



The Miner's Lamp

Bringing the Light of Service to the Community and the World Through Rotary



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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

Chip Ross—Trip to India

Chip provided us with an account of his trip to India and how he and Karen were impressed by the work done post-tsunami and on other projects in the area by of the Rotary Club of Chennai Kilpauk. Hari Rattan a ROTI friend and member served as the Ross' host. Chip showed us photos of the prostheses, wheelchairs and other devices that have been provided through the project run by both clubs called "Helping Hands". Many pictures of the people who were helped by the project brought tears to the eyes of the presenter and members of the audience. Thank you Chip for all you do for humankind.



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Vanier Youths Join Polio Fight



Two remarkable young men spoke to us about their plans to raise awareness and funds to help eradicate polio. David Madill (L) and Ross Birchall, grade-eleven students from Vanier have started a campaign to involve all schools in raising money to help in Rotary's polio eradication campaign. Birchall, then 10, became a Paul Harris Fellow for his work in Polio Plus Partners in 2000.

Communities in Bloom—Odete Pinho

The Village of Cumberland is participating in a nation

Board Meeting—29 February

President Mac chaired the meeting attended by Bill Armstrong, John Challender, John Jones, Deb Nolan, Chip Ross and Dave Stevens. Items covered included:

International projects—extent of participation in micro banking with Chennai to be determined

Mac will discuss the scope of our involvement with Gale regarding the YANA tree

Bill and Mac to investigate further the availability of a storage container for Coal Hill BMX

Decided that the club would pay registration fees for PE to attend PETS (10, 11, 12 March), PE and Board members to attend DLTA (1 & 2 April) and for President to attend District Conference (12, 13, 14 May).

Suggestion to sponsor T-shirt for Habitat's next build will be discussed with other three clubs with a view to contributing collectively to a Rotary logo on the shirt on behalf of all four clubs.

Letter from VI Health Authority with suggestions for projects to enhance conditions for Cumberland Medical Centre residents. Mainly outdoor projects such as flower beds, benches, etc that we could build

Success By 6—Project to be discussed at next meeting

Youthact—Cumberland Middle School—John C gave his copy of the handbook to Troy Bams, who will investigate with school administration

Installation Dinner — At the end of June all four Rotary clubs will hold installation ceremonies to mark the end of the Rotary year and install the new president and executive. John C is investigating venues, menus and costs of possible options. Date most likely will be Monday evening, 26 June.

Dave Stevens asked that everyone become involved in preparing for our Italian fundraising dinner scheduled for Saturday, 14 October.

Discussion of discomfort with spontaneous passing of "the hat" at meetings. President Mac will address this item with the club.

Next meeting 8 AM, Thursday, 30 March at the Miner's Café. Members who are not on the Board are encouraged to attend to gain an understanding of the facets of the running of an effective Rotary club.



Rotary Moment



Rotary is so much more than the sum of its parts. Every program of Rotary — the club and district activities, the scholarships and exchanges, and the vast and varied humanitarian projects — serves a different purpose. No two clubs anywhere are exactly alike, and it is this diversity that is our strength. Together, we show the world that a better future is possible anywhere and everywhere and that generosity of spirit, tolerance for differences, and high moral values are not obstacles to success but the path to success. In a world full of ethical challenges, where cooperation among countries and tolerance of differences is so vital to peace, Rotary provides a much-needed example of solid integrity, international cooperation, and the spirit of volunteerism. My theme for the 2006-07 Rotary year, *Lead the Way*, reflects my belief in the power of Rotarians to change the world. Together, 1.2 million Rotarians will *Lead the Way* to a brighter future through fellowship and service. Today's world needs heroes, not celebrities. All of us in Rotary are ordinary people with busy lives, striving to do our best. Quietly, in thousands of different ways, we are working to make the world a better, healthier, and safer place. I believe strongly that we, as Rotarians, must be motivated in our choice of service much more by what is practical and necessary than by what tugs at our emotions. We must identify real needs and work flexibly and cooperatively. Rotary service cannot be a one-way street; every project must be a partnership with those we wish to help.

W.B. (Bill) Boyd President, Rotary International, 2006-07

GWCTD?

The next Guess Who's Coming to Dinner? evening will be held on 25 March. Hosts and guests Hosts and guests for our next event will be contacted for confirmation in the next couple of weeks. John 339-4068

Announcements

Jill invites everyone to be on the alert for potential **speakers** and to pass names and topics to her at: 336-2882, 336-8524 or jcornwell@insurancetres.ca **Please bring books to Rotary!**

Speakers: Today -Diane Bruon-- COPS and 14 Mar—Laurie Baird— CPR Machines

A **signup** sheet is available at the front desk for the **Curling Day** to be held on Sunday, 19 March, starting at 8 AM.

Greeters for March: Steve Galbraith and Kim Gibson. Duties: arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room, pass out name tags, greet Rotarians and guests, put things away at the end of the meeting.

Attendance—28 February Seventeen members, two visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay and Sunriser Jerry Feniak, guests Troy Bams (Deb's guest) and Ross and David

Birthdays

Bill Thompson would have celebrated his birthday had February had 29 days. Happy Birthday anyway, Bill!