

The Miner's Lamp

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The Rotary Foundation is our "bank". The Foundation provides Rotary clubs with the power to eradicate polio and make a real difference in the lives of others. Wear your PHF pin with pride and encourage others to become sustaining members.

Wear a Poppy



KidStart Program



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was Wendy Thurlborn, Coordinator of the Kid Start Program of the John Howard Society. The program was begun by an organization known as PLEA, based in Vancouver. PLEA is an acronym that stands for: Pacific Legal Education Association but the organization decided to embrace the acronym as a

name with out the original meaning. www.plea.ca The KidStart program pairs caring adult volunteers with vulnerable children and youth who could benefit from one-on-one time with a positive role model. Children and youth who are referred to KidStart may be vulnerable to crime, substance abuse, family crises, abuse or be struggling in school. Mentors and their Mentees spend three hours per week together doing activities that offer the opportunity to experience fun, success and achievement. Funding is obtained from the public and is recognized through the KidStart Champion program. A gold champion provides at least \$100 per month, a silver champion provides at least \$50 per month and a bronze champion provides at least \$25 per month. The program has a waiting list of youth aged 6 to 18 due to a shortage of volunteer mentors. See:

www.jhsni.bc.ca or e-mail Wendy: wendyt@jhsni.bc.ca

Announcements

Do what you can with what you have, where you are ~ Teddy Roosevelt

- 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 Deb: AG Area 1B, Lana Eagle has organized a fellowship Evening on Monday, 14 November at 6:00 PM at the Driftwood Restaurant, Hwy 19A Oyster River. Food is a Chinese Buffet at a cost of \$16.95. If you plan to attend please inform President Deb ASAP. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will take place at 7:00 AM at Carmie's Café on Thursday, 10 November.



- Liz announced that she will send out details about upcoming social events.
- Linda announced that she will arrange through the Salvation Army an opportunity for our club to sponsor a Cumberland family at Christmas. Linda asked that we each donate at least \$10 to purchase gifts and food.
- John Jones announced that the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society is in need of funds due to the large number of raptors, particularly eagles they have cared for during the year.
- John C thanked those who assisted Bruce Williams and his camera man for three hours on Thursday last as they collected material that will make up a three-minute feature of our club on CTV Vancouver Island (old A Channel). Should be on the air this week.
- **November Greeters:** Dodie and Jill.
- **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

Introducing Hendrika Stigter ...



In recent weeks we have been most fortunate and very happy to welcome Hendrika to our club. Hendrika has lived in Cumberland for about a year, but she hails originally from Friesland in the northern Netherlands, known for its distinctive language and culture, its many windmills, and lush pasturelands. While she was growing up, her parents owned a flower shop, which is perhaps at the root of her artistic flair, as well as her love for nature and the outdoors.

Trained in fashion design, she and her electrician husband, Michel were well settled into secure jobs when the urge to see more of the world became pressing. They first visited Vancouver Island seven years ago, and it was here they eventually decided to settle.

Currently Hendrika is a busy mother who also works part time in a Driftwood Mall bakery, but her favorite occupation is as a textile artist. She is building her reputation as the creator of beautiful and useful objects from recycled materials. She is also a painter, and when we met last week she was busy snapping photographs which will be inspiration during the winter ahead. Many of her works can be viewed on her website at: www.hendrikstigter.nl

Motivated by a desire to improve the lives of her neighbours near and far, Hendrika is very pleased with her decision to join Rotary. She looks forward to using her skills to play her part in building a better world. She did note that she was surprised to find that the club in Cumberland did not match her previous impressions of Rotary.

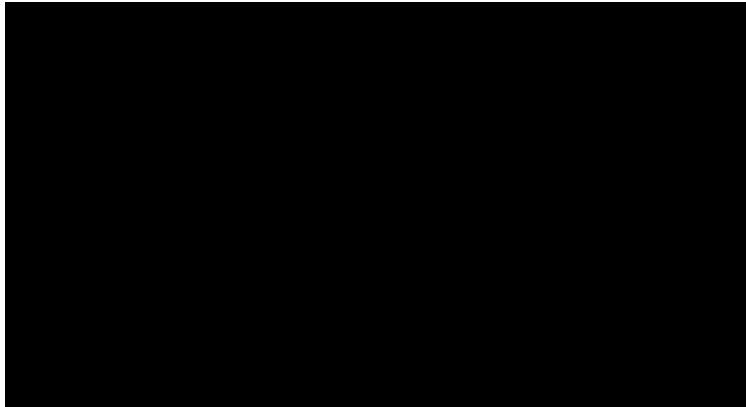
Hendrika and Michel have three children, Rens (9), Anna (7) and Diego (5), and together they like to ski, cycle, hike and to enjoy the mountains, lakes, rivers and ocean which surround them.

Attendance: Rotarians attended our meeting on 8 November. We missed the company of: Catherine, David B, Jay, Alan, Cathe, Robb, Stefan, Kim, and Keith. Visiting Rotarians: Fred Smith of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Brian Storey of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Our guest speaker, Wendy Thurlborn, Mellisa Varkonja, and Steve's grandson, Dylan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays: 24 Liz Phillipson and 25 Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 President Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann and 19 John and Peg Challender. Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shots



Chantal thanked everyone for their gifts and for attending her shower last Tuesday.

November Programs

15 - Club Assembly 22 - LeighAnn and Onyx Vaughan - Assam, Fertile Ground
29 - Dan Gallant - Rotary World Help Network

Chuckle Corner

Life is short!

Break the rules!

Forgive quickly!

Love truly, Laugh uncontrollably!

And never regret!

Anything that made you smile!

The best things in life are free until the government finds out and taxes 'em.