



The Miner's Lamp

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Rotarians have a long history of helping develop literacy and numeracy in all parts of the world. Most recently, at the RI

Announcements

"To be happy at home is the ultimate result of all ambition." - Samuel Johnson, 1709-1784

- 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 at 7 Am at Carmie's on Thursday, 10 March. Reminder to sign up for the District Leadership Training Assembly. Go to: www.rotary5020.org or our website, www.rotarycc.org click on District 5020 in the upper left-hand corner of the banner then click on the blue, DLTA banner.
- Liz reminded everyone of the Ladies' clothing swap at Deb's at 6:30 PM on Monday, 14 March. Please contact Liz or Deb nlt 10 March if planning to attend.
- David Stevens recently returned from a holiday in Mexico and presented two banners to the club: one from the Club Rotario Tepic Nevar and the other from the Club Rotario Bahia de jaltemba la penita Nayarit.
- PE Deb has invited the executive and board for 2011-12 to a meeting at Plates at 6:30 PM on Monday, 21 March to begin planning for the coming year.
- **March Greeters:** Jay and Keith.
- **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



Bill Gates to Speak at RI Convention in New Orleans

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will be a keynote speaker at the 2011 RI Convention in New Orleans, Louisiana, USA, 21-25 May. Gates will discuss the progress of the polio eradication effort and the need to finish the job during the third plenary session scheduled for Tuesday, 24 May, at the Ernest N. Memorial Convention Center. The session has been moved to the afternoon, 15:00-17:00, from its original morning time slot. The Gates Foundation has awarded US\$355 million in challenge grants to Rotary for use in the campaign to rid the world of polio. Rotary has responded with Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. Gates has made several trips to India and Nigeria, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries, and has praised the work of Rotarians in his annual letter.

Register for the convention before 31 March so you don't miss out on early-bird pricing.

Register online through Member Access at www.rotary.org

Other speakers will include Michael McQueen, founder of the Nexgen Group, who will discuss understanding Generation Y, and David C. Mulford, former U.S. ambassador to India and a former Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar, who will speak about the UN Millennium Development Goals.

Penny LeGate, a news anchor and reporter for KIRO-TV in Seattle, will share her experiences participating in and reporting on National Immunization Days in Ethiopia and India. Patrick Chisanga, vice chair of the District Governors Review Committee, will speak about Rotary's role in Africa.

Entertainment features during the plenary sessions will showcase the richness and diversity of New Orleans' music scene.

Workshops will provide convention attendees with an opportunity to learn from Rotarians, Rotary leaders, and non-Rotarian guest speakers. This year's workshops will highlight the three priorities of the RI Strategic Plan as well as the latest Rotary Foundation developments.

Source : Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

Only 17 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 8 March. We missed the company of: Catherine, Jill, Jay, Christine, Cathe, Mac, Steve, Debbie, Kurt, Linda, Kim, and Jon. Guests: Lynn Hempinski-Baker, Brenda Walsh and Mitchell Scott.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in March

Birthdays: 4 Chantal, 22 Debbie, 26 Kurt. Anniversaries: 5 Stefan and Annemarie, 23 Adri and Casper. Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shot



President Alan presented a cheque for \$200 to Lynn Hempinski-Baker of Kitty Cat PALS (Prevent A Litter Society) to help the organization deal with the problem of feral and abandoned cats in the Comox Valley. The society traps cats that are then spayed or neutered by local vets and re-habilitated. 2 cats and their offspring can produce 420K cats in 7 years!

March Programs

15 - Club Assembly

22 - AIDS Action Group 29 - Extreme Kindness

Chuckle Corner

Garfield on The Oil Crisis



A lot of folks can't understand how we came to have an oil shortage here in Canada. Well, there's a very simple answer. Nobody bothered to check the oil. We just didn't know we were getting low.

The reason for this is purely geographical. Our Oil is located in: ALBERTA, SASKATCHEWAN, BRITISH COLUMBIA, MANITOBA, COASTAL NEW BRUNSWICK, AND COASTAL NEWFOUNDLAND But...

Our DIPSTICKS are located in OTTAWA.

Any Questions ??? NO ?... Didn't think so.

