



The Miner's Lamp

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Membership Referral

- Do you know a friend, family member, or colleague from your business or profession who has all the qualities of a good Rotarian? Then consider referring them for membership. It is every Rotarian's duty to share Rotary by seeking new members.

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Cumberland Councillor Leslie Baird—Lantern Festival

Our speaker last week was Cumberland Councillor Leslie Baird who spoke to us about the Cumberland Taiwanese Lantern Festival to be held in February. A grand parade will kick things off on 17 February and the show will run from 18– 26 February. Leslie requested that our club consider getting involved with the parade organization. During her address, Leslie mentioned that the Festival is listed as one of the top 25 things to do in BC—not bad for an event that has only run once! Leslie



also announced that a Lunar New Year celebration will be held in the Cultural Centre on Saturday, 28 January, with tickets going for \$25 per person.

Newest Rotarian, Rob Neal, Inducted

President Mac Inducted our newest member, Rob Neal. John Challenger, Rob's sponsor, introduced Rob who, with his wife Margaret, have lived in Cumberland for the past 10 years. Rob works for Aquatec Seafoods in Comox as their Operations Manager, responsible for all Technical and Production matters. Welcome to the club and Rotary, Rob!



Rob Gets Pinned

Greenways Committee

Steve Galbraith attended a meeting of the Greenways Committee to discuss how we can coordinate our work on the Rotary Road to Recreation and that being planned by this group. Steve emphasized that it is important to include the quad and trail bike riders in future discussions as well.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

Each last Saturday of Jan thru Apr. Host 4 people once, dine out twice. Extra Saturday is a backup. So far, Bill A, John C, Dave K, Chip, Dave S and Keith have signed up. A simple way to get to know one another better. It is **not** meant to be a cooking contest. Contact John: 339-4068 or johnpegc@telus.net to sign up.

Rotary Moment

Chip showed everyone our copy of the Rotary International Directory listing all 32,000+ clubs in the world.

Club Christmas Pot Luck Social—Saturday, 10 December

Our Christmas pot-luck social will be held at the Miner's Café (thank you Pauline) at 5:00 PM on Saturday, 10 December. **Menu: main dishes, finger food and salads, provided by members. BYOB** All ages are invited. In lieu of exchanging presents, we have arranged through the Salvation Army to help a Cumberland family at Christmas. 'Our' family numbers six, mom & dad & 4 boys ages: 14, 13, 11 & 8. Please bring \$5.00 each to the party for the fresh food gift certificate and any of the non-perishable items listed in the e-mail you received earlier. As decided last week, everyone is asked to give Gale cash or a cheque (payable to her) for whatever amount you wish and she will shop for Christmas gifts for the family. Gale and Deb plan to wrap all the gifts to add to the festiveness of the occasion. If you would like to help in any way, contact Gale at: woowhee@shaw.ca or call her at: 336-2064. The more the merrier Christmas.

Last Chance to get one of those great 2006 Rotary Calendars celebrating Vancouver Island Art. Please see Dodie for these great Christmas gifts—only \$20.00—all proceeds to club funds. Fewer than 10 left—honest! dodiebrand@shaw.ca or 336-2710 to reserve one.

Announcements

- Greeters for December—Bill Armstrong & Dodie Brand—duties: arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room, greet arrivals and take attendance then store things at end of meeting
- The editor of The Miner's Lamp has decided to reduce the hard copy print run by 1/2 since everyone receives a copy via e-mail
- Contributions to The Miner's Lamp are requested and encouraged. Anyone who would like to produce an issue is welcome to pick a date. John C can convert almost anything to PDF for easy e-mailing if required. Please speak to John.
- Suggestions for speakers are always welcome. If you discover something that would interest the club and can arrange a speaker please advise President Mac to coordinate a date.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

3 December—Happy 39th Anniversary, Judythe and Bob McQuillan!

8 December—Happy Birthday Steve Galbraith!

And, finally, our club is celebrating an anniversary as well since it was in November 2004 that interested members of the community began meeting with Chip to explore the establishment of a Rotary club in Cumberland! A red letter day for sure.