



The Miner's Lamp

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September is New Generations Month in Rotary

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September is the month that Rotarians promote New Generations - with a focus on Youth, the

Safe Harbour Program

Our guest speaker last week was Kathie Landry, Project Coordinator for the Safe Harbour program, which states as its mission to: *Provide a Safe Harbour for Diversity in Your Community*". The program **Generously supported by:**

BC's Ministry of Attorney General's Welcoming Communities Strategy, with funding provided by Citizenship and Immigration Canada under their Canadian Action Plan Against Racism.

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Multicultural Societies and Service Agencies of BC (AMSSA). Safe Harbour has replaced the Block Parent program. Safe Harbour provides a meaningful way for businesses and agencies to provide a welcoming environment for people from diverse backgrounds. The program began in Nanaimo in 2004 and is coordinated locally in the Comox Valley by: Creative Employment Access Society (CEAS). Kathie provides seminars at the "Job Centre" monthly or in-house at places of work for the staff and owners to understand the issues facing people of diverse racial and ethnic background as a way of welcoming people into the Canadian workforce.

www.amssa.org/safe_harbour or contact Kathie at: Kathie@ceas.ca

Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- 200 donations is our target for our Extravaganza Italiana. President Linda has set a deadline of 11 October for all donations to be “in hand”. Sixty received so far. Gale has printed posters so please post them where you work and in the Valley. Four weeks left. ~100 tickets left. Get your ask in gear!
- If your dues are due, please pay by the end of September.
- District 5020 World Community Service (WCS) Workshop in Nanaimo, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Oct 4th. Registration: www.rotary5020.org/service
- **23 September the Bistro will be closed. Meeting will be at Island Timberframe.** Bring folding chairs or you'll be left standing.
- Cops for Cancer concession volunteers, Cumberland Recreation Centre at 5:00 PM, 24 September.
- An anonymous family has offered \$600 toward the purchase of a Rotary ShelterBox (total cost \$1,200). Individuals will receive a tax receipt from ShelterBox Canada for their personal donations.
- Please use the new envelope at John J's table when providing money other than breakfast meeting fee.
- 3 Paul Harris ties available from President Linda (blue, green and burgundy) for a donation to foundation.
- Keith presented the “hardware” that went with the certificate we received last week. See page 4 for photo.
- Jon Toogood attended the dinner in Campbell River on 14 September which featured Tom Henderson, the founder of Rotary ShelterBox. 1 1/2 Million people have been helped by the project in 41 countries.
- Cumberland Ready Mix's decorated truck will help us raise funds for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Squad. Included will be a pancake breakfast on 13 December at Comox Centre Mall. More details to follow. Santa will be delivered in the truck twice and we'll be involved seeking donations.
- **Program 23 September:** Peggy Carswell - The Ardash Seuj Prakaipa project in Assam, India
- **September Greeters:** Robb Flannery and Wayne Giroday
- **Greeters' Duties:** Arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room, greet everyone as people arrive and hand out badges, help with visitors' name tags and make-up cards. Return room to original setup.



Tes-wah-no, the Salish chief known as Chief Dan George, died at North Vancouver on 23 September, 1981. He worked as a longshoreman before he began his acting career. He received an Oscar nomination for his role in the film *Little Big Man*.

Rotary Moment



First Annual Top Chefs Fundraiser a Huge Success

The Rotary Club of Courtenay's first annual Top Chefs fundraiser, held at the Comox Community Centre on 13 September, was a huge success. The sold-out evening featured tasty tidbits of food representing the creative talents of Andrew Stigant, Executive Chef at the Anderton Bistro-Pub, Ronald St-Pierre, Executive Chef of Locals - Food from the Heart of the island, Yoon Kim and Emil Shellborn, Executive Chefs, Thyme on the Ocean and Drew Noble, Executive Chef Tomato - Tomato. In addition, Jordan Marshall and Sherry Bruce from Hot Chocolates - Cakebread Artisan Bakery provided an array of bread and sinful chocolate delights, and award-winning Edgar Smith of Natural Pastures Cheese Company offered a variety of their great cheeses. Several wine and breweries provided libations to tease the palate and a cornucopia of teas and coffees rounded out the great menu. There was so much to eat that people filled up quickly. The Courtenay Rotarians were decked out in classy garb featuring formal shirts and bowties and black aprons as they worked the four-hour event. The Georgia Strait Jazz Society Band provided great music.

Attendance

19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarian: George Smyth, RC of Courtenay. Guests: Elizabeth Nesbitt, reigning May Queen, Peg Challender, guest of Keith Tatton and Guest Speaker: Kathie Landry

September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 3 Sep: Gale Wheeler. Anniversaries: 1 Sep: David and Jane Bossom, 14 Sep: John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

Parting Shots



May Queen Elizabeth presented cards to Dodie, Liz, Robb and Dave and Kathy for their help. She also thanked the club for all our support with a card for President Linda.



Keith and John posed with the hardware (trophy) that accompanied the certificate the club received as part of the Rotary International PR Award in District 5020.



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living messages
we send to a time
we will not see.

~John W. Whitehead

Overheard!

An elderly gentleman had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and the doctor was able to have him fitted for a set of hearing aids that allowed his patient to hear 100%.

He went back to the doctor in a month and was told: 'Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again.'

The gentleman replied, 'Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!'