



# The Miner's Lamp

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**January is  
Rotary  
Awareness  
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**Rotarians are encouraged to raise awareness about Rotary in their communities through their family members, friends and associates and through the media.**

## Aspects of the World Financial Situation



Dan Phillipson gave a short presentation on the current global financial situation with an analysis of past and future trends. Key points were

- The recent financial crisis will have a profound impact on economics, financial markets and how individuals invest.
- This was a crisis of the system, not at the periphery.
- Historical themes such as globalization, easy and widespread access to leverage, reduced government involvement are less relevant today.
- DDR (De-leveraging, de-globalization, de-regulation) is the present/future.
- Government role has changed from being solely a Referee to a Referee and a Player.

Historical implications: Slower growth; shift of center of growth to the east; lower profits; greater volatility; market surprises.

## Smokey Mountain Project

In the shadow of the Smokey Mountain garbage dump in the middle of one of the world's worst slums, families are scavenging to survive. Inspired by their basketball coach Scotty Mac, who lives part of the year in the Phillipines, Jamie and Madie Ehman together with Dad Greg came to tell us about the project that have initiated to try to help families living under these conditions.

Madie and Jamie have decorated large cardboard containers and plan to fill them with soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, combs, books and school supplies. You may drop off items at Aspen Park Elementary School or bring them to next Tuesday meeting. Planning to work with local Rotarians in the Phillipines and rotary connections in Canada, Madie and Jamie hope to get these hampers to delivered to children in this area.



## Announcements

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." - C. S. Lewis

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers:  
[jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- **From President Steve:**

We received a thank you letter from the hamper recipients.

Reminder about the Ukrainian New Year Party at Keith and Joanne Tatton, on Wednesday 13th January 6-9. Their address is (250) 332-3172, 3785 Turnbull Rd Courtenay BC V9N 9R5

- **January Greeters:** Leslie Baird and Catherine Bell.
- **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 Moments

### **The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program**



The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for businesspeople and professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 who are in the early stages of their careers. The program provides travel grants for teams to exchange visits in paired areas of different countries. For four to six weeks, team members experience the host country's culture and institutions, observe how their vocations are practiced abroad, develop personal and professional relationships, and exchange ideas.

In a typical four-week tour, applicants participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club

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presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families.



## How to make up a missed meeting

A club member must attend or make up at least 50 percent of regular club meetings in each half of the year (though some clubs may have more stringent requirements). Any missed meetings must be made up within 14 days of a regular meeting. If traveling, club members are encouraged to visit clubs in the new area to make up a missed meeting.

Check the Official Directory or use the Club Locator to get meeting and contact information. Be sure to call or e-mail before you show up for a meeting.

## The Rotary Foundation

The mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

The Foundation is a not-for-profit corporation supported solely by voluntary contributions from Rotarians and friends of the Foundation who share its vision of a better world.

Contributions to Rotary Foundation funds enable Rotarians to carry out humanitarian and educational projects.

Donors may direct their gifts to three main funds: the [Annual Programs Fund](#), which supports the Foundation's humanitarian, educational, and cultural exchange programs worldwide; the [Permanent Fund](#), which provides an endowment; and the [PolioPlus Fund](#).

## Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 5 January. Visiting Rotarians: George Smyth of RC of Courtenay, Elmer Phillipson, Paul Vroom, Chip Ross, Michael Syer of RC of Strathcona Sunrise.

Guests: Greg, Madie and Jamie Ehman (speakers), Dan Phillipson (speaker) with Marta and David Phillipson, and Penny Vroom.

## Anniversaries & Birthdays in January

Anniversaries: 30 Margaret and Rob Neal. Birthdays: 4 David Bossom, 10 Deborah Nolan, 30 Robb Flannery. Our best wishes to everyone.



## Passing Shot

Good conversation and fellowship at last years “Guess Who’s Coming for Dinner?”

Have you signed up yet?

## January Programs

- 12 – Jerry Feniak – Rotary ShelterBox
- 19 – Club Assembly
- 26 – MLA Don McRae

## Chuckle Corner

### 12 Step Program Of Recovery For Web Addicts

- I will have a cup of coffee in the morning and read my PAPER newspaper like I used to, before the Web.
- I will eat breakfast with a knife and fork and not with one hand typing.
- I will get dressed before noon.
- I will make an attempt to clean the house, wash clothes, and plan dinner before even thinking of the Web.
- I will sit down and write a letter to those unfortunate few friends and family that are Web-deprived.
- I will call someone on the phone who I cannot contact via the Web.
- I will read a book... if I still remember how.
- I will listen to those around me about their needs and stop telling them to turn the TV down so I can hear the music on the Web.
- I will not be tempted during TV commercials to check for email.
- I will try and get out of the house at least once a week, if it is necessary or not.

