



The Miner's Lamp

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GSE (Group Study Exchange) to India

November is Rotary Foundation Month –The Rotary Foundation is the major reason that Rotarians are able to accomplish so much....

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Terry Nielsen, a Finfish Aquaculture Specialist with the BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, was one of the four members of a Group Study Exchange team to India last year. The District in India that hosted him and the other members of the District 5020 team was centred in Delhi. It was to clear to all of us that the experience was a life-changing one for Terry who spoke with great enthusiasm about his experience

and expressed his gratitude to the Rotary Club of Comox for sponsoring him. During the 30-day visit of the team to Delhi, Terry lived with seven different host families and participated in a variety of activities including helping administer oral polio vaccine to children in the city. Terry marvelled that there are 43 Rotary clubs in Delhi, whose population numbers 15 million—half that of Canada! He recounted his visits to Rotary-built schools, hospitals and the only blood bank in the country. When a patient requires surgery in India, he/she is responsible for supplying blood that is compatible and taking it to the hospital when the surgery is scheduled. Terry's most lasting impressions of India included the abject poverty he saw and the bright colours worn by the people. He is dedicated to making a difference in the lives of the poor and encouraged all of us to visit: www.makepovertyhistory.ca More about Group Study Exchange:

<http://www.rotary.org/foundation/educational/gse/index.html>

www.rotarycc.org

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President Dave Gives Seal of Approval

Following a long-established, presidential tradition, President Dave awarded his much coveted Rotary Seal of Approval to Programme Director Jill Cornwell in recognition of her outstanding work organizing stimulating speakers for our meetings. Well done, Jill!

Rotary Moment—About the Rotary Foundation



The mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty. It is supported solely by voluntary contributions of Rotarians and friends of the Foundation. The Foundation was created in 1917 by Rotary International's sixth president, Arch C. Klumph, as an endowment fund for Rotary "to do good in the world". It has grown from an initial contribution of \$26.50 to more than US\$117.9 Million contributed in 2004-2005.

The Foundation's Humanitarian Programmes fund international Rotary club and district projects to improve the quality of life, providing health care, clean water, food, education and other essential needs primarily in the developing world. PolioPlus is one of the Foundation's major Humanitarian Programmes. Through its Educational Programmes, the Foundation provides funding for some 1,200 students to study abroad each year. One alumni of the Foundation's Educational Programmes said: "Rotary set me on a course that I am still continuing. If I had not gone to the United States as an Ambassadorial Scholar, I don't think I would have pursued the study of International Relations" **Sadako Ogata**, Former United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, 1951-1952

Announcements

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca
- Past President Mac helped us to reflect on the sacrifices of Canadians in the many conflicts in which our country has been involved. On Remembrance Day he asked us to remember the fallen and honour the serving members of Canada's Armed Forces.
- President Dave thanked those who volunteered to help with the Trick or Treat Parade in Cumberland.
- Dave Bossom reported on the lunch programme we are supporting at the Elementary School. Dishes, utensils and a dishwasher have been provided by donors and all that is required is a stainless steel table on wheels so please be on the lookout for one.
- President Dave reported on the results of his search for a shipping container for the BMX Park
- Gale read a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for our participation in the Christmas Hamper Drive last year and asked us to participate again. The consensus was that we would donate cash to a fund to support to Cumberland families again. Linda Oprica volunteered to collect donations.
- President Dave has ordered a fifth defibrillator to be installed in the Sid Williams Theatre
- A committee has been struck to design and obtain a sign to be installed on Cumberland Ready-Mix land to welcome people to Cumberland. Keith, Stefan and Mac are its members.
- **Greeters for November** Alan deJersey and Ken Dunsire.

Attendance

Treasurer John reported that only 12 Cumberland members were present on 7 November, the smallest turnout in the history of our club. Visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay and Bob McQuillan from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Other Guests: Bayne Mann Junior, guest of his mom and Donna Walsh, guest of John Challender.

Anniversary

President Dave surprised John C with a card to congratulate him and Peg who will be celebrating their 46th anniversary on 19 November!