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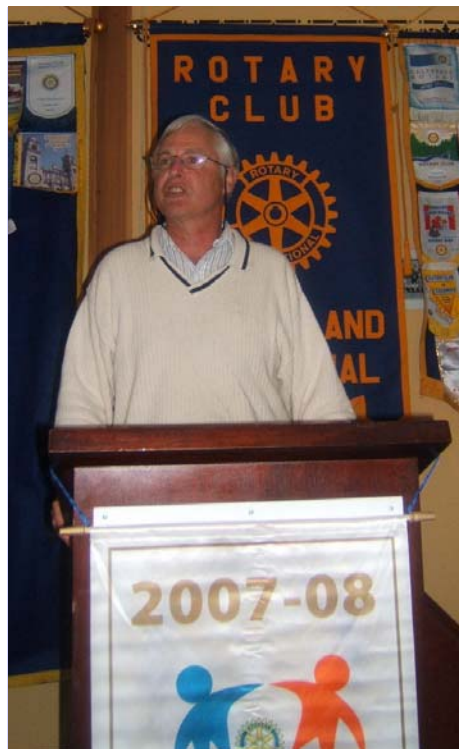
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Comox Valley Land Trust



Our guest speaker last week was Brian Conroy, a member of the Board of Directors of the Comox Valley Land Trust. Brian outlined that the purpose of his talk was to explain the purpose and work of the Comox Valley Land Trust. The Trust is a not-for-profit body that manages covenants on lands entrusted to them to ensure that the wishes of the owners are respected in perpetuity. Their focus is on maintaining the natural state and ecology of properties so entrusted. He gave several examples of times that the trust spoke out and influenced authorities to preserve historical sites and the heritage

of the communities of the Comox Valley as they provided benefit to the people of the community. Their oversight involves agricultural lands, recreational trails, riparian areas, the Comox Bluffs, for example. He mentioned the protection that they provide extends to taking people to court who violate the covenants held in trust. He described the project to establish the mine site in the Cumberland Forest as an attraction and the need to make safe a large, 10-foot diameter ventilation shaft that is open near the trail in the area. He outlined the disparity in what are considered greenways. Railroad rights-of-way that are no longer used are natural for the establishment of nature trails. <http://www.cvlandtrust.org/>

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.
- A reminder that 2007-2008 dues are now due. See treasurer John to make arrangements for installment payments if you wish.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** needs to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. Linda has a new 3-part form to be used when an item for the event is obtained. **Remember—One form for each item.** Linda will store items until the auction so please make sure that she gets them. **Please do not leave items you obtain at The Miner's Café—we do not have the room.** Everyone to canvass potential donors. Gale volunteered to prepare a catalogue of auction items. Thanks, Gale.
- President Keith encouraged all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. Don't just invite someone—bring someone.
- John C reminded everyone that he will pay all fines levied at the next meeting for the first person who calls or e-mails him after discovering a typo or error in the latest issue of The Miner's Lamp.
- 2007—2008 club directories: Available from John C if you don't already have your copies.
- President Keith reported that he has had assurances that the "Welcome to Cumberland: sign project is a go. More to follow.
- Chip Ross announced that his club and the RC of Kakamega have been successful in receiving approval for a joint project to fund the education of 6 young people for the next four years.

Today's Speaker (10 July): Deborah—Boys and Girls Club

July Greeters: Bill Armstrong and John Challenger

Greeters' Duties: Arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room—hang banners, arrange flags, guest register, bell and gavel, name tag box, place sandwich board on sidewalk, greet everyone as people arrive and hand out badges, help with visitors' name tags and make-up cards. At end of meeting, return room to original condition by putting everything away—please don't leave the sandwich board on the sidewalk after the meeting.

Rotary Moment



What Paul Harris Said

“When it was thus made known to the world that Rotary was an ethical movement, the true significance of the classification system was realized as it had not been before. We had a piece of machinery of which at first, we had not foreseen what would be the ultimate use. Now we saw it – that the classified (person) of Rotary should be he interpreter of the ideal of service above self, in business and the professions. We sought, thereupon, to widen our area in every direction, not only to get the largest number of members in each Club...but to get as many Clubs in the country as we could organize. We went ahead with Rotary organization, because we knew it was capable of doing something really for the good of the community.”

-extract from the minutes of 'History of Chicago Rotary Committee' (April 16 1931) quoted in Past Rotary International Vice-President Frank Lamb in "The Meaning of Rotary"

As we began a new Rotary year on July 1st, it seems obvious that our new President, Wilf Wilkinson, sees the Rotary movement in much the same terms as his predecessor did, decades before. Wilf emphasised that our Rotary movement is an ETHICAL movement during his address to the RI Convention last week. Business, Professional and Community leaders will be attracted to our movement because of our ethical values. Our classification system can and does allow Rotarians to become better leaders in business, the professions and community through our Four Way test, community service and through our ethical code.

Wilf notes that:

"Our commitment to vocational service has always been an important part of Rotary too. And, through my presidential year in 2007-08, it will become even more important. Rotary connects people who share these special values."

And if this teaches us anything, it teaches us that Rotarians care because Rotary Shares.

Anniversary

Linda and Dave celebrated their anniversary on 3 July. Please pass on your best wishes.

Attendance

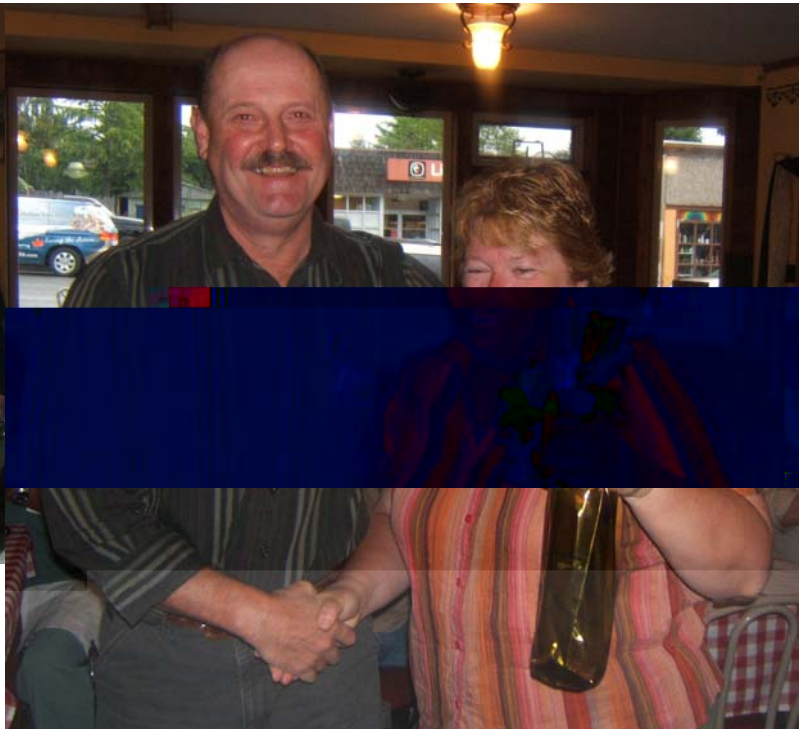
Fourteen Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, and Ron Nethercutt of the RC of Clark Centennial in the Philippines and Chair of ROTI. Brian Conroy was a guest of the club and our speaker.

Parting Shots



President Keith and Ron Nethercutt exchanged banners. Ron is a member of the RC of Clark Centennial in the Philippines and Chair of Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI)

www.roti.org



PP Dave presented a token of his thanks to Program Director Jill for the great job she did lining up speakers during the past year. Well done, Jill!



PP Dave presented past Sergeant-at-Arms Rob with a token of thanks and a porcelain statuette of a Sherriff for his duties last year.

Chuckle Corner The Broken Mower

When our lawn mower broke and wouldn't run, my wife kept hinting to me that I should get it fixed. But, somehow I always had something else to take care of first, the truck, the car, playing golf - always something more important to me. Finally she thought of a clever way to make her point. When I arrived home one day, I found her seated in the tall grass, busily snipping away with a tiny pair of sewing scissors. I watched silently for a short time and then went into the house. I was gone only a minute, and when I came out again I handed her a toothbrush. I said, "When you finish cutting the grass, you might as well sweep the driveway." The doctors say I will walk again, but I will always have a limp.