

Engineer biking across Canada



Kevin Glenney met with fellow Rotarian Chris Hambruch during his stop in Golden. Glenney will bike across Canada this summer supporting two causes close to his heart.

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An engineer is biking across Canada to raise funds for health and humanitarian causes.

According to a recent press release, Engineer Kevin Glenney began his three-month, 8300 kilometre coast-to-coast bicycle ride across Canada Friday, June 4 in Vancouver. Glenney plans to bike and camp across Canada to promote awareness and donations for the Huntington Society of Canada and Engineers Without Borders.

Glenney travelled over 700 kilometres in his first seven days of his 8300 kilometre trek. He has raised \$2853.00 towards his goal of \$30,000 for Huntington Society of Canada. Glenney passed through Golden on June 11, to meet with local Rotarians.

After contacting Rotary clubs across the nation, Glenney's first Rotary visit was right here in Golden with Rotary Secretary, Chris Hambruch.

“I was an Ambassadorial Scholar through the Rotary club and was a member of Rotar-Act when I was younger,” said Glenney.

According to the Rotary International website, Ambassadorial Scholarships, the Rotary Foundation’s oldest and best-known program, was founded in 1947. The purpose of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program is to further international understanding and friendly relations among people of different countries and geographical areas. While abroad, scholars serve as goodwill ambassadors to the host country and give presentations about their homelands to Rotary clubs and other groups. Upon returning home, scholars share with Rotarians and others the experiences that led to a greater understanding of their host country.

Hambruch was contacted and said the club was willing to put up Glenney for the night, but as he only passed through Golden, will make an online donation to his cause instead.

“The connection [with Rotary] raises awareness and this is in the spirit of the fellowship with members of Rotary,” said Hambruch.

“Twelve years ago I had an idea to ride my bike across Canada and this week the dream becomes reality. It’s already been an exciting journey training and preparing to live for 3 months on my bike, camping and meeting people along route,” said Glenney. “Huntington’s disease, is something that has profoundly touched my family and had an immense impact on the way our family has been able to communicate.”

For more information about Kevin Glenney or his journey, please visit his website at www.kevinglenney.com.