Lakewood Community Garden. In the same vein, the club supports like-minded entities like the Terra Centre, Camp fYrefly, the Bolivian-Canadian Clean Water Network, the Agape Orphanage in Malawi, as well as supporting a community school in Kenya.

As a celebration of our 10th anniversary we worked with the Zebra Protection Centre to purchase two service dogs for $50,000 to serve as comfort animals for abused children. The canines help abused and often scared children provide valuable testimony and will eventually be used in Edmonton courtrooms – both are a first in Canada. The project also highlights our Club’s ability to provide seed funding to new and innovative programs that wouldn’t otherwise exist in our community.

Much of our fundraising efforts for these organizations is done though annual events and activities. Our longest running event is our annual Beerfest in partnership with Sherbrooke Liquor Store. Held every spring, this event is a chance for us to raise money for our club’s projects and have a great time.

While we take great pride in and are serious about the service and projects we participate, we also take an equal amount of pride in the fellowship and fun we have along the way. We all look forward to our club's weekly meetings so we can once again see some our closest friends. People who we do business with and service our community with...and we are glad you’ve become a part of it. We encourage you to get involved.

Welcome!