

# Rotary



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**Thank you Royal Oak Rotary Centennial.**

**For every beginning there is an end. And everything in between has been wonderful!**

14 years ago two of Broadmead Cares Board Members, Chris Carruthers and Janice de Cunha, had the foresight to approach the Royal Oak Rotary Centennial and ask for their help in launching what is now known as the Broadmead Care/ Commissionaires Charity Golf Tournament. That fateful meeting had Vic Rowse and Jim Parker from the Rotary, and shortly thereafter Glenda Plews from Craigdarrock Castle joining forces with 15 additional members of the Rotary to start a partnership that to date has brought in more than \$450,000 in care for our Veterans and seniors. The Rotary alone has given \$11,800 to support of the Veterans Memorial Lodge at Broadmead.

As the tournament grew, and got her sea legs, members from the Rotary moved onto other fundraising initiatives in the community with a few of their members staying behind to help steer us in the right direction. Including Jim Parker, who stayed the longest at 13 years. And despite his resignation, he still checks in regularly to make sure we haven't completely messed things up.

The time has come to share this story as this chapter is closing; The Royal Oak Rotary Centennial will be disbanding in 2017 after 21 years, its members moving to other Rotary's. Looking back to the beginning, the success of our tournament would not be possible without the building blocks and know-how provided by Jim Parker and all the Royal Oak Rotary members. Their giving of time and unwavering commitment has allowed Broadmead Care to purchase much needed equipment such as electric beds, overhead lifts, and furnishings to provide the best in comfort and care.

For Jim he leaves with lots of great memories, "It was all fun, and I really enjoyed working with the committee members because we were always positive and knew that we were working towards a great target."

With our greatest heartfelt THANKS we want to take this moment to celebrate the Royal Oak Rotary Centennial for all they have done for Broadmead Care, not just with the golf, but even looking back to the beginning. Their first community project was the acquisition and installation of a bench at the BC Transit bus stop right in front of the Lodge at Broadmead so that seniors could sit while they waited for the bus. It's all these moments and the in-betweens that we will never forget.

Thank you!