

The Miner's Lamp

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



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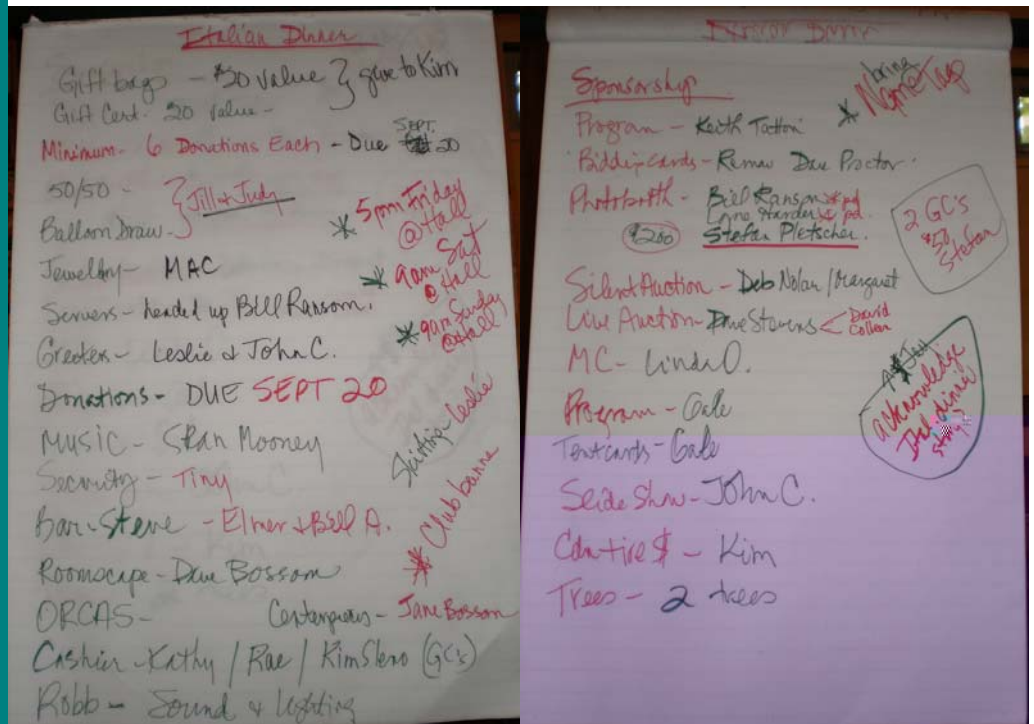
September is New Generations Month

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New Generations is the newest avenue of service in Rotary and this month Rotarians place emphasis on youth—activities for young people through Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange and by encouraging young adults to learn about Rotary and by becoming Rotarians.

Extravaganza Italiana Prep



Our meeting on Tuesday consisted of a review of the details of the preparations for our sixth annual Extravaganza Italiana. Using a flip chart, Linda noted the various duties and those who have volunteered to complete the tasks. Bill Ranson of the Wandering Moose will oversee the food service and he and Linda will meet with our caterer on Friday to review the menu and the order of service. David Stevens again reminded us that we must do our best to obtain six donations per member. As we go to print one unreserved ticket remains. Pictures are worth 2,000 words.

Announcements

When things go wrong.....don't go with them.

- 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: Board meeting on Thursday, 9 September at 7:00 AM at Carmie's.



- Gale spoke of the new community service award approved by the club and that the selection committee, consisting of herself, Leslie, Rob and President Alan will select the recipient when they meet on Thursday, 9 September. Six nominations have been received and we were encouraged to submit more before the deadline complete with a bio. At its last meeting, the board decided to name the recipient a Paul Harris Fellow and make the presentation at the Extravaganza Italiana.
- **September Greeters:** Judythe McQuillan and Catherine Bell.
- **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



WHY JOIN ROTARY? Here are 20 reasons:

1. Friendship: In an increasingly complex world, Rotary provides one of the most basic human needs: the need for friendship and fellowship.
2. Business Development: Everyone needs to network. Rotary consists of a cross section of every business community. Its members come from all walks of life. Rotarians help each other and collectively help others.
3. Personal Growth and Development: Membership in Rotary continues one's growth and education in human relations and personal development.
4. Leadership Development: Rotary is an organization of leaders and successful people.
5. Citizenship in the Community: Membership in a Rotary club makes one a better community citizen.
6. Continuing Education: Each week at Rotary there is a program designed to keep one informed about what is going on in the community, nation, and world.
7. Fun: Rotary is fun, a lot of fun. Each meeting is fun. The club projects are fun. Social activities are fun. The service is fun.
8. Public Speaking Skills: Many individuals who joined Rotary were afraid to speak in public. Rotary develops confidence and skill in public speaking.
9. Citizenship in the World: Every Rotarian wears a pin that says "Rotary International."
10. Assistance when Travelling: Because there are Rotary clubs everywhere, many a Rotarian while traveling has found assistance through Rotary.
11. Entertainment: Every Rotary club and district has parties and activities that provide diversion in one's business life.
12. The Development of Social Skills: Every week and at various events and functions, Rotary develops one's personality, social skills and people skills.
13. Family Programs: Rotary provides one of the world's largest youth exchange programs; high school and college clubs for future Rotarians and opportunities for spousal involvement.
14. Vocational Skills: Every Rotarian is expected to take part in the growth and development of his or her own profession or vocation.
15. The Development of Ethics: Rotarians practice a 4-Way Test that governs one's ethical standards.
16. Cultural Awareness: Around the world, practically every religion, country, culture, race, creed, political persuasion, language, color, and ethnic identity is found in Rotary.
17. Prestige: Rotary members are prominent people: leaders of business, the professions, art, government, sports, military, religion, and all disciplines.
18. Nice People: Rotarians above all are nice people.
19. The Absence of an "Official Creed": Rotary has no secret handshake, no secret policy, no official creed, no secret meeting or rituals.
20. The Opportunity to Serve: Rotary is a service club. Its business is mankind. Its product is service.

Attendance 18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 7 September. Visiting Rotarians: Laurie Haines of the RC of Courtenay and Jerry Feniak of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Visitor: Adri Pretorius, guest of the club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Birthdays: 3 Gale Wheeler. Anniversaries: 1 David and Jane Bossom, 14 John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to everyone.



Parting Shot

Our Rotary Youth Exchange student, Plan, attended her first meeting with us on Tuesday and lit up the room with her beautiful smile!

Host mom Deb and host brother, Bayne, took her to school following the meeting.

September Programs

14 - Club Assembly

21 - Seanna McLeod on her recent trip to Haiti

28 - Mercy Ships - Tom Mahoney

Chuckle Corner

Weight Loss Diet

Yesterday I was at COSTCO buying a large bag of Purina dog chow for my loyal pet, Molson, the Wonder Dog, and was in the checkout line when a woman behind me asked if I had a dog. What did she think I had, an elephant? So since I'm retired and have little to do, on impulse I told her that no, I didn't have a dog, I was starting the Purina Diet again... I added that I probably shouldn't, because I ended up in the hospital last time, but that I'd lost 50 pounds before I woke up in an intensive care ward with tubes coming out of most of my orifices and IV's in both arms. I told her that it was essentially a perfect diet and that the way that it works is to load your pants pockets with Purina nuggets and simply eat one or two every time you feel hungry. The food is nutritionally complete so it works well and I was going to try it again. (I have to mention here that practically everyone in line was now enthralled with my story.)

Horrified, she asked if I ended up in intensive care because the dog food poisoned me. I told her no, I had stepped off a curb to sniff an Irish Setter and a car hit both of us. I thought the guy behind her was going to have a heart attack he was laughing so hard.

Costco won't let me shop there anymore..

Better watch what you ask retired people. They have all the time in the world to think of crazy things to say.