

The Miner's Lamp

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August is Membership and Extension Month

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August is the month that Rotarians' thoughts are focused on membership. Our club needs new members and we should also touch base with those still in are community but who have left our club and Rotary.



Our speaker on Tuesday was Dave Durrant, Manager of Community Services for the Village of Cumberland. Dave is very well known in the Comox Valley, having spent 25 years serving as the Director of Recreation for the Town of Comox. Dave has been the recipient of many awards recognizing his service to his community including one from the

Governor-General of Canada. He was the youngest councillor elected to the Town Council of Comox. Dave has been in his new position for 8 months and enjoying his work. He spoke of the need to replace the playground structures in the Cumberland Park. He has had the equipment inspected by an official CSA inspector whose report stated that there is no way to effectively repair the structures and they must be replaced. Dave suggested that this could be done over a three to five year period and welcomed the involvement of our club as a partner in the project. Dave also underlined the importance of the acceptance of the Village of the need to maintain gifts provided by organizations such as our club, including the transit shelters. Dave has ordered a replacement for the one destroyed and extra glass panels to replace the one missing in the other shelter and others that might be needed in the future. Approval is in place for a picnic shelter in Chinatown and there is likely a way we can become involved. Painting of CRI scheduled for week of 7 September.

Announcements

May your charities rank among your necessary expenditures. ~Paul Harris
1916

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Alan: President Alan and his family were away camping so Linda acted in his stead. Linda discussed details of the Big Timeout involvement by our club, serving supper and breakfast on 14 and 15 August with all proceeds going to the Boys and Girls Club to purchase a new van. Linda also reminded us to put together items for the gift bags that Kim is coordinating. John C and Leslie are ticket sales contacts. About 20% of our tickets have been reserved with no promotion to the public so far. We should expect another sellout.
- John C reminded everyone of our commitment to operate a bar for a wedding reception on Saturday, 21 August from 5:30 to midnight. David and Kathy have volunteered to work with Peg and John and at least two other volunteers would round out the team. Funds for club projects.
- Keith reminded us that there are only 11 weeks until our Extravaganza Italiana on 2 October and we need 179 more donations to meet our target.
- Reminder to record volunteer hours spent on Rotary activities between meetings, write the number on a slip of paper and drop it in the jar at each meeting. This is to satisfy a request from the DG to highlight how much time Rotarians spend serving.
- **August Greeters:** Judythe McQuillan and Robb Flannery.
- **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.

Rotary Moment



Canadian Rotarians Lead the Charge Against Malaria

Canadian Rotarians have been at the forefront of efforts to prevent malaria deaths in Africa. Rotary clubs have partnered with the Buy-A-Net Malaria Prevention Group, <http://www.buyanet.ca/> a Canadian charitable organization founded in 2004 to combat the disease in Uganda, one village at a time.

The Rotary clubs of Cataraqi-Kingston, Ontario, and Kololo-Kampala, Uganda, teamed up with Buy-A-Net last year on a US\$47,000 malaria prevention project in Kampala. Rotarians contributed club donations and District Designated Fund allocations, and Buy-A-Net served as the implementing partner.

The Buy-A-Net staff in Uganda works with local health agencies and community partners to train volunteers to distribute mosquito nets, detect and treat malaria, and educate villagers on malaria prevention.

"It is hard for Rotarians to get to places where the work needs to be done," says William Gray, a member of the Cataraqi-Kingston club and governor-elect of District 7040 (parts of Ontario, Nunavut, and Québec; part of New York, USA). "We are good at raising funds, leveraging that through The Rotary Foundation, and advocating for the cause. Buy-A-Net has boots on the ground and is very passionate and very engaged."

Debra Lefebvre, a registered nurse and founder of Buy-A-Net, says the partnership has worked well because it uses volunteers at the local level to get the job done.

"In previous efforts, Rotarians were expected to do it all, but for many reasons that is very difficult," Lefebvre says. "Rotarians can be busy people. We let Rotarians get involved as little or as much as they want." ~Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

17 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting in the orchard on 3 August. Visiting Rotarian: Blaine Douglas of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Jon T's guests, Casper and Audrey Pretorius, Linda's guests David Muir and Keith Pistell.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Birthdays: 1 Leslie Baird, 4 Linda Oprica, 9 Rob Neal, 28 Jill Cornwell. Anniversaries: 1 Angie and Alan deJersey, 7 Kathy and David Stevens, 16 Doreen and Mac Fraser, 24 Leslie and John Baird, 24 Brenda and Robb Flannery. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



Keith Pistell, GM of Canadian Tire, Courtenay, posed with Linda holding the plaque to celebrate Canadian Tire's purchase of a tree in our orchard. Canadian Tire is also supporting the Boys and Girls Club's search for a replacement van.

August Programs

10 August - Presidents of RCs of Courtenay, Comox and Strathcona Sunrise

17 August - Club Assembly 24 August - Malcolm Holt - Cameo Videos 31 August - Lush Valley

Chuckle Corner



My wife and I were sitting around the breakfast table one lazy Sunday morning.....

I said to her, "If I were to die suddenly, I want you to immediately sell all my stuff."

"Now why would you want me to do something like that?" she asked. "I figure that you would eventually remarry and I don't want some idiot using my stuff."

She looked at me and said: "What makes you think I'd marry another idiot?"