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August is Membership and Extension Month

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August is the month that Rotarians' thoughts are focused on membership. Our club needs new members and we should also touch base with those still in are community but who have left our club and Rotary.

Comox Valley Rotary Clubs

Robert Buckley, President of the RC of Courtenay, chartered in 1936, and Tim Cowan, President of the RC of Comox spoke to us about their clubs' activities and plans.

Robert took the floor first and reported that the club has 89



Announcements

Success stops when you do.

- 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: Letter from the Village inviting us to attend the Ceremony of the Flags on Wednesday, 11 August at 8 PM in the Village Park. President Alan reminded everyone that the next meeting of the Board will be at 7 AM on Thursday, 12 August at Carmie's.
- John C reminded everyone of our commitment to operate a bar for a wedding reception on Saturday, 21 August from 5:30 to midnight. David and Kathy and Jon Toogood have volunteered to work with Peg and John. Funds for club projects.
- Keith reminded us that there are only 6 weeks until all auction items must be in accompanied by a completed form our Extravaganza Italiana on 2 October and we need 170 more donations to meet our target. Keith has donation forms and letters. Feel free to drop off items at Keith's business whenever you collect them as they will be stored at the plant.
- Linda reviewed our involvement with the Big Time Out supper and breakfast and listed all who had volunteered for both events Saturday volunteers should arrive at the Village Square by 3 PM and Sunday volunteers should arrive by 9:30 AM.
- Kim reviewed some suggestions for contents of the gift bags she is coordinating for the Extravaganza Italiana.
- Linda reported her conversation with Brad McKinnon in Fort Simpson. All is well with the McKinnons. Brad is working hard and Heather is delighted with the school where she will be teaching in September. They love the community.
- Following the formal meeting there was much discussion about the Extravaganza Italiana. By the end of the meeting, 128 of the 260 tickets were gone!
- **August Greeters:** Judythe McQuillan and Robb Flannery.
- **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



Sakuji Tanaka is The Choice for 2012-13 RI President

Sakuji Tanaka, a member of the Rotary Club of Yashio, Saitama, Japan, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary

International in 2012-13. Tanaka will become the president-nominee on 1 October if there are no challenging candidates. Tanaka said he would like to see Rotary "continue its vital work as the force to improve our communities."

To do this work, Rotary needs active, involved clubs, he added. "We are fortunate to have our revised RI Strategic Plan to help build strong

clubs that are vibrant, action-oriented, and relevant in the changing world."

For 32 years, Tanaka was president of Tanaka Company Ltd., a wholesale firm that went public in 1995 and later merged with other leading wholesalers in Japan. Currently, he serves as vice president of the Yashio City Chamber of Commerce and adviser to Arata Co. Ltd., an animal feed and pet food wholesaler. He also chaired the National Household Papers Distribution Association of Japan for eight years. Tanaka studied business at Nihon Management Daigakuin and Tokyo Management Daigakuin.

Currently a trustee of The Rotary Foundation, Tanaka chaired the 2009 Birmingham Convention Committee. His other service to Rotary includes RI director, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, district governor, and member of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force, the Permanent Fund Committee for Japan, and the Future Vision Committee.

Tanaka established an endowed Rotary Peace Fellowship, and he and his wife, Kyoko, are Paul Harris Fellows, Benefactors of the Permanent Fund, and Major Donors.

He is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Distinguished Service Award. Tanaka said that eradicating polio will "fulfill the promise we made to children in the world" and that "there is no doubt in my mind that the day of this success will be realized in the near future."

Tanaka and Kyoko have three children and five grandchildren. ~Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary eFlash_Rotary now has a new id: <http://www.eflashonline.org/> .

Attendance

23Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting in the orchard on 3 August. Visiting Rotarians: Robert Buckley of the RC of Courtenay, Tim Cowan, President of the RC of Comox and George Smyth of the RC of Victoria. Guest: Maria Buckley, spouse of Robert Buckley.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Birthdays: 1 Leslie Baird, 4 Linda Oprica, 9 Rob Neal, 28 Jill Cornwell. Anniversaries: 1 Angie and Alan dejersey, 7 Kathy and David Stevens, 16 Doreen and Mac Fraser, 24 Leslie and John Baird, 24 Brenda and Robb Flannery. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



Bill Armstrong was presented with a pin to indicate that he is now a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Bill's new pin contains one blue sapphire.

August Programs

17 August - Club Assembly 24 August - Malcolm Holt - Cameo Videos 31 August - Lush Valley

Chuckle Corner

Charley, a new retiree-greeter at Wal-Mart, just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day he was 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, really tidy, clean-shaven, sharp minded and a real credit to the company and obviously demonstrating their "Older Person Friendly" policies.

One day the boss called him into the office for a talk.

"Charley, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang up job, but your being late so often is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know boss, and I am working on it. "Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though your coming in late. I know you're retired from the Armed Forces. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, "Good morning, Admiral, can I get you coffee, sir?""