



The Miner's Lamp

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

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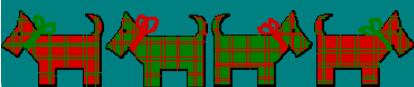
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December is Family of Rotary Month

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**This is a time of year to share,
to show those we love how much we care,
Whether they are big or they are small,
Family and friends are the very best gifts of all.**



Indonesia and British Columbia



The Consul General of the Republic of Indonesia, Mr. Bunyan Saptomo, and members of his staff made a presentation on their country. Indonesia is the largest archipelagic country in the world. It is made up of 17,508 islands, the main ones being Kalimantan, Sumatra, Sulawesi and Java, the

island inhabited by nearly half of the population of 220 Million people representing 480 ethnic groups who speak 583 languages and dialects. In addition to the great diversity of cultures, we learned about the great diversity and strength of the Indonesian economy, which includes a wide variety of natural resource industries, manufacturing and tourism. Indonesia is particularly interested in continuing to develop a strong trading relationship with our part of Canada. www.indonesiavancouver.org



Our program also included a presentation by our own MLA, the Minister of Tourism, Sports and the Arts, Stan Hagen. Due to a time limit imposed on him by his schedule, Mr. Hagen restricted his comments to tourism and the need for BC to re-design the product, in particular first nations' culture and the effects of the 2010 Winter Olympics on promoting BC. It is estimated that 3 Billion people will watch the games worldwide.

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.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for a train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- Don't forget that we have 2 Cumberland families referred to us by the Salvation Army for Christmas hampers this year. Linda has sent a message to everyone with details of items/cash requested. Linda needs money for gifts by Friday, 7 Dec. Foodstuffs nlt Friday, 14 Dec. Both may be dropped off at Linda and Dave's at 2157 Dunsmuir.
- PDG Joan Firkins has asked us to consider nominating a DG for 2010-11. Qualifications include having served as a club president, be a member in good standing, have served as a Rotarian for at least 7 years. Please pass suggestions to President Keith for onward transmission to PDG Joan before the end of Dec.
- President Keith mentioned the generous donation of \$100M from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to Rotary International to help eradicate polio. See Rotary Moment on Page 3 for details.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria.
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June.
- District PR Committee launching a project. Anyone interested contact president Keith.
- Jill looking for judges (3 Rotarians) to judge Cumberland Christmas parades. Contact Jill for further.
- Dodie reminded us of the request for hotel soap, shampoo, etc for homeless people.
- President Keith's business received a \$200 honourarium for his lighted truck. He has donated the funds to Santa's Workshop. As a result of the truck's participation in the Courtenay Christmas parade, it was selected as the People's Choice and Cumberland Ready Mix received \$700 in food vouchers from Quality Foods, which Keith has passed to Linda for a possible additional two families. \$800 worth of golfing vouchers from Crown Isle will be donated to our dinner auction.
- Paul Vroom announced the cancer research fundraiser being run by the ski patrol and Mt Washington on 14 December. http://donate.bccancerfoundation.com/site/TR?fr_id=1330&pg=entry
- **Speaker (11 December): Hamish Murray - Meteorologist - 19 Wing**

December Greeters: Steven Baird and John Challender

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.

Rotary Moment

Rotary International and Gates Foundation Together Commit \$200 Million to Eradicate Polio

On 26 November 2007, Rotary International announced a partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that will inject a much-needed US\$200 million into the global campaign to eradicate polio, a crippling and sometimes fatal disease that still paralyzes children in parts of Africa, Asia and the Middle East and threatens children everywhere. The Rotary Foundation has received a \$100-million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary will raise funds to match, dollar-for-dollar, over three years. Rotary will spend the initial \$100 million within one year in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), a partnership spearheaded by the World Health Organization (WHO), Rotary International, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF. "The extraordinary dedication of Rotary members has played a critical role in bringing polio to the brink of eradication," says Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. "Eradicating polio will be one of the most significant public health accomplishments in history, and we are committed to helping reach that goal." The polio eradication grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest grant received by Rotary in its 102-year history. Polio eradication has been Rotary's top priority since 1985. Since then, Rotary has contributed \$633 million to the eradication effort. "Rotary members worldwide have worked very hard over the years to reach this point, and it is rewarding to see our approach validated in such a significant way by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation," says Dr. Robert Scott, who leads Rotary's polio eradication effort and chairs The Rotary Foundation, the not-for-profit charitable arm of Rotary that will administer the grant.

Adds Rotary International President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson: "This endorsement of Rotary's polio eradication efforts by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is just the catalyst and challenge Rotary

Parting Shots

AG Kim Sleno presented John C with PHS flag.

President Keith presented a cheque for