

FROM THE WORKSHOP

President Dave mentioned that a storage cabinet was under construction in the workshop chez Challenger so here is a picture of the progress of the project to date. The cabinet is four feet high, four feet wide and two feet deep. It features three doors that reveal eight drawers with shelves above in the front and a door on the end opening a compartment where our rolled banners can be stored. Cost of plywood, hardware, etc close to \$400.00, labour was free and a lot of fun for the builder. It is finished with a fine penetrating oil sealer that has been hand-rubbed with 400 grit wet paper. President Dave will provide his furniture moving truck to move it to the Miner's Café following his return when weather and driving conditions allow. We will store the cabinet, which is on casters, in the small room off the room where we meet.



Rotary Moment



Rotary remains sharply focused on its top goal of eradicating polio. In calendar year 2006 alone, Rotary contributed more than US\$19 million to combat challenges in remaining polio-endemic countries and their neighbors at risk of re-infection. This raises Rotary's total contribution to polio eradication to nearly \$616 million. And on the ground, as part of a wave of recent National Immunization Days (NIDs) in countries like Ethiopia, India, and Ghana, teams of Rotarian volunteers are doing their part to make polio a distant memory. During NIDs held from 1 to 5 November, Ghana's 19 Rotary clubs worked with nearly 150 visiting Rotarians and family members from the United States, Canada, the Netherlands, and other countries to support the effort, which targeted nearly 6 million children under the age of five. Although no longer polio-endemic, Ghana has remained polio-free for the third consecutive year, thanks in part to Rotary efforts. To keep the threat of re-infection at bay, Rotarians administered drops of vaccine to children from fixed posts throughout the country and worked behind the scenes during the NIDs, training and orienting other volunteers, and transporting health workers and volunteers. "We are grateful to this team of visiting Rotarians," says Winfred Mensah, who chairs Ghana's National PolioPlus Committee. "Their efforts will directly help prevent children from getting polio in Ghana, as well as help stem the spread of this crippling and potentially deadly disease worldwide." —Rotary News Room at: www.rotary.org

Announcements

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca
- Keith Tatton has accepted the nomination of President Elect for 2007-08 replacing Bill Armstrong who had to step down due to professional pressures. Linda Oprica has been nominated to succeed Keith in 2008-2009 and Steve Galbraith to succeed Linda in 2009-2010.
- President Dave requested an expression of interest from anyone who would like to participate in a Rotary Friendship Exchange to Australia in November 2007. See Dave for more details.
- Keith announced that our club has been asked to provide judges for the "Light up the Village" event to be held on 16 December at 6 PM. Volunteers stepped forward to do the judging.
- President Dave announced that there **will not** be a meeting on Boxing Day, 26 December. Our program for our last meeting of the year on 19 December will be the telling of Christmas stories past.
- Dodie reminded everyone of our Christmas Curling Party on Saturday, 2 December from 6 PM until ? at the curling club. Cost: \$20 per person at the door. Please let Dodie know if you plan to attend: dodiebrand@shaw.ca
- President Dave reminded everyone that the club will pay the registration fees for anyone wishing to attend the District Leadership training Assembly in Victoria on 24 & 25 February 2007.
- **Greeters for December:** Cathe Egan and Mac Fraser.

Attendance

Treasurer John reported that 18 Cumberland members braved the cold and the winter driving conditions on 28 November. Visiting Rotarians: Laury Haines from the RC of Courtenay and Chip Ross from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Other Guests: Bayne Mann Junior, guest of his mom and Madelyn Bams, guest of her mom.

Anniversary Judythe and Bob MacQuillan celebrated their anniversary on 3 December.