



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



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Operation Red Nose

December is Family of Rotary Month

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Rotary clubs celebrate the family of Rotary by completing the election of club officers and holding a family gathering before the end of the month.



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was Cst Tammy Douglas of the Comox Valley Detachment of the RCMP. Cst Douglas is the spokesperson for the detachment and responsible for the RCMP Auxiliary constables among her

other duties. Her talk on Tuesday centred around a new service being coordinated through Valley Links, called *Operation Red Nose*. The idea began at Laval University in Québec City in 1984 and is now a national activity. The project provides volunteers who will drive someone home when that person decides that he/she should not get behind the wheel of a car. Three volunteers meet with the person. Two accompany the car owner and the third drives the person's car home. The service is free but donations are encouraged. All proceeds go to a youth activity in the community. Cst Douglas pointed out that 120 people are killed and 3200 injured annually in auto crashes in BC attributed to impaired drivers. See: www.operationrednose.com or call: 250-334-8063 for further information.

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Announcements

The conscious brain can only hold one thought at a time - choose one that is positive.

- 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 Alan: Next Board meeting - Thursday, 16 December at 7:00 Am at Carmie's Café.
- Chantal announced that 100 people have volunteered to assist with putting together the bags on Sunday, 12 December from noon to 5:30 at the Cumberland Cultural Centre.

- David Stevens provided details on the project to decorate one of Cumberland Ready Mix's trucks at 10 AM on Saturday, 11 December in a heated space next door.
- Jill reminded everyone that our meeting on 21 December will be at 7:00 Am at Zocalo's Café. This is a family function and a time to share seasonal stories. Please let Liz know numbers so she can inform Zocalo's.
- John Jones reminded us that he will be sending our contributions to the Rotary Foundation before the end of the month so, if you plan to top up yours, please contact John soon.
- Bill announced that there is a tree at his office that has gift tags for needy children. He invited us to drop by, pick a tag and purchase a gift for the child whose gender and age are indicated and take the gift to the office.
- **December Greeters:** David Bossom 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



Cowboy Logic

I have adopted "Cowboy Logic" as my theme song for two reasons. The first is its happy music that reflects the warm and positive atmosphere of Rotary club meetings around the world. The second is the common sense and simple approach expressed in its lyrics. Fifty years ago, I often heard the expression "Keep Rotary simple." That admonition has been lost in the intervening years, and I want to remind Rotarians that the basic concept of Rotary service is simple. Club members, who are community leaders, learn to know and respect one another through their weekly meetings, which create friendship, fellowship, and networking. When a community need is identified, the club members find they have an amazing ability to fill the need because they have the leading business and professional leaders in the community as their members, and they know how to get things done!

The same simple approach works for club service, vocational service, and New Generations service projects. Rotary clubs have the talent to assess and prioritize the needs of their communities. They also have the expertise and resources to address the needs, if the clubs keep their members informed and motivated. The communications within the club must be simple- and frequent!

Perhaps it is in international service that the simplicity of Rotary is most evident. Rotarians learn that their fellow club members are trustworthy, and as they meet Rotarians from other countries, they realize they are similarly trustworthy. As a result, Rotary friends from faraway places are easily made and kept, and the resulting cooperation between clubs for international service projects is truly astounding!

The "Cowboy Logic" song says that cowboys have a simple solution for just about everything. So do Rotarians! It is called the spirit of Rotary, and its hallmarks are fellowship and service. Together, we can make the world a better place by making our clubs Bigger, Better, and Bolder. So let's do it!

That's cowboy logic! ~RI President Ray Klingensmith

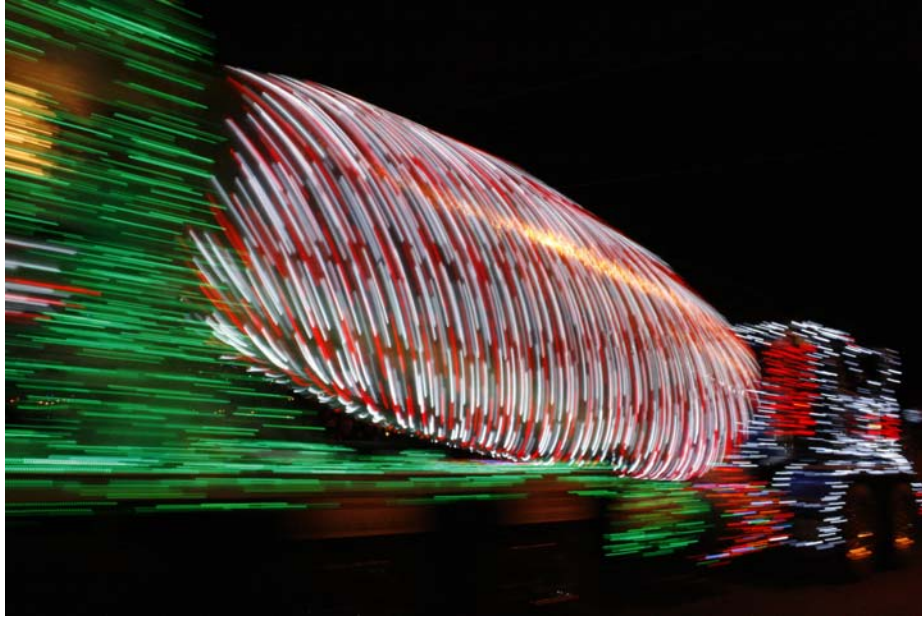
Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 7 December. We missed the company of: Dodie, Cathe, Mac, Steve, Debbie, Judythe, Kurt, Kim, Gale, Adri and Casper. Visiting Rotarian: Paul Vroom of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Cst Tammy Douglas, our guest speaker, and our RYE student, Plan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in December

Birthdays: 4 Christine Dickinson, 7 Jay Dahlgren, 8 Steve Galbraith and 12 Adri Pretorius.
Anniversaries: 3 Judythe and Bob McQuillan, 6 Liz and Elmer Phillipson, 11 Christine and David Dickinson and 28 Rhonda and Bill Armstrong. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



December Programs

14 Club Assembly 21 Christmas breakfast at Zocalo's Café – bring your family members to share their favourite or funniest Christmas stories over breakfast. 28 Onyx Ogilvie about a project he is involved with through Fertile Ground in Assam. He is hoping to go to Assam to work on the project.

Chuckle Corner

More Paraprosdokians*

- Evening news announcers begin with 'Good evening', and then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
- To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- A bus station is where a bus stops. A train station is where a train stops. On my desk, I have a work station.
- How is it one careless match can start a forest fire, but it takes a whole box to start a campfire?
- Dolphins are so smart that within a few weeks of captivity, they can train people to stand on the very edge of the pool and throw them fish.
- Whenever I fill out an application, in the part that says "If an emergency, notify:" I put "DOCTOR".

*A **paraprosdokian** from Greek "para-", meaning "beyond" and "prosdokian", meaning "expectation". Used by comedians and satirists because they provide a surprise ending to a statement.