

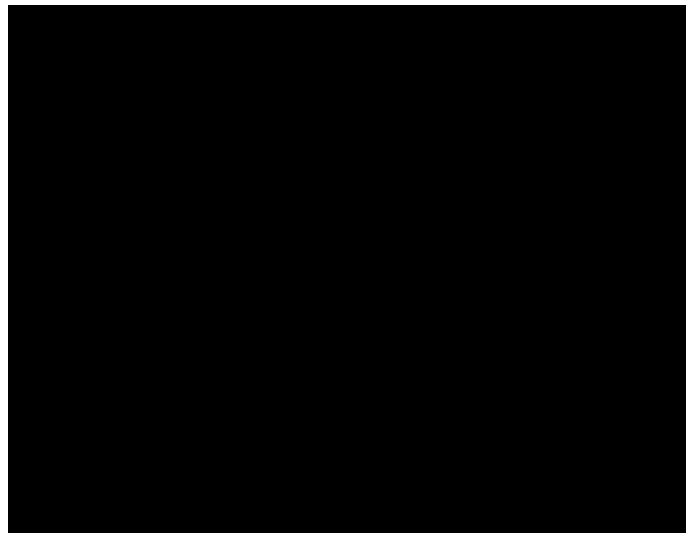
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We should conduct youth-related activities throughout September. We have recruited a Rotary scholarship applicant — Jerod Hendry of Comox.	

Our very own Rob Neal, Secretary and President Elect of our club, spoke to us about an interesting project in Ica Peru that provides employment, clean fuel - solar energy - for cooking and lighting that generates income and is sustainable. The project's vision and mission statements are:



By using recyclable parts, solar batteries for lighting, solar ovens for cooking and solar incubators for raising chickens can be manufactured by local citizens thus creating

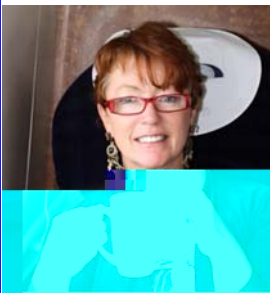
employment and income. Currently wood and kerosene are the main cooking and heating fuels. There are 6 Rotary clubs in Ica so it is possible that our club could create contacts and connections that could lead to a joint project.

C'est tellement simple, l'amour.~Jacques Prévert

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers:
_____ Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Deb: President Deb is on holiday so PP Alan presided over the meeting. Alan reminded the board that its next meeting will be at 7 AM on Monday, 12 September at Carmie's. Anyone interested in getting together with other Rotarians to tidy Simms Park, should report at 9 AM on Saturday, 10 September. PP Alan read a thank you note from the Cumberland Motorcycle Rally Committee.



- Two weeks remaining to get donations in for the Extravaganza Italiana. Several were turned in at our meeting of the 149 remaining to be collected.
- Linda reminded everyone of our fall rhodo sale on Sunday, 11 September. Setup at 8 AM, Sale starts at 9 AM. Those who promised trailers and tables are reminded of their commitments.
- The refurbished coal cart benches will be re-installed during the week and a photo op has been set up for 8 AM on Monday, 12 September. Work will begin on the installation of playground equipment at No. 6 Mine Memorial Park playground on 12 September so another photo op will be available later in the week.
- _____: Cathe Egan and John Challenger.
- _____ 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.



The Rotary Club of Calcutta became the first Rotary club chartered in India on 1 January 1920. Today, more than 3,000 clubs operate throughout the country, including the Rotary Club of Vapi, home to 2011-12 RI President Kalyan Banerjee. R.J. Coombes is credited with starting India's first club but Canadian James Wheeler Davidson is largely responsible for Rotary's growth in the country. As a member of the Rotary International committee that explored extending the organization into other countries, Davidson departed in August 1928 to help establish clubs in Asia and the Middle East. His trip turned into a two-and-a-half-year odyssey that resulted in the chartering of 23 clubs in 12 countries. Only two clubs held charters in India at the outset of Davidson's journey: Calcutta and Lahore (in present-day Pakistan). The clubs were more than 1,000 miles and a 40-hour train ride apart, Davidson noted in reports back to RI. Arriving in Bombay in February 1929 with his wife and daughter, he was intent to start a club there. "It was not an easy task to organize a club in this big city of 1,200,000," he mused. Three attempts had failed prior to his arrival. But in March of that year, Davidson successfully formed a club in Bombay that would receive its charter on 8 May. He organized a club in Delhi next, before visiting Rotarians in Calcutta, where Nitish C. Laharry was serving as club secretary. Laharry would become the first RI president from India in 1962-63.

On to Madras

On 23 April, Davidson boarded a train in Calcutta for a 1,032-mile trip to Madras. He had been advised to travel by sea to avoid the excessive heat common at that time of year, but opted to go by rail to see the countryside. "It was a real delight to watch the change as we passed from north to south, from the temperate zone into the tropics," he later wrote. "Not only did the vegetation change, but the buildings altered some and the people appeared to take on a different appearance, the tendency to dress in white at Calcutta changed to red as we worked south." Two days later, Davidson convened a committee in Madras, which organized a club on 10 May. (It received its charter on 19 July). "With the organizing of the Madras club, my plans as originally formulated, have been carried out," Davidson noted. "We now have a club in each one of the main geographical divisions in India and further extension work should now be carried out by local Rotarians. I consider that the five clubs that now exist firmly establishes Rotary in India." Today, Rotary has grown to include more than 115,000 Indian Rotarians. In addition to Banerjee and Laharry, many Rotary leaders have called the country home, including 1991-92 RI President Rajendra K. Saboo and more than 10 RI directors. Source : Susan Hanf Rotary International News Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary

_____ : Only 16 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 6 September. Welcome back Jon. We missed the company of: Catherine, David B, Jill, Jay, Cathe, Robb, Steve, Debbie, President Deb, Stefan, Kim and Paul Visiting Rotarians: Cliff Piercy of the Rotary Club of Courtenay and Michael Syer of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise, Courtenay.

Birthdays: 13 Paul Vroom. Anniversaries: 1 David and Jane Bossom, 14 John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to all from our club.



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13 - Club Assembly 20 - Alan Burgess - Ceramics and Pottery 27 Richard Clarke on Shelterbox

A man is stopped by the police around 1 a. m. and is asked where he is going at this time of night.

The man replies, "I am going to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body."

The officer then asks, "Really? Who is giving that lecture at this time of night?"

The man replies, "That would be my wife."
