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**ROTARY CLUB OF**

**SALEM CREEKSIDE CHANGING ROTARY**

**Rotary has changed**. It is no longer the club from years ago. The **Rotary Club of Salem Creekside** has changed with the times. We veered away from the traditional, formal Rotary. We know you are busy with family, work, and life. Rotary should be a place of **fellowship and camaraderie.**

We **don’t fine** members, we **don’t sing song**, and admit that most of us can’t carry a tune.

We do **recite the pledge of allegiance and thank God** that we are able to gather in his presence. We have interesting and meaningful presentation that inspire and motivate members. We make **personal connections, celebrate each other’s triumphs, and have fun.** A lot has changed, come check us out.

We have three membership levels: **Individual, Corporate and Family.**

Dues are **$250, $150 for 1st year members**. We **don’t fundraise** or ask members to sell merchandise. Donations to our **Brag pot** and **Rotary Foundation**, allow us to provide needed programs and service projects to our neighbors.

Our club is part of an international organization of people who share a passion for service. The **Rotary Club of Salem Creekside** believes in **“Hands On” service**; high ethical standards in business and professions and the dignifying of each Rotarian’s occupation as an opportunity to serve society in each Rotarian’s personal, business, and community life, as well as the advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship.

Rotary’s Five Avenues of Service are the philosophical and practical framework for the work of this Rotary club: ***Club Service****,* ***Vocational Service****,* ***Community Service****,* ***International Service****, and* ***Youth Service.***

To find additional information check out our website at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/salemcreekside> or Rotary International: <http://www.rotary.org>.

# **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL**

* Rotary’s vision Statement:
  + ***Together*** we see a ***World*** where ***People*** unite and take action to ***Create*** lasting ***Change*** across the globe in our communities and in ourselves.
* Rotary’s core Values:
  + The world today is not the same as it was when Rotary was founded in 1905. Demographics have shifted, the pace of change has accelerated, and technology has created new opportunities for connection and service. What hasn’t changed is a need for the values that define Rotary: ***Fellowship, integrity, Diversity, Service, Leadership.*** By honoring our past and embracing our future, we can evolve and keep Rotary not only relevant, but thriving.
* The mission of Rotary International, a worldwide association of Rotary clubs, is to ***provide service*** to others, to promote ***high ethical standards*** and ***to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace*** through its fellowship of business, professional and community leaders
* Rotary’s legacy in the effort to ***eradicate polio*** worldwide.

**Rotary’s Hidden Influence**

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Rotary’s positive influence on the world extends far beyond its members and its club. From medical missions to disaster relief to combating climate change, Rotary plays a role in a vast array of initiatives that help humanity. The reach and impact of Rotary’s work are a testament to Rotary members’ leadership, passion, and drive to help others.

1. In 1907, a teenager named Homer Allen was critically injured in a streetcar accident in Elyria, Ohio. The young man’s father Edgar Allen sold his business and devoted himself to raising money to build a hospital. Through his involvement with the hospital, Allen learned that children with disabilities, including polio, often didn’t receive adequate services. With support of fellow Rotarians, he founded the International ***Society for Crippled Children***. Paul Harris was the first chair and received the ***Rotary Foundation’s first grant.*** Today, that organization is call ***Easterseals*** and it helps 1.5 million people. In 1930, ***Paul Harris*** and Edgar Allen drew up ***“The Crippled Children’s Bill of Rights,”***which led to the first federal funding for children’s services in the United States, written into the Social Security Act in 1935.
2. ***ShelterBox*** just celebrated its 20th anniversary. “The initial aim was to provide disaster victims with quality equipment to enable them to survive and rebuild,” said Kames Kingston a Rotarian from Helston-Lizard. ***ShelterBox*** has now assisted 1.7 million people worldwide. The original box contained a 10-person tent, 10 sleeping bags, a folding trenching tool, water purification tablets, cooking utensils, a bucket, rope, and a flashlight. Today the contents vary depending on needs. ShelterBox’s longest-running response is in Syria, where the organization has been providing aid since 2012. It is Rotary’s official disaster relief partner.
3. As Todd Bol was going a renovation project at his home in Wisconsin in 2009, an idea came to him. His late mother, June Bol, had been a schoolteacher who loved to read, so he built a tiny schoolhouse filled with books on a post I his front yard, along with a sign that said, “Free books.” Bol, joined the Rotary Club of Hudson in 2012 and launched ***Little Free Library*** as a nonprofit. Now they are around the globe.
4. Three decades ago, Peter Hare and Mike Hoole, took their idea of supplying clean water to their Rotary Club of Wirksworth, England in 1991, and ***Aquabox***was born. To facilitate the water purification they turned to John Griffith, a member of the Rotary Club of Cleadon & District. He developed a filter that relies on pressure and doesn’t need chlorine, lasts for years, is sustainable and environmentally friendly. ***Aquabox*** distributed more than 110,000 boxes to date, helped hundreds of thousands of people in over 50 countries.
5. In 2006 Marshal Saunders a member of the Rotary Club of Coronado, CA started the Citizens’ Climate Lobby. Members began lobbying for an idea called “Carbon fee and dividend,” which proposes a fee imposed on suppliers that starts at $15 per metric ton of emitted greenhouse gas and increases every year. The collected fees are then paid directly to consumer to offset higher fuel costs. The goal is to encourage the adoption of clean energy technologies through market forces. ***The Citizens’ Climate Lobby*** now has 200,000 supporters.
6. When a child’s palate or lip do not fuse together properly in utero, the condition makes it hard for the child to eat and to speak. Many children lack access to the medical care needed, face lifelong health problems and ostracism. In 1992, members of the Rotary Club of San Francisco created a project called ***Rotaplast*** to support an annual medical mission to Chile. Volunteer doctors surgically repair cleft lips and palates. ***Rotaplast*** has conducted 220 missions in 26 countries on 21,000 patients and providing dental and orthodontic care and speech therapy. In 2004, six San Francisco club members established a second nonprofit called ***Alliance for Smiles***, which provides surgery as well as ongoing treatments. They treated more than 7,000 children. Now there’s something to smile about.

**Rotary in Action**