



# The Miner's Lamp

Bringing the Light of Service to the Community and the World Through Rotary

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## Rotary Projects in Bulawayo

Our speaker last week was Rotarian Doug Ante who presented a video of the many projects that he has helped start in the countryside around Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. Lots of music and dancing to celebrate the improvements these projects have brought to the lives of the people.

## Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- President Keith thanked Linda for running the 30 October meeting and announced that the next board meeting will be held at The Miner's Café on Thursday, 15 November at 8 AM.
- Linda thanked everyone involved in the last meeting of the Extravaganza Italiana and in the organization of the event. Start planning for our 4th event on 18 October 2008.
- Christmas Cavalcade committee has asked Jill to be a member of the judging panel.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for a train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of RI and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- President Keith read a letter of thanks from the Salvation Army for our involvement in the Christmas Hamper program. The club agreed to participate this year. Linda volunteered to coordinate. He also read a letter of thanks from the Cumberland Lodge residents who attended our Extravaganza Italiana as guests of the club (tickets purchased by the pres)
- President Keith announced that Steve Baird, Robb Flannery and Liz Phillipson have been accepted as our newest Rotarians. Welcome!
- President Keith announced that we have been invited by the RC of Ottawa to sponsor a student to attend Adventures in Citizenship in the spring of 2008. Jon Toogood has taken charge of finding a student and acting as the club's representative in this matter.
- Dodie (Superwoman of Vancouver Island) announced that a spring in Ethiopia, funded by the clubs represented on her recent adventure, will be called the Fountain of Canada.
- Steve announced that Ann Janssen has agreed to represent our club on the Taiwanese Festival Committee.

**Speaker (13 November): Maj Birch— Mountaineer Avian Rescue**

**November Greeters: Kurt Nielsen and Rob Neal**

**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 after the meeting.

# Rotary Moment



## Why I Am a Rotarian: Dr. Edgar D. (Ted) Gifford

I am a Rotarian because on August 8, 1958 I telephoned the Rotary International Secretariat in Evanston, Illinois and spoke with Beth Maveety of the Extension Department about the possibility of organizing a Rotary club in La Grange, Illinois U.S.A. Miss Maveety told me she would inform District 644 Governor Mitchel P. Davis of my interest. I was inspired to make that call because my uncle a Perth Amboy, New Jersey Rotarian who had taken me to a meeting of his club in 1949, and my wife Caroline's father and grandfather had been president of the Manistee, Michigan, and charter member of the Red Creek, New York Rotary clubs respectively.

On September 3rd, 1958 District 644 Extension Chairman Thor Holter, and a former Rotarian and La Grange minister Russell Kerr, met in my dental office. Four weeks later 27 La Grange area business and professional men applied for a Rotary charter. After Past Rotary President Herbert J. Taylor spoke about "ROTARY PROGRESS WORLDWIDE" at our charter banquet on November 19, 1958 Chesley Perry (Rotary General Secretary 1910-42) addressed our club about Rotary history, and Australian Ambassadorial Scholar Brian Wiseman told us about his country and impressions of the U.S.A. during early weeks of our club's existence which made me realize what enriching and rewarding opportunities Rotary membership provides. For me it marked the onset of opportunities to assist others in our community, and opened a doorway for worldwide involvement and friendships with service-minded people. Why am I still a Rotarian after 47 years? Why do I continue to attend meetings and participate in other Rotary events? Because I enjoy the fellowship and good feeling that exists at meetings and other Rotary activities, but beyond that because I consider myself fortunate to be involved in a progressive organization that provides humanitarian services, encourages ethical vocational standards, and promotes goodwill and peace.

Dr. Edgar D. (Ted) Gifford  
Charter President Rotary Club of La Grange 1958-'59  
District 644 Governor 1964-'65  
Director Rotary International 1981-'83

-Courtesy: eFlash\_Rotary

## Attendance

There were fourteen Cumberland Rotarians at our meeting last week. Visiting from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise were Rotarian Chip Ross and Tim Roth and Laurie Haines from the RC of Courtenay. Bayne N. Mann was a guest of his mom, Deb Nolan, and Mike Ante was a guest of John C. Doug Ante was our guest speaker.

## November Anniversaries and Birthday

Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann will celebrate their anniversary on 18 November and John And Peg Challender will celebrate theirs on 19 November. Stefan Pletscher will celebrate his birthday with family and friends on 25 November. We wish you all the very best on your special days.

# Parting Shot



Those who attended the meeting last week may recall mention of a club logo and the discussion that followed. Your editor apologizes for having no knowledge of its existence until after our meeting.

## Chuckle Corner

### QUOTES

"People say that money isn't the key to happiness but I figure if you have enough money you can have a key made." - Joan Rivers

"Have you ever noticed that anybody driving slower than you is an idiot and anyone going faster than you is a maniac?" - George Carlin

Why are women wearing perfumes that smell like flowers to attract men? Men don't like flowers. I wear a scent called "new car interior." - Rita Rudner

"I haven't got the slightest idea how to change people, but I keep a long list of prospective candidates just in case I should ever find it out." - David Sedaris

"My wife has tons of credit cards. She has so many magnetic strips in her wallet, her purse points north." - Peter Sasso

"I had my identity stolen a few months ago, and my credit actually improved. I'm dating now, have a new car. Life is good." - Steve Morris