



The Miner's Lamp

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RYE Conference 2008

February is World Understanding Month

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One of the main objects of Rotary is the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional leaders united in the ideal of service.



Following a long day, which began for some of these young people as early as 4:00 AM, forty-three Rotary Youth Exchange students arrived at the Westerly Hotel on Wednesday evening. Following a "grand entry" of the students carrying their countries' flags and the taking of many, many pictures, followed by the formalities of national anthems and the invocation, everyone enjoyed a delicious meal. The conference is an annual event that has been hosted by Comox Valley Rotarians for 17 years. A few students provided entertainment, which showcased their skills as magicians, singers and instrumentalists. All four clubs were well represented and we kept our end up with the number of students our members hosted; Mac and Doreen alone hosted three students. A great group of young people will enjoy a busy program by spending Thursday (6:00 AM ferry) in Powell River, Friday on Mount Washington for fun in the snow, Saturday exploring the Comox Valley and learning about our First Nations heritage with a rocking dance that evening. On Sunday, tired but happy, all the students will begin their journeys home to their host communities and school on Monday.

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 train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International from 15 to 18 June and encourages attendees to consider joining him. www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx for more information on the convention and to register online. Visit: <http://www.rotary5020.org/riconinfo.php> for information about travel with DG Norm via AMTRAK.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- Cumberland will hold its Heritage Faire on 23 February and we'll set up a table.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria. www.rotary5020.org
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. www.rotary5020.org
- Wheelchair Foundation forms are available in the club cabinet. See John C for details.
- Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets and to reserve seats. cvas4@shaw.ca
- DG Norm Watts has announced that our DG for 2010-2011 will be Bob Martin from the RC of Gig Harbour, WA.
- Katimavik will work in our orchard on 1 March to raise money for A Day for Africa.
- Club Directory Correction: Ken Dunsire's e-mail address should read: ken@comoxvalleydodge.com
- **Speaker (12 February): Oliver Watson—EMCON**

February Greeters: John Challender and Jamie Edwards

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



Make Dreams Real

Part I of the speech given by Dong Kurn Lee RI President-Elect to the World's DGEs

The moment when I learned of my nomination to be president of Rotary International was one of the most exciting and joyful moments of my life. I think this is true for every RI president and for everyone who is elected to a Rotary office for the first time. There is a feeling of great happiness, great honour, and great anticipation. There is also an understanding that your life will never be the same again. In the long term, I know I will be forever changed by the experiences I will have as president. And in the short term, I know that the responsibilities that I face, now and in the year ahead, will be unlike any I have faced before.

This is also true for all of you, as new district governors. There is so much that each of us can do as Rotarians. All of us have been in Rotary long enough to know and understand Rotary's power. Alone, we might be able to help individuals here and there, to make small changes, to help in small ways. Together, our abilities are stronger. Together, we really can make a lasting difference on a global scale. Together, there is no limit to what we can accomplish. But when we truly understand the power that we have through Rotary, we must also understand that with this kind of potential comes tremendous responsibility. In each of our clubs, every year, we Rotarians decide how best to use the resources that we have: our time, our skills, and our funds. These decisions are not always easy or obvious. They are not simple questions of right or wrong. They are complicated questions of who needs our help the most and whom we can help the best. We want to use our resources efficiently, to maximize the good that we can do. Often, we are drawn toward needs that our hearts will not allow us to ignore. We aim always to strike a balance, to find the projects that will give the maximum benefit for our Rotary investment. We know that if we make our decisions well — if we do our research and understand the needs and are wise and careful with our resources — we will do the most good with everything that we have. That is our responsibility as Rotary leaders: to do the most good we can and to inspire other Rotarians to do the same. In the end, the responsibility for successful service projects lies with each individual club. But it is the job of the district governors and senior leaders to guide, to motivate, and to encourage our clubs to focus their efforts wisely. And it is my responsibility as president-elect to choose the year's theme and service emphases, which help to channel and define the work of the year ahead. Like the project decisions of individual clubs, a president-elect's choice of emphases is a very serious matter. It is one that I spent many months considering. I thought carefully about the emphases of past presidents and looked at some of the many projects that these emphases had inspired. Water, literacy, health and hunger — these are the categories of Rotary service that have endured now for several years and with good reason. These are the areas in which local Rotary clubs, working individually and in cooperation with other clubs, can do the most good. They are areas in which we now have many years' experience and expertise. They are areas of wise Rotary investment. They are areas that let us do the most good with everything that we have. I knew with my mind that these were the emphases we should continue. (part II next week)

Attendance

14 Cumberland Rotarians, 6 spouses and Bayne Jr attended the Rotary Youth Exchange Conference dinner meeting on 6 February at the Westerly.

February Birthdays (no one in our club was married in this month)

8 Wayne Giroday, 23 Dodie Brand, 25 Jamie Edwards. Best wishes to all of you. Also, Rotary will be 103 years old on 23 February.

Parting Shots



Some of the Rotarians and spouses who represented our club on Wednesday evening.

Chuckle Corner

Forgotten something?



“The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.”- Mark Twain

Cumberland Centennial Rocks!