



# The Miner's Lamp

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## June is Rotary Fellowships Month

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June is the month that Rotarians all over the world celebrate the existence of the many fellowships that help connect people with particular interests and activities, providing an excellent avenue to learn and share. To learn more, see: [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_html/fellowships\\_files/frame.htm](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_html/fellowships_files/frame.htm)

## Herbert J. Taylor and Gandhi



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was Rotarian Shall Sinha of the Rotary Club of Edmonton. Shall spoke to us about the history of two remarkable men: Herbert J. Taylor and Gandhi. Through his research, Shall traced the history of Taylor from his birth to his death. Taylor was born in 1893 and died in 1978. He was admired and sought after for his business acumen and, at a time when ethics and business were

seldom found in a positive sense in the same conversation, Taylor wrote 24 words that all Rotarians know as our 4-Way Test. Taylor initially developed the test to help himself, his employees and eventually other business leaders sought his permission to use in their business. Taylor became a member of the Rotary Club of Chicago, a director of RI and in 1954 became the President of Rotary International. As the President of RI, he promoted the use the 4-Way Test throughout all avenues of Rotary. The Test had been used in the Avenue of Vocational Service for several year and to mark the golden anniversary of Rotary while he was its president, Taylor promoted its use throughout Rotary. Shall then compared the teachings of Gandhi, who in 1906, combined two Sanskrit words: Satya, which means The Truth and Graha, which means To hold on firmly. See: [http://www.cybernation.com/victory/quotations/authors/quotes\\_sinha\\_shall.html](http://www.cybernation.com/victory/quotations/authors/quotes_sinha_shall.html)

## Announcements

SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters: CASH LOST IN ME

- 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 Linda** Reminder to everyone that Keith has tickets for the Installation Dinner on 23 June. \$30 each. Board meeting at Carmie's at 7:15 AM on Thursday, 11 June. Liz Nesbitt, past Cumberland May Queen will be attending a youth camp at end of July. She needs \$200 to go to the camp. If anyone has any work Liz could do to earn money or would like to donate, please contact President Linda. A Day For Africa is being held on 21 June, with Claire Donovan organizing the event in the Comox Valley this year. If anyone would like to volunteer or would be willing to donate funds in return for a volunteer working around your home, please contact President Linda for details.
- Dodie provided details on the barbecue for the CYMC Musical Theatre students, which will be held in the orchard at 3:30 PM, lasting about 2 hours, on Sunday, 28 June. A cleanup work party will be held on Saturday, 27 June to cut very, very tall grass, etc.
- **Program 16 June: David Fletcher - St John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs**
- **June Greeters:** Robb Flannery and Brad McKinnon
- **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

### Rotaractors Camp out for 'Invisible Children' By Ryan Hyland



Rotaractor Alyssa Herter and a fellow member of her Kalamazoo, Michigan, club joined hundreds of demonstrators camping out on the streets of Chicago in May to call attention to the abduction of children in northern Uganda. The Rescue, as the event was dubbed, was part of an international demonstration organized by Invisible Children, a non-profit media-based group that raises awareness of children forced to become soldiers in Uganda's civil war. Demonstrators set up an encampment for six days, which culminated in an appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show on 1 May. "It was an incredible experience," says Herter, a member of the Rotaract Club of Kalamazoo and co-chair of the club's international service committee. "Everyone was so passionate about this cause. We really want people to become aware of the atrocities going on with these children."

Chicago was the last stop in a 100-city, 10-country awareness campaign. In each city, participants marched by foot to a local site, set up tents and wrote letters for a political or cultural figure to come and "rescue" them by making a public statement on behalf of the child soldiers.

The Kalamazoo club, certified in March, designated Invisible Children its primary project, says Herter, who got involved in the movement three years ago after viewing the group's documentary, *Invisible Children: Rough Cut*, released in 2003 and widely viewed on the Internet. Club members plan to raise awareness by holding fundraisers on the campus of Western Michigan University and in Kalamazoo and by hosting free screenings of the documentary.

"So many people are in the dark about the issues in Uganda," says Herter. "Hopefully the initiatives we take will make a difference. Anyone who sees this heartbreaking documentary will be moved to do something." Herter hopes that her Rotaract club can help counter some of the negative stereotypes of younger generations by showing the community that young people do care about being socially responsible, she says. "I'm so proud of how quickly our club became involved with Invisible Children," she says. "Now, being involved in Rotary's incredible network, I can imagine our club accomplishing so much more." Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash\_Rotary

## Attendance

25 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 9 June. Visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder and George Smyth of the RC of Courtenay, Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, Shall Sinha, our guest speaker of the RC of Edmonton and Pramila Sinha of the RC of Edmonton Glenora. Guests: Linda Farrell, Sales centre Manager from BCAA and Dylan, PE Steve's grandson.

## Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

Birthdays: 6 Steven Baird, 24 Brad McKinnon (30th), 29 Judythe McQuillan. Anniversaries: 8 Sheila and Kurt Nielsen, 26 Gale Wheeler and Percy Wood. Best wishes to everyone.

## Parting Shots



President Linda presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Linda Farrel, Courtenay BCAA Sales Centre Manager, to help the BCAA Traffic Safety Foundation provide proper child passenger safety restraints for families who cannot afford the equipment Dollar-for-dollar matching.



Rotarian Shall Sinha of the Rotary Club of Edmonton and our guest speaker on Tuesday exchange club banners with President Linda.

## Chuckle Corner

### Tick Tock

A man staggered out of Sotheby's Auction House in London with a huge grandfather clock on his shoulder, turned right, headed up Bond Street and knocked a frail old lady into the gutter. She got up dusted herself down and shouted at the man: “Why can’t you wear a wrist watch like any other civilized human being?”