



Thanks for visiting Kelownadailycourier.ca. You're entitled to view 5 free articles every 30 days. You will see 3 articles for free before being asked to register, and then you can view 2 additional articles by registering or logging in. Then, if you enjoy our site and want full access, we'll ask you to purchase an affordable subscription.

4 Remaining

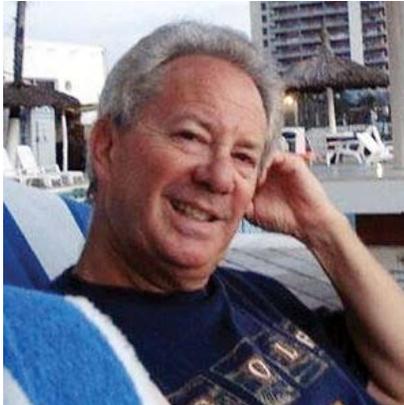
Penticton dentist killed while cycling in Mexico

Story Comments

Print Font Size:

Recommend 1 Tweet G+1 0

1



Contributed

Eric Ruby

Penticton dentist Eric Ruby died last week while cycling in Mexico.

Posted: Thursday, March 17, 2016 3:34 pm

Joe Fries, Penticton Herald | 0 comments

A local service group is in mourning after one of its members died while on vacation in Mexico.

Eric Ruby, 64, was hit by a car during a bike ride with his wife, Linda, in Mazatlan last Friday.

"He was bigger than life. I don't think there's been a mere mortal made of any finer cloth," said Malcolm Paterson, president of the Penticton-Okanagan Rotary Club, which Ruby, a local dentist, helped found in 1990.

Ruby worked at the Penticton Dental Centre, but was more recently easing into retirement, spending several months a year in Mexico with his wife, according to Paterson, whose club devoted its meeting Monday to remembering their fallen friend.

"I had just received an email from him literally within 24 hours of learning of his death, so we're in shock. But we're also, I must say, very grateful that Eric was such a great part of our lives, a great part of our club. He was our club in many ways," Paterson said.

Ruby helped start the club's annual car show in Penticton and was devoted to humanitarian causes, in particular projects related to youth, sanitation and drinking water in developing countries.

Paterson said Ruby also lived by, and encouraged others to follow, Rotary's four-way test: Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

According to the Mazatlan Messenger newspaper, Ruby was biking on the Marina Mazatlan Boulevard, a popular spot for cyclists, when he was struck by a car and died instantly.

"Local bicycling associations have complained vehicles and public buses speed along the road which could result in a massive tragedy when groups of cyclists are on the road," the Messenger reported.

Ruby was born and raised in Montreal, and moved to B.C. in 1976. He leaves behind his wife of 44 years and their two daughters. His funeral is set for today at noon at the Penticton Lakeside Resort, followed by burial at Lakeview Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Kelowna.



SUBMIT YOUR NEWS!

We're always interested in hearing about news in our community. Let us know what's going on!

Submit news

TODAY'S E-EDITION

Advertisement for The Daily Courier e-edition with text 'Click here to read today's e-edition, an electronic replica of our print newspaper' and a thumbnail of the newspaper.

Calendar

March 2016						
Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26