



The Miner's Lamp

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December is Family of Rotary Month

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Rotarians are encouraged to focus on the role and importance of their families in their lives and the lives of their local and world communities during this month.

How to be an Auctioneer

On Tuesday we were treated to a presentation by our club's second president and auctioneer extraordinaire. David Stevens recounted how he and his dad got into the auction business in Nanaimo and how he, David, at the age of 19 became a professional auctioneer following training in the USA. His diploma declares that he



is a Colonel, a tradition started during the Civil War when auctions were held by army officers of the rank of Colonel. David sold his first item at an auction at the tender age of 15. David led us through a number of drills designed to develop an auctioneer's patter. Rob Neal volunteered to give auctioneering a try and successfully sold a Nanaimo bar to Liz. Following a successful 37 years of running their auction business, David and Kathy decided to resign and sell the Ilo Ilo theatre and the adjacent property. They both continue to help charitable groups in the community by leading their fundraising auctions. Our club is very fortunate to have David and Kathy in our midst as can be witnessed by our successful Extravaganza Italiana, which started with David's suggestion that we connect to a part of the history of Cumberland's Italian community by holding a dinner and auction. With David wielding the auctioneer's gavel and Kathy keeping all the transactions straight, there couldn't be a better team as part of our club. Thanks you, David!

Announcements

A friend is someone who reaches for your hand but touches your heart.

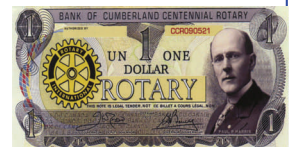
- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca
Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.

- **From President Steve:** President Steve reviewed the birthdays and anniversaries of all members from 1 July to the present. It was President Steve's 50th birthday on 8 December!



- Leslie reported that the Cumberland Big Truck Parade was the best ever with 16 entries, including one of CRM's trucks that we decorated.

- John Jones announced that the Financial Review has been completed by Kim. Thank you Kim who told us all was in good order. ShelterBox and Rotary Foundation contributions will be submitted in the next week or two.
- Liz announced that she had distributed forms for "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner" with the first to be on 27 February. Please complete and return the forms to Liz so she can complete the planning. Liz also announced that the Ukrainian New Year's party will be held on 13 January at Keith and Joanne's home.
- Chantal outlined the anticipated success of the EDAS project and told us of interest expressed by the BC Ministry that deals with homeless issues and that she has a board and is in the process of obtaining charitable organization status.
- Linda brought a hand-painted nativity scene that David auctioned. The successful bidder was Deb.
- Bill announced that most of the items have been purchased for the Salvation Army family we are sponsoring and reminded everyone who hasn't made a donation of \$20 to see Bill as soon as possible.
- **December Greeters:** Deb Nolan and David Bossom with help from Jay Dahlgren.
- **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



Inductee Shares a Desire to Give Back ~By Ryan Hyland

Fifteen years after becoming a Rotarian in 1971, Bob Selinger was seriously injured in an industrial accident and had to use a wheelchair. Every day for a year, Rotarians drove Selinger to physical therapy. He eventually recovered and was able to leave the wheelchair behind. But the generosity of his Rotarian friends left a lasting impression on him, and a strong desire to give back.

Selinger, a member of the Rotary Club of Newport-Irvine, California, and his wife, Jean, who died in 2005, were among several couples from the United States inducted into the Arch C. Klumph Society in late October at RI World Headquarters in Evanston, Illinois. The society honours people who give at least \$250,000 to The Rotary Foundation.

"You couldn't ask for a more giving or loving organization," says Selinger, who was inducted during a ceremony on 26 October. "I want to show how much I care about Rotary and the Foundation." The Selingers hosted more than 25 Rotary Youth Exchange students and supported the Annual Programs Fund, Permanent Fund, PolioPlus, and the Humanitarian Grants Program. Selinger says he made his recent contributions to the Foundation in memory of his wife. Selinger served as a district Youth Exchange officer and executive director of his regional Youth Exchange organization, and is a 2008-09 recipient of the RI Service Above Self Award.

Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 8 December. Visiting Rotarians: George Smyth of the RC of Courtenay and Michael Syer of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Brian Storey, guest of Michael Syer, Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb, and Greg Ehman our GSE Team member who will travel to Germany in the spring.

Anniversaries & Birthdays in December

Anniversaries: 3 Judythe and Bob McQuillan, 6 Liz and Elmer Phillipson, 7 Barbara and Wayne Giroday, 28 Rhonda and Bill Armstrong. Birthdays: 7 Jay Dahlgren, 8 President Steve Galbraith. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



Chantal is expecting 45 volunteers to participate in the preparation of gift bags for the homeless, which will be held from 2 to 5 PM on Sunday, 13 December in the Cumberland Cultural Centre.

December Programs

- 15 - Sherry Arsenault - NIC First Aid Courses
- 22 - Members' Christmas Stories
- 29 - Ernie von Schilling - Rotary Conventions

Board Clips - Decisions from 3 December Board Meeting

- \$2,500 approved for bike rack project to be set aside for a yet-to-be-determined community project
- Joint WCS project with Strathcona Sunrise for sanitation or school project in conjunction with Alinda Ware and RC of Kakamega approved in principle for August 2010 in the amount of \$5,000
- Financial Report approved. Community Service annual budget is \$5,000. WCS projects allocated a budget of \$5,000 and budget of \$2,500 allocated for youth. An additional \$5,500 will remain in budget for spending on special projects.
- Leaves of absence for: Debbie Lamire extended to 15 February, Christine Dickinson on leave of absence until 15 February and John Challender's request for a leave of absence from 1 January to 31 March 2010 approved.
- Review of club by-laws has been completed
- VIMMS event in March 2010 will be discussed further with members at next meeting
- Club equipment may be borrowed by members. Alan to investigate insurance coverage in the event of loss
- Liz will post board minutes in members' area of website
- The regular club meeting following each month's scheduled board meeting will be reserved for a club assembly
- Future Board meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month beginning in January 2010
- Following the club assembly on 2 December, President Steve announced that the club meeting following each monthly Board meeting would be a club assembly