



The Miner's Lamp

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No. 6 Mine Park

August is Rotary Membership and Extension Month

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August is the month that all Rotarians focus on their duty to share Rotary by inviting non-Rotarians to attend meetings to learn about Rotary and to become Rotarians as well as starting new clubs (Extension).



Ron and Cindy Bannerman, who will be celebrating their fortieth wedding anniversary this week, and work very well as a team devoted to one another, were our guest speakers last week. Cindy summarized a brief history of the No 6 Mine, which was considered to be an unlucky mine because of the large number of deaths that occurred during its operation. The park is located at the location of the mine and honours the 304 miners who were killed during the operation of all the coal mines in the area. No. 6 Mine was opened in 1901 and 64 miners were killed that year, the first deaths recorded in any of the mines. In 1903, 15 miners were killed and in 1917 another 3 miners lost their lives. About 10 years ago, a No. 6 Mine Heritage Park committee decided to clean up the site and convert it into an attraction in the Village. Many hours of dedicated, volunteer labour by a number of people, has turned the site into an attractive destination for tourists and community members alike. Ron highlighted the many donations that have been received, the involvement and support of the Village Council and the addition of physical features that help educate visitors about Cumberland's industrial past. One major feature on the "wish list" is the erection of a tippie and Ron asked us to consider helping.

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. Jill suggested that someone else would like to get involved and eventually take over the responsibilities she has executed so well during the past few years.
- Our 2008 - 2009 Club Directory is now available—two copies each — see John C. This hard copy booklet is designed as a quick reference for phone numbers, addresses and e-mail addresses. The website: www.rotarycc.org has more information and is password protected.
- President Linda and Jill Cornwell helped Cumberland May Queen Elizabeth during her participation in the Nautical Days Parade on Monday.
- Board meeting on Thursday, 14 August at 7:15 AM at island Timberframe.
- Next Club Assembly - 19 August. Anatol's family will be attending with Anatol's friend Stefan.
- President Linda reminded us that 200 donations is our target for our Extravaganza Italiana. Debbie has received about 50 replies to her request for information about donors that members will contact/have contacted. President Linda only counts donations that are physically "in hand" and she has set a deadline of 11 October for that process to be completed. Dave read out some ideas he had received for auction items from Peg Challenger. Contact Dave if you weren't at the meeting and need ideas.
- Big Time Out pancake breakfast in the Village Square on Sunday, 17 August, 8 AM to 11 AM. 15 volunteers will be needed. Dodie will advise people of their duties. A sign up sheet was circulated. Set up at 6 AM and clean up following. Funds to community school drama program. We plan to serve 500 breakfasts. Dave Stevens volunteered to pick up the grill, etc, which we are borrowing from the Sunrise Club and is stored at South Side Mechanical—contact Larry Rennison 250-334-3344.
- There will be a work party in the orchard on Wednesday, 20 August at 6:30 PM for about an hour. The Wave features burger night every Wednesday if anyone would like to meet there around 5 PM for a bite before the work party.
- Victoria area Rotary clubs will be hosting Rotary International President DK Lee and Rotarian Tom Henderson, Founder and CEO of ShelterBox on 12 September at 12 Noon at the Delta Ocean Pointe, Victoria. \$75 per person with a tax receipt for \$40. Call 1 800 677-0900 or email don@shelterbox.ca for tickets or to reserve full tables or visit www.shelterbox.ca
- Keith and Stefan are organizing a car rally for the club on either Saturday, 6 September or Sunday, 7 September. If anyone would like to help, contact either of these Rotarians. More details to follow.
- **Program 12 August:** Linda Parker—Good Vibrations
- **August Greeters:** David Bossom and Dodie Brand
- **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



Thailand Peace Studies Program Becomes Permanent

By Diana Schoberg

Call it a step toward a lasting peace -- or a lasting peace program at least.

The Rotary Foundation has announced that the peace and conflict studies program at Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok, Thailand, will become a permanent peace education initiative.

The three-month professional development certificate program began in 2006 as a three-year pilot aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals working for government and nongovernmental organizations in need of a shorter program than the two-year peace studies master's degrees offered at the other six Rotary Centers for International Studies .

The certificate and master's degree options will now be integrated into one program. Applicants will be able to use the same application to apply for all seven of the peace studies centers, and administration of the master's and certificate programs will be streamlined.

While the Rotary Center at Chulalongkorn University will continue to offer two sessions -- January to April and June to August -- applications for both sessions will now be due on 1 July, at the same time as the master's degree option.

—Source: *Rotary International News* Courtesy: *eFlash_Rotary*

Attendance

14 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder and Blaine Douglas of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Kurt's sister, Carol Nielsen, who is planning to move to the Comox Valley and Ron and Cindy Bannerman, our guest speakers. Anatol was also in attendance and is hardly a guest, more like a member of our family.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 4: President Linda, 9: Rob Neal, and 28: Jill Cornwell. Anniversaries: 1: Angie and Alan deJersey, 7: Kathy and David Stevens, 16: Doreen and Mac Fraser and 24: Brenda and Robb Flannery. Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

Parting Shots



Past President Dave collecting “Happy Bucks” from a very happy group of Rotarians and our guests.

Chuckle Corner

When Insults Had Class!

The exchange between Churchill & Lady Astor: She said, "If you were my husband, I'd give you poison," and he said, "If you were my wife, I'd drink it."

A member of Parliament to Disraeli: "Sir, you will either die on the gallows or of some unspeakable disease." "That depends, Sir," said Disraeli, "whether I embrace your policies or your mistress."

"He had delusions of adequacy." - Walter Kerr

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire" - Winston Churchill

"A modest little person, with much to be modest about." - Winston Churchill

"I have never killed a man, but I have read many obituaries with great pleasure." Clarence Darrow