



The Miner's Lamp

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May Has no Particular Theme

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Since the month of May has no particular theme in the world of Rotary, why not consider making it the second month of the year that we focus on the Rotary Foundation? We could consider ways that we can help meet the challenge accepted by Rotary International in light of the generous \$255 Million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help end polio. Every bit helps.

Champion Mountain Biker



Simon Garstin, downhill mountain bike racer extraordinaire was our speaker on Tuesday. Our club helped Simon with his expenses so he could attend the Canadian Championships in Quebec and compete with 200 other athletes in Italy where

he was named top North American competitor. Simon explained the rigorous training regime he follows and the many competitions that he faces over the next several months. He built his own training trail at the base of Mount Washington to provide himself with the challenges he needs to become better and better. Simon is now a member of a sponsored team and told us about the new (value ~ \$10,000) bike that he has been given as a team member. Simon will be 19 years old in June and is a remarkable young athlete whom we were proud to support. Simon will be raising more funds to help defray some of his expenses. See:

http://cvmtb.com/blogs/racing_events/archive/tags/Simon+Garstin/default.aspx

Announcements

We all pray for it before it comes, then blame it when it arrives. Old age is a debt we like to be owed, not one we like to collect ~Menecrates, born in 340 BCE in Ephesus

- 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 Linda (via PP Keith)**: The club has received an invitation to attend the May Queen Luncheon on Monday, 18 May. Please let Linda know if you'd like to attend. Next Board meeting at 7:15 Am on Thursday, 7 May, at Island Timber Frame, thank you Stefan for hosting. Laramie Ferguson announced details of the dinner her club is holding at the



School on 7 May to raise money for the Tegucigalpa Market Children. Tickets: \$25 for adults, \$15 for students and \$10 for children 12 and under. RCMP Ball on 9 May, all proceeds to CV Hospice Society. Installation Dinner tickets now available from PP Keith for \$30 per person.



This important celebration of another year of service will be held at the Kingfisher Resort and Spa.

Cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 7 PM. No host bar. Great barbecue menu and dining outdoors, weather permitting. Dress: smart casual. A must-attend event.

- John C announced Billy Strachan's success in the Ambassadorial Scholarship application process. He was successful at the District level!
- **Program 12 May:** Laura Holland - Experience at RYLA
- **May Greeters:** Alan deJersey and Cathe Egan
- **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



The Rotarian Magazine Takes Silver in 2009 EXCEL Awards

Rotary International News -- 28 April 2009

April was Magazine Month in the Rotary World and [The Rotarian](#) magazine was recognized by industry leaders for its exceptional work in association publishing.

The October, November, and December 2008 issues won the Society of National Association Publications' esteemed EXCEL Silver Award in General Excellence for publications with a circulation of more than 100,000.

The [EXCEL Awards](#) honour and represent the best in publishing products of the association industry and is the pinnacle of peer recognition.

The winning issues were the first to feature *The Rotarian's* new cover design, approach to layouts, and refinements to the front and back sections.

Attendance

Only 15 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 5 May. Visiting Rotarians: Bob Thiesburger and George Smyth of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Laramie Ferguson of the Interact Club of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, Mike Stefan, Chantal's spouse and Simon Garstin, our guest speaker.

Birthdays in May (No Anniversaries)

7 John Jones, 24 Mac Fraser, 27 Keith Tatton. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot

EMPIRE WEEK

Saturday May 9

Cinch Tournament CRI hall
Doors open 6:30pm Game 7:00pm
Entry fee \$5.00

Wednesday May 13

Fashion Show CRI hall
Doors open 6:00pm Show starts 7:00pm
Tickets \$5.00

Saturday May 16

Pancake Breakfast 9:00am
Vendors on Dunsmuir Avenue 10:00-4:00pm
Soap Box Derby
Dunsmuir Avenue at 1st.
10:00am Free to all children
Dance CRI hall
Music by Velvet featuring Kuba Oms
Doors open 8:00pm Dance 9:00-12:00pm
Tickets \$15 Children 12 and under free

Sunday May 17 Village Park

Beer Garden 12:00-5:00pm
Entertainment on Stage
Legends of the May Pole 1:00pm
Old Time Soccer Game 2:00pm

Monday May 18 Parade Day

Legion Pancake Breakfast 7:00-10:00am Cost \$5.00
Parade Dunsmuir Avenue 10:00
Crowning of the May Queen following the parade
Beer Garden 12:00-4:00pm
Entertainment on Stage following ceremony



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Chuckle Corner

KNITTING

A highway patrolman pulled alongside a speeding car on the freeway. Glancing at the car, he was astounded to see that the driver was knitting!

Realizing that the driver was oblivious to his flashing lights and siren, the trooper cranked down his window, turned on his bullhorn and yelled, 'PULL OVER!'

'NO!' was the reply, "IT'S A SCARF!"