

The Miner's Lamp

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Rotary clubs, under the Board's leadership, conduct a semi-annual review of membership, PR, Foundation and other goals including a progress report on projects.

Billy Strachan

William "Billy" Strachan was our welcome guest speaker on Tuesday. Billy, who is well known to our club, is our Rotary ambassadorial scholar. He will be attending the University of the South Pacific in Fiji for the next year to obtain an MBA. Billy completed his



degree in conflict resolution at the University of Ottawa with top marks and will be embarking on a new adventure as he expands his knowledge. During his talk, Billy explained how the Object of Rotary and the mission of the Rotary Foundation have had a significant influence on his approach to his life ahead. He provided some anecdotes on people he met in Uganda who were dealing with the loss of loved ones due to AIDS-related illnesses and how they were being helped by the Stephen Lewis Foundation, which Billy has helped support through his initiative known as "A Day For Africa". Billy mentioned that A Day For Africa is going to be a part of the scene in Québec in 2011, having spread into several communities across the country since its inception. He also talked about his experiences as a member of Junior Team Canada.. See: <http://www adayforafrica.com/>

Announcements

Do one thing a day that scares you.

- 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: Due to a technical malfunction of his wake-up device, President Alan was unable to make the meeting so PP Steve filled the breach.
- John C mentioned the need to follow up with the Cumberland Recreation Department on the painting of the CR Hall.
- **January Greeters:** Steve Galbraith and .
- **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



Rotary Peace Scholars Named

The Rotary Peace Centers Committee recently awarded Fellowships to 83 applicants who will comprise the Centers tenth class. The average age of this tenth class of Rotary Peace Fellows is 32 years old and they average 7 years professional experience. The applicants are mostly mid-career professionals from 44 different countries and 44% are from low—income countries. We have graduated 537 Peace Fellows from the Centers since the first classes in 2002. We (Rotarians) believe the best way to build peace is to train a new generations of Peace Makers and we are doing that through the Rotary Peace Centers and our Peace Fellows. We believe that this is the Rotary program that, if nurtured, developed and creatively supported, has the best potential of any or our Rotary programs to change our world for the better. Rotary is making a contribution to a peaceful, just, and sustainable world. The goal of the Centers Committee is to raise \$95 million dollars by 30 June 2015 to endow the centers and we've now reached US \$52(+) million of that goal. The extraordinary fact is that this US \$52 million (+) was raised from donations from only 350 Rotarians. Think about that. This is a small ... a very small group of Rotarians who have found a Foundation niche to support and have supported this initiative with an average gift approaching US \$150 thousand dollars. Peace is Possible! Source: Edward & Eddie Blender / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

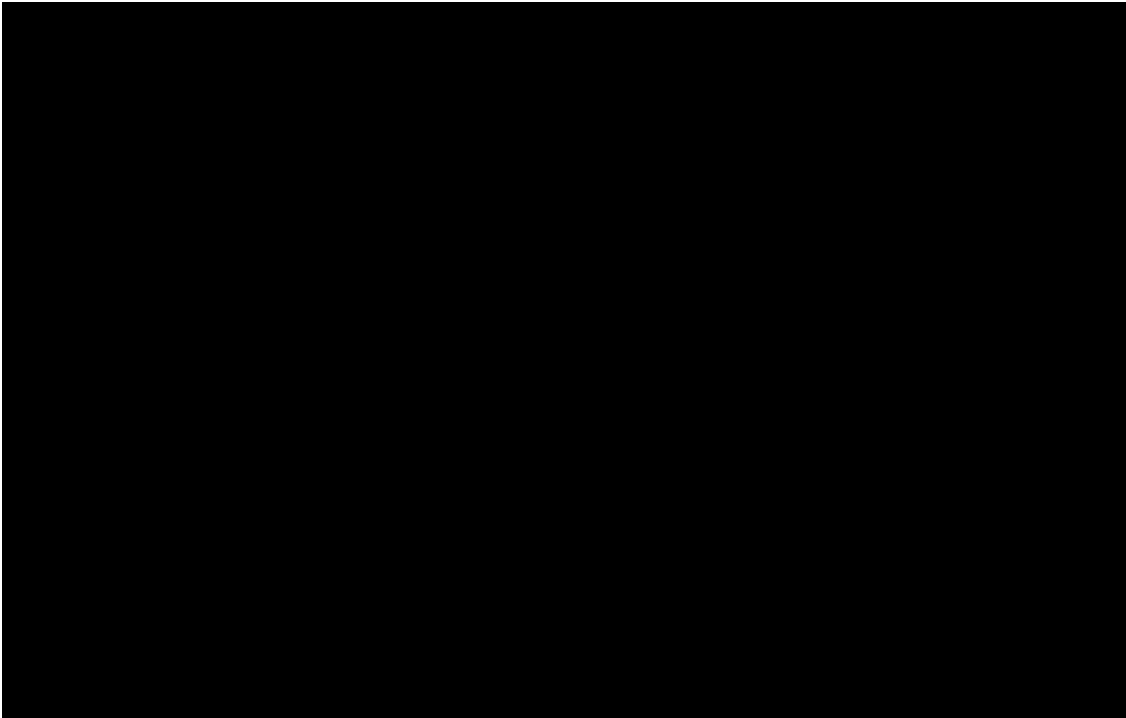
Attendance

Only 19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 4 January. We missed the company of: Leslie, Catherine, David B, Jill, President Alan, Robb, Mac, Debbie, Judythe, Liz, David S, Casper and Paul. Visiting Rotarian: Laurie Haines of the Rotary Club of Courtenay. Guests: Billy Strachan and Bayne Mann.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

Birthdays: 4 David Bossom, 10 Deb Nolan, 30 Robb Flannery. Anniversary: 30 Rob and Margaret Neal. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



The link to the latest Rotary Leader was sent to everyone. Worth reading and learning of the impact of the 200,000 women of Rotary who are now represented in 80.5% of the clubs.

January Programs

11 Comox Valley Conservation Strategy 18 Club Assembly 25 Mexican Project

Chuckle Corner

