

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM SQUAMISH ROTARY



ROTARY CLUB OF SQUAMISH
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Rotary has been a club in the Squamish Community since 1966 but when did it all start?

It all started in 1900, when Paul Harris met attorney Bob Frank for dinner in Chicago and they took a walk around the area and stopped at shops along the way. Harris was impressed by how Frank had made friends with many of the shopkeepers. Since moving to Chicago to set up his law practice, Harris had not encountered the kind of camaraderie that Frank enjoyed with his fellow businessmen. He wondered whether there was a way to channel and expand this type of fellowship.

That was the start and the world's first service club, the Rotary Club of Chicago, was formed in 1905 by Paul Harris. The Rotary name was derived from the early practice of rotating meetings among member's offices. By 1921, Rotary clubs had been formed on six continents.

As Rotary grew, its mission expanded beyond serving club members' professional and social interest. Rotarians began pooling their resources and their talents to help serve communities in need. The organization's dedication to his ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self

As it approached the 21st century Rotary worked to meet society's changing needs, expanding its service efforts to address such pressing issues as environmental degradation, illiteracy, world hunger, and children at risk.

Not until 1989, did the organization vote to admit women into clubs worldwide and now claims more than 145,000 female members.

Today, 1.2 million Rotarians belong to over 32,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas.

Over the years Squamish Rotary Club has worked hard at serving the Squamish Community and International projects.

Big thanks to all community members who support Rotary with their time and generosity during Rotary's fundraising efforts throughout the year.

Paul Harris still remains with us, as a very prestigious pin is given in his honour to members.



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