

# The Miner's Lamp

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## Jeneece Place

### February is World Understanding Month

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On 23 February, World Polio Day, Rotarians everywhere will mark the 106th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International. In some cities, huge images of the End Polio Now logo will be projected on public buildings and mayors will proclaim the day "Rotary Day" to mark Rotary's object of advancing understanding, good will and peace throughout the world.



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was well known media celebrity and humanitarian, Bruce Williams. Bruce, a Paul Harris Fellow, has been speaking to audiences all over Vancouver Island about something he has become passionate about: Jeneece Place. Jeneece Edroff, is well known as the young lady who has a rare, debilitating disease who

began raising money penny by penny and succeeded in raising more than \$1 Million! The next chapter in her remarkable story identified the need for a place for families of sick children to be able to find accommodations and comfort while their children are hospitalized in Victoria. Thus Jeneece Place was born. Bruce is part of the governance of the project and reported that \$500K worth of land have been secured near the Royal Victoria Hospital and that ground will be broken next month with completion expected by Christmas. Donations of \$1 Million each have been received from Telus, the Norgaard Foundation and the Queen Alexandra Hospital Foundation. Bruce has spoken to several Rotary clubs about the idea of a Rotary room in the ten-room complex. The room would be funded easily with a donation of \$3 K per club on Vancouver Island. [www.jeneeceplace.org](http://www.jeneeceplace.org)

## Announcements

When your ship comes in...make sure you are ready to unload it.

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



- From President Alan: Thank you card from Tatyann Kurucz for sponsoring her to attend Adventures in Culinary arts in Sooke. Poster for a melodrama to be held in Cumberland during Empire Days was circulated. Reminder of RYE dinner at the Westerly at 6 PM on Wednesday, 9 February. Board meeting, Thursday, 10 February at 7 Am at Carmie's. Installation dinner to be hosted by Keith and Joanne Tatton on 7 June.
- Jay has agreed to take over as counsellor for Plan during Christine's absence.
- **February Greeters:** Dodie and Kim.
- **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

### **Debbie Lemire – A Profile**

For the past twenty years Debbie has been well known around the Comox as a Realtor, but she now describes herself as *in transition*. At the moment she is working as a Cashier/Supervisor, at Quality Foods, a position she really enjoys. It is contact with people that she seeks out and every interaction gives her the opportunity to ensure that each customer has been served to the best of her ability.

Debbie grew up in Nova Scotia, and as a young woman was a self described *Trudeau Maniac*. While in her teens, at least one absence from school can be attributed to her desire to join the throngs who came out to meet the dashing Pierre. Her father was in the

## Parting Shot



### February Programs

9 RYE dinner at the Westerly at 6:00 PM 15 Club Assembly

22 Pieter Vorsters—Community Way Dollars