

"Rotarians at Work," Renovate the Student Café for the Kelowna Boys and Girls Club

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“Rotarians at work,” is not just a fancy catch phrase. It is in fact the way Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise model community spirit, care and support. Recently, fifteen Rotarians and several of their partners from the club volunteered 220 hours of their free time over several days to renovate an old classroom at the Richter Street School into a student café for the Kelowna Boys and Girls Club, that had taken over the school as their club house. Today, the gathering place for our young citizens of Kelowna is now an up-to-date, modern facility thanks to the care and support of members of the Rotary Club of Kelowna Sunrise.

The project stemmed from the club’s desire to address another title cause with the funds generated from the club’s major fundraising event, the 2013 Groovy Gala. The project was one of three put forward by the club’s Fundraising Committee.



The project, not counting the volunteer hours of work, cost the club \$4270. It involved removing a temporary wall that ran through the middle of the available space, all existing flooring, and all but one of the original chalkboards and tack boards. Following this demolition, the volunteers patched the floor, laid down a sub floor and installed new commercial grade vinyl on the floor. All walls were patched and repainted, along with windows, doors and miscellaneous trim. The ceiling was also patched and repainted. Finally, a set of cabinets that were supplied by the Boys and Girls Club was installed.

The project was organized by club member Dan Hilbrecht with assistance from club members Greig McPhee and Craig Garries.

Last year, the club took an active part in renovating the Rutland Community Hall as a means to support its community.

Photos of the work at the project are available for viewing on the [Gallery of Photos](#) site of the club’s website.