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A Pacific Coast Terminals publication for the residents of Port Moody

COMMUNITY IN THE TIME OF COVID

As it came time to start planning and writing our PCT newsletters, we began to realize just how difficult this task is in the midst of a global pandemic. COVID-19 has become a topic that no one wants to talk about, yet everyone is talking about it. Everyday life as we know it has been dramatically altered. Businesses are suffering, individuals are trying desperately to cope, and we are all adjusting to what's been deemed the new reality. At Pacific Coast Terminals, one of our greatest sources of pride is being able to support the Port Moody community and local fundraising initiatives. Now, almost all of our favourite events have been cancelled for the year. From the Fingerling Festival to The Search for the Perfect Pint, Port Moody locals have lost the opportunity to connect and support others within the community.

So, it was decided that this year our newsletter is being handed over to them. We have asked for contributions from local organizers, and we will be running their stories as they want to tell it. We will feature two or three organizations in each issue. We hope that you will see it as a way to stay connected, get inspired to become more involved, or simply learn something new about the community in which you live. We are confident this will also encourage everyone to take part in as many local initiatives as possible when they are relaunched - we predict our favourite events will be back better than ever!

In this first issue, we would like to put the spotlight on Golden Spike Days and the Port Moody Rotary – two organizations that put together the biggest events of the summer!

GOLDEN SPIKE DAYS FESTIVAL

Established in 1976, the Golden Spike Days Festival is one of the longest running family events in BC and one of the largest events in Port Moody. Sadly, the event has been cancelled this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

We are grateful to all of our volunteers, sponsors, suppliers and the general public for your understanding and support around this decision. A special thanks goes to our much-valued, long time sponsor Pacific Coast Terminals. As a registered nonprofit society, we rely solely on financial support from the community, government and businesses in order to make the festival happen each year.



OUR HISTORY

The history of the Golden Spike Days Festival commemorates the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway line and its arrival at the original western terminus in Port Moody where at the time the last spike was driven.

The festival started off as a two-week celebration. During this time, many of the businesses on Clark and St John's joined in by decorating and dressing up in old fashioned costumes. There was a parade, a saloon at the curling club, hand car races, local entertainment, a pancake breakfast featuring singing firemen, and of course the infamous Golden Spike Days Can Can dancers.



Over the years the festival moved exclusively to Rocky Point Park. It expanded to include an outdoor beer garden, vendors, food trucks, and a larger entertainment line-up including well known bands such as Big Sugar and Biff Naked. One of the additions was Tri Cities Got Talent, where young and old contestants from far and wide compete for over \$2,000 in cash and prizes. Many have moved on to stardom including Nashville Country star Daniela Bobadilla, singing/ songwriting sensation Carly Rae Jepsen, and child Tyson Venegas who performed in Carnegie Hall in New York City. While many have etched their names in lights, most people just want to have fun, shine in front of an appreciative audience, and get their moment in the spotlight.

Golden Spike Days is now held over four days and attracts upwards of 40,000 people each year from all walks of life with entertainment, food, special events, and fun-filled activities for all ages.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Golden Spike Days is an entirely volunteer driven association led by a dedicated Board of Directors. We encourage you to join the board or volunteer for next year's event. For more information contact president@goldenspike.ca.

More info at www.goldenspike.ca

ROTARY CLUB OF PORT MOODY

WHAT DOES ROTARY MEAN AND HOW DOES IT PERTAIN TO YOUR COMMUNITY?

Rotary was started in 1905 in Chicago by attorney Paul Harris as a means for professionals with diverse backgrounds to exchange ideas and form meaningful lifelong relationships. Over time, Rotary's reach and vision gradually extended to humanitarian service and there are now over 35,000 clubs in 200 countries forming 1.2 million Rotarians.

Rotary's Motto is "Service above Self".

One example of this was an initiative that started in 1979 to help immunize 6 million children against polio in the Philippines. There are now only 54 cases of polio globally, which the Rotary is proud to have played a part in achieving.

The Rotary Club of Port Moody has 41 members that meet Wednesday mornings at the St. James Well at 7am. Together, members organize some huge community fundraisers that we as a Club do locally along with our amazing sponsors. These include:

Search for the Perfect Pint (May, approx. 600 guests) RIBFEST (July, approx. 55,000 guests) and our Shred-a-thon event held every June. Over the past 18 years, the Port Moody Rotary Club has raised over \$200,000 for Eagle Ridge Manor, has contributed countless hours of community service, donated hundreds of grants to school programs and sport teams as well as to Girl Guides initiatives, and much more.

All of the members of the Port Moody Club come to the table with unique life experiences, an open mind, and a great attitude. There are different areas in which our members choose to get involved, on an international scale there are currently Rotary driven project in Africa, Ecuador, and Belize. We are also working locally to load ship containers (now at container #410 - out of the Riverview area) full of medical and educational supplies to be sent to countries around the world and distribute as needed.

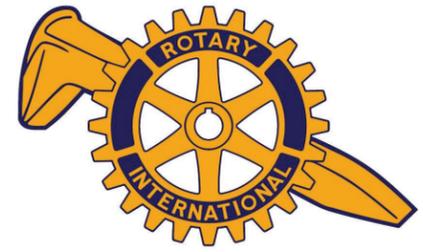
Although we are going through a global pandemic right now, the club still meets via Zoom every Wednesday. We will be back doing all of our major fundraisers in 2021, though we wish we could have done all of our amazing events this year too.

WE MISS YOU PORT MOODY!

Looking forward to a healthy and prosperous future of hugs, local events and fundraisers that help connect us, and allow us to make a difference both here at home and abroad.

We could not do what we do without you!

If you would like to learn more, or join please email membership@portmoodyrotary.ca



2020 SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Every year, Pacific Coast Terminals Co. Ltd. and K+S Potash Canada award four deserving high schools students with a \$1,500 scholarship to be used towards their post-secondary education. This year we are proud to announce the following winners (left to right from top): Alex Turpin (Port Moody Secondary), Isabela Moise (Port Moody Secondary), Lucas Hung (Gleneagle Secondary), and Sharon Gu (Heritage Woods Secondary). Congratulations to our winners and thank you to all the amazing candidates who applied.

COVID-19 UPDATE – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

To date PCT remains open for business, but we have taken extra precautions to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our staff and visitors. Though we have slowly started to transition staff back to the office, many employees continue to work from home in an effort to reduce risk and unnecessary exposure. Visitor access to the terminal has also been restricted to essential personnel only.

We are following all regulatory guidelines and are in close contact with the BCMEA, The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority, Transport Canada, and other marine terminals to ensure that all vessels coming into port are safe. Extra measures are being taken to ensure people boarding and leaving the vessels are following all required protocol, and that no one is dispatched to work if they are sick.

As the situation continues to evolve, we suspect that some aspects of our operations may continue to change. We have established a Pandemic Preparation and Response Team to ensure people continue to stay safe.

We have posted a more comprehensive and detailed safety plan on our website www.pct.ca.

STAY SAFE, THE TEAM AT PCT.

STAY CONNECTED & KEEP INFORMED

COME CHECK US OUT!



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