



The Miner's Lamp

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Rotarians are encouraged to raise awareness about Rotary in their communities through their family members, friends and associates and through the media.

Coal Creek Update.



Coal Creek Advisory Committee Members, Grace Doherty, Tats Adei and Ray Iwaasa attended our meeting to update us on the Asian Style Bridge and Tori Gate project that the Committee, with the help of the former residents of Cumberland plan to erect. They brought maps of the 40 acre park which contains wetland, the old rail

grade, the old Chinatown site and #1 Mine. The proposed bridge will be built to cross the Coal Creek, and the Tori Gate, a traditional Japanese gate, erected on the Japanese side of the bridge.

Thanks to members Keith Tatton and Stefan Pletcher the committee has estimates for the project and signed off engineering plans in place. Grace explained that this bridge bridges cultures – both physically and symbolically. Former residents who used to live in this community are very involved in the project and helping to direct the project. 31 flowering Mafuji Cherry Trees were planted last fall to commemorate the 31 families who were forcibly ejected from their homes in 1942.

Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Society (VIMSS) Update

Jay Dahlgren, one of our club members pointed out that the two most expensive things for her while training and competing as Olympic athlete was travel and accommodation. VIMSS is a



Announcements

- 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.

Rotary Moment



Change the world with US\$2 a week and help exceed the Foundation's goals.

Through the Annual Programs Fund, which is the primary source of funding for Rotary Foundation programs, Rotarians help make the world a better place.

For the 2008-09 Rotary year, approximately 313,000 Rotarians participated in the "Every Rotarian, Every Year" initiative, which funds the Annual Programs Fund. About 242,000 of those contributors are "Rotary Foundation Sustaining Members" contributing \$100 or more a year.

As of 1 July, the start of the Rotary year, to 31 December, about \$40.4 million has been raised toward the Foundation's \$96 million goal.

If every one of the 1.2 million Rotarians contributed just \$2 a week, in one year the Foundation could raise almost \$125 million.

That's money that goes back to Rotarians in the form of scholarships and grants for projects that bring hope and make a difference in the lives of countless people. Rotarians have used grant money to bring sight to those blinded by cataracts, bought wheelchairs for those who could not use their legs, gave clean water to those made sick by contaminated water, and opened up new worlds by helping people learn to read.

Be a part of changing the world and help The Rotary Foundation exceed its goals.

Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 2nd February.

Visiting Rotarians: none

Guests: Grace Doherty, Tats Aoki and Ray Iwaasa from the Coal Creek Advisory Committee, Dave Durrant from Village of Cumberland.

Anniversaries & Birthdays in February

Anniversaries: none this month.

Birthdays: 8th Wayne Girody, 23rd Dodie Brand. Our best wishes to everyone.

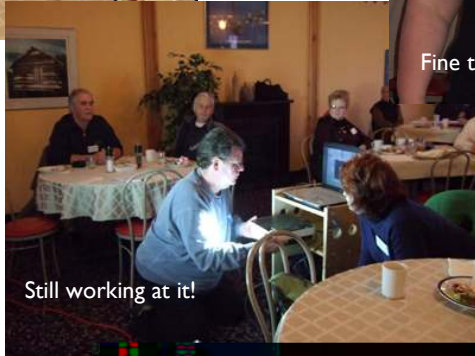
Parting Shots - Technical Problems



Trying to get set up



Fine time!



Still working at it!



February Programs

- 23 – Bob Wells from CYMC
Linda Oprica interviewed

March Programs

- 2 – Kathryn Chung & Tom Patterson re plans for the ILO ILO theatre
- 9 – Glen Wildes – VI Community Connections
- 16 – Club Assembly
- 23 – Murray McRae & kids from Vanier re garden project
- 30– Andrea Grieg re Team Terrific

Chuckle Corner

A sweet grandmother telephoned St Joseph's Hospital.. She timidly asked "It is possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?"

The operator said, "I'll be glad to help dear. What is the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said , "Norma Findlay, Room 301."

The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room." After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her physician Dr Nielsen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good news."

The operator replied, "You're more that welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said. "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me shit!"

