

The Miner's Lamp

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We receive the Rotarian every month to connect us with our fellow Rotarians around the world. Several other Rotary magazines, in many languages, are read by others in many countries. Stay informed. Read the Rotarian every month!

Comox Valley Youth Music Centre



Bob Wells, President of CYMC (Comox Valley Youth Music Centre) and President Elect of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Bob provided an overview of the successful 2009 program

including the taking RENT on the road to Duncan and Victoria. The 2010 season begins on 3 July with the three-week Musical Theatre Program. On 4 July, the Classical program (two weeks) starts and Jazz returns on 18 July for two weeks. There has been a Rotary connection with CYMC since Adventures in Music was started by the Sunrise club in 2000. Now that CYMC has exclusive use of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, life will be simpler and the parents of local students who are supported by Rotary sponsorship will be asked to host a student "from away". www.cymc.ca

Announcements

Everyone hears what you say. Friends listen to what you have to say. Best friends listen to what you don't say.



- 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 Steve:**

- We are invited to attend the 35th Anniversary celebration of the Comox Valley Child Development Association, 237 Third Street, Courtenay, on Wednesday, 21 April from 3 to 5PM to partake of anniversary cupcakes, tea and coffee. 122nd Anniversary of Empire Days in Cumberland 13 - 21 May - theme: Salute to Friends, Family and Community. Our own Rob Neal will be organizing the parade. Great to see Leslie and Kim at the meeting.
- Linda reported on the sellout of 140 rhodos at the Driftwood Mall on Saturday, 3 April. Funds to ShelterBox. She thanked Kathy, David, Charlie, Peg and John for potting the rhodos on 31 March. More potting work parties will be organized in the near future. Contact Charlie at: 250-338-0452 if you'd like to help pot.
- Liz thanked all the hosts and hostesses for accommodating the many changes to the GWCTD evening last month.
- Bob Wells announced that the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise's Skyrocket sale was a sellout with a gross of \$25,000!
- Deb's family has added a black Lab to its household.
- Liz distributed signup sheets for the visit to Marine Harvest. Leaving from Campbell River on Wednesday, 14 April at 10 AM. Contact Liz for further information ASAP. liz@phillipson.org
- **April Greeters:** Kurt Nielsen and Jon Toogood
- **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

\$200 Million Challenge



John F. Germ, vice chair of The Rotary Foundation Trustees and chair of Rotary's \$200 Million Challenge Committee, announced that Rotarians have raised \$115.6 million toward the challenge, and stressed that the fundraising effort is as important as ever. "The polio eradication campaign is the largest public health campaign the world has ever seen. We can do it, we must do it, because we have promised the children of the world that we would do it."

Penny LeGate, an independent producer and freelance journalist shared personal stories from her participation in immunization drives in Ethiopia and India. "I just can't explain the feeling I have when I hold that baby in my arms and I know that child will not get polio," LeGate said.

She also shared the heartbreak of finding a girl, Minakshi, in India who had contracted polio. Volunteers had to explain to the girl's mother that they did not have any medicine that could cure her. LeGate urged Rotarians to consider taking part in an immunization drive, adding that she hoped the drives would not be needed much longer as progress toward polio eradication continued. "You will see firsthand why eradication is the very heart and soul of Rotary." ~ Source : Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 6 April. Visiting Rotarians: Archie Kasirer of the RC of Ottawa Bytown, Laury Haines of the RC of Courtenay and Bob Wells, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Elke Bibby of Cumberland and Charlie Sallis, spouse of Kim Sleno.

Anniversaries and Birthdays in April

Anniversaries: 25 Marguerite and Jon Toogood, 26 Joanne and Keith Tatton.

Birthdays: 7 Cathe Egan and Alan deJersey, 10 John Challender. Our best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots

Rhodo Sale - Saturday, 3 April at the Driftwood Mall



Rotarians and spouses turned out in good numbers to sell the 142 rhodos that had been potted up on 31 March. David and David and Kathy and John Jones also pitched in to help the Strathcona Rotarians load 30 litre bags of Skyrocket. Linda quarterbacked the whole, successful event for our club. Great partnership between our sponsoring club and ourselves. The 5,000 bags of Skyrocket sold out and we sold all of the rhodos. Though it was cool and there was a brisk wind, the sun shone on us and made the day even better.

April Programs

13 - Dawn to Dusk Homeless Project

20 - Club Assembly presentation from Madeline Bams 27 - Eyes Around the World Project

Chuckle Corner

Big Mistake!!

