



# The Miner's Lamp

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## July - A New Rotary Year

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Rotary begins a new year this month. Highlights will include an official visit from DG Bob Martin and Jan Martin on 13 July.

## President Alan's First Meeting



President Alan thanked Past President Steve for his leadership during the past year and extended his thanks to all the Past Presidents who have led the club during the past five years. Alan outlined his vision that our club would continue to be an integral part of serving the community, grow by two members net, support the Rotary Foundation and have fun completing our projects in the community and the world.



Maureen Swift, President of the Comox Valley Hospice Society briefed us on the proposed change in approach to developing a ten-bed facility in the Valley. The Society has been in discussions with St Joseph's Hospital and their Foundation that will likely lead to the construction of a facility at St Joe's. Work to begin in a year.

## Announcements

Three things cannot long stay hidden: the sun, the moon and the truth. ~Buddha

- 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 Alan: The meeting opened with the singing of The Star Spangled Banner and O Canada in preparation for the visit on 13 July of DG Bob Martin and his wife, Jan. Brief meeting with the DG will follow the meeting. Letter from Marnie Obendorf, District Rotaplast Coordinator thanking our club for our support. AG Dale Roberts will retire in the next couple of months so anyone who has served as president is eligible for nomination to succeed. Regular Board Meeting on 15 July at 7 AM at Carmie's. Club Assembly 20 July. There are 87 days remaining until our Extravaganza Italiana 2010 on 2 October. Dave Stevens celebrates his birthday on 8 July, Linda and David celebrated their anniversary in 3 July and Kim and Charlie will celebrate their anniversary on 11 July.
- Kim will collect Canadian Tire money for the auction. She will convert the "money" into a gift card.
- Liz spoke of the Ladies' Garment Exchange and WiTjde8 Tw(P[C)4.8(a9(rt, )J471384151 0 TD-20005 Tc2

## Rotary Moment



### Rotary Fellowships - Join the Club

While leading a training session for incoming district governors in 2001, Conrad Heede, PDG of District 5790 (Texas), mentioned that he was planning on joining the Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship. He convinced 10 of the incoming governors to join with him. "What I didn't know at the time was that we doubled the membership," Heede laughs. At the time, there were 11 members in two countries. Today, there are more than 800 members in over 40 countries. Heede, now president of the fellowship and (perhaps not coincidentally) a member of the Rotary Club of Grapevine, says membership increased after the fellowship began hosting a booth at the RI Convention's House of Friendship every year. "When Rotarians read our sign, they get a grin on their face and come over," he says. Fellowship members talk wine, taste wine, and share wine, but they also have supported a number of service efforts with no discernible connection to the grape, including an avoidable blindness project in India, an irrigation project in Botswana, and a water project in New Mexico. The fellowship also has contributed more than \$35,000 toward polio eradication as part of Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. The Rotarians' Wine Appreciation Fellowship is one of more than 50 Rotary Fellowships that bring together Rotarians with shared interests. (Rotaractors and Rotarians' spouses can also become members.) Rotary Fellowships Month is celebrated in June.

### Attendance

25 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 6 July. Visiting Rotarians: Audrey Craig and Laurie Haines of the Rotary Club of Courtenay and Bayne Mann of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Maureen Swift, President of the CV Hospice Society, Terri Odeneal, Executive Director of the CV Hospice Society, Margaret Smith, Cathe's mother and Greg Ehman.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

Birthdays: 8 David Stevens, 13 Jon Toogood. Anniversaries: 3 Linda Oprica and David Muir, 11 Kim Sleno and Charlie Sallis, 28 Brad and Heather McKinnon. Best wishes to everyone.

## Parting Shots



Angela, Kim, Rosemary (leader) Fred and Greg. Bremen Town Hall Bremerhaven - looking at the turbines, the container ship and the cyclist. Photos from Greg's GSE adventure to Germany.

## July Programs

13 July - DG Bob Martin Official Visit

20 July - Club Assembly

27 July - 2010 RI Convention Report, David, John & Jon

## Chuckle Corner

### I Called the Other Day



**I called your house the other day and was told you were down at your favourite biker bar with some friends. I wasn't sure where that was, but was told I wouldn't have much trouble finding it. Sure enough, I drove just a couple blocks and there it was...**