



The Miner's Lamp

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In 1985 Rotary gave itself the challenge of eradicating polio from the world. In 1988 the World Health Council voted to join in. Then the WHO, UNICEF and the American Centre for Disease Control became partners. Private citizens, foundations and governments became involved. More than \$US500 Million were raised by Rotary of the more than \$US2 Billion spent so far

Humanitarian Work in the Ukraine



Our speaker last week was "Babs" McGuire, a Canadian with a big heart and boundless energy who has devoted many years and her own money to helping children orphaned in the former Communist bloc. Her particular focus has been on the children of the Ukraine, the country of her ancestors. Babs is a first-generation Canadian who was born in

Regina. During her presentation she outlined the realities of life for the people of the Ukraine and the dire state of the economy and the health and social systems of that country. Babs described the history of the Ukraine from pre-historic times to the present. Several invading armies from several European and Asian countries had invaded the land, subjugated its peoples and shaped the face of the nation as it exists today. She described how the Germans, during WW II had sent long trains of cars filled with the Ukraine's rich topsoil back to Germany and that the Russians had done the same thing following the war. The "Breadbasket of Europe" had been partially stripped of its rich topsoil. She pointed out that the north is poorer than the industrialized south. Babs works with the Ukrainian-Canadian Social Services Society to provide the basics of daily life for the people she serves. Babs has cousins in the Ukraine who now help her identify needs. Now that goods are available, money is needed to buy them.

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Rotary Moment



In 1911, Paul Harris was quoted as having said: "If Rotary is ever accused of anything disagreeable, it will be accused of selfishness. Our exclusiveness may subject us to criticism on that score. Tell accusers that the antithesis of egoism is altruism and Rotary gives members an opportunity to help as well as be helped. Many members who, in joining, have been animated largely by a desire to be helped, have, on the maturing of acquaintance, found their chief pleasure is helping." During the early years of Rotary, some in the public held the opinion that Rotarians were snobbish and excluded people because of the practice of inviting only one member per occupation (classification) to join. This practice was aimed at creating clubs with broad representation and avoiding domination by any one group. We still invite new Rotarians to join but are represented by more than one person from each classification since the limits were changed to a maximum of 5 per classification or up to 10% of the club's strength.

GWCTD? The April Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? evening will be held on **Saturday, 29 April**. This will be the last in the series until 2007. Talk to your spouses and see if you can take part.

Announcements

Board meeting was held at 8 AM on Thursday, **13 April** in **The Miner's Café**. Details will be revealed today

Bill asks everyone to be on the alert for potential speakers and to pass names and topics to her at: 336-2882, 336-8524 or jcornwell@insurancentres.ca

Greeters for April: Judythe McQuillan and Rob Neal.

Jon Toogood announced that the **Giant Habitat Auction** held on 8 April was a huge (\$18,000+) success and he thanked Dave and Kathy Stevens for their participation.

Steve Galbraith urged members to report to the orchard at 1 PM on Easter Sunday to look for coloured eggs, do some work and maybe even have a Lucky break!

President Mac announced that Dave Bossom would be transferring his membership from the Courtenay club effective 1 July. Welcome, Dave!

Meeting venue changes: The Miner's Café will be undergoing renovations soon so our meeting at 7 AM on 25 April will be at the Cumberland Lodge (Medical Centre) and on 2 May at the Rotary Orchard

Attendance—11 April Nineteen members, five visiting Rotarians: Dave Bossom, Linda Oprica, from the RC of Courtenay and President Bayne Mann, PE Ron Weir and Colleen Weir from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise.. Guests: Babs McGuire, Bayne Mann Jr, son of Deb Nolan, Jamie Moore, guest of Bill Armstrong, Craig Bickle, guest of Ken Dunsire and Duncan McLeod, the new owner of the Miners Cafe

Anniversaries: Jon and Marguerite Toogood on 25 April, Keith and Joanne Tatton on 26 April.