



The Miner's Lamp

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February is the month that all Rotarians celebrate Rotary's birthday on the 23rd, which has been designated World Understanding and Peace Day. One of the Objects of Rotary is to promote world peace and understanding all over the globe.

Research With Respect



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was Pat Maddochs who provided a most informative overview of how Phase I Critical Trial Volunteers are treated by the research community in Canada and the steps that

Research With Respect www.researchwithrespect.ca has taken to ease the burden placed on those who volunteer for those trials. The organization's goals are: To inform the public of the noble contributions made by these volunteers to society; To improve subject monitoring throughout the trial; To provide free, independent consultations with qualified nurses; and To promote the goal of providing compassionate end-of-life care. Pat's late husband Dave was diagnosed with a terminal cancer and passed away in 2005. During the last part of his life Dave became a Phase I Clinical Trial Volunteer and underwent the testing in Vancouver. Pat underscored the insensitive conditions placed upon him and others during the trial period, which involved taking doses of the trial drugs, providing blood samples for analysis; several in a short period but without any monitoring of his health or condition by those conducting the trial. Pat further informed us that Canada is one of the countries in the world without a Public Clinical Trial Registry that scientists could reference to determine if other trials involving the same or similar drugs have been conducted before launching into a duplicate and expensive trial. She encouraged us to sign and mail a letter to the Minister of Health asking her to create such a registry. Sorry, Pat's photo was not available at time of publication—Ed.

Announcements

Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one. -
A. J. Liebling

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is always accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- **From President Linda:** RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) conference will begin with dinner (6 PM for 6:30 PM) at the Westerly to welcome the students on Wednesday, 11 February. Spouses welcome; \$25 per person; cheques payable to RC of Cumberland Centennial. Many thanks to those who have agreed to billet 10 of the students attending. Board meeting at 7:15 AM at Island Timber Frame on Thursday, 12 February. Locals Restaurant is holding a gourmet, wine-food-pairing dinner at the restaurant at 6 PM on Sunday, 15 February—\$85 per person, reservations required: 250-338-6493. Maureen Swift, President of the CV Hospice Society will be visiting our club on 17 February to accept our cheque for \$10K pledged by us to help build the hospice facility.

- **Program 17 February:** Marianne Muir - Glacier Grannies - Stephen Lewis Foundation
- **February Greeters:** Bill Armstrong and Gale Wheeler.
- **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. [Page 2](#)

Rotary Moment



Foundation Announces Goals for 2009-10 - By Arnold R. Grahl

Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Glenn E. Estess Sr. outlined the Foundation's 2009-10 goals at the International Assembly. Rotary Image/ Alyce Henson

The year ahead will be a pivotal time for The Rotary Foundation, as it embarks on a second century of Rotary service, and faces the changes coming in the Future Vision Plan. Foundation Trustee Chair-elect Glenn E. Estess Sr. implored Rotarians, and specifically the incoming district governors gathered for the International Assembly, to rise and meet the challenge, to keep Rotary's promises for generations to come. "In Rotary, we can do good in so many ways because there are over 1.2 million of us," Estess said during a plenary session on Wednesday. "We can do good in so many places because we are in over 200 countries and geographical areas. And we can do so much good that changes the world because we have the strength of our Rotary Foundation behind us."

The 2009-10 Foundation goals are:

1. Keep the promise to eradicate polio

<<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Pages/ridefault.aspx>> .

2. Work through the Foundation to achieve a better world, through the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan

<<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/TheRotaryFoundation/FutureVision/Pages/ridefault.aspx>> .

3. Implement the Future Vision Plan, which will help revitalize and strengthen the Foundation so it can adequately support another century of Rotary service.

4. Support Every Rotarian, Every Year and the Permanent Fund

<<http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/Pages/ridefault.aspx>> . In rolling out the Foundation's goals for 2009-10,

Estess said the No. 1 priority remains the promise to eradicate polio.

"The race to finish polio has been a long race, more of a marathon than a sprint," he said. "But in any race, when you get to the end, when you see that finish line up ahead -- still a little ways up the road, but well in sight -- it is always natural to want to run a little faster and a little harder." Estess noted that the six areas of focus in the Future Vision Plan echo the priorities set by RI President-elect John Kenny in his RI theme

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090119_news_2009-10RIthemekenny.aspx> and emphases

< http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/News/Pages/090120_news_emphaseskenny.aspx> . "They are areas in which Rotary service has been the most effective and had the greatest impact in past years and decades," Estess said, "and where we should be focusing our efforts in the years and decades to come." "We try to do the most good we can, wherever we are, with what we have," he said. "And that is why our Rotary Foundation has a simple motto:

Doing Good in the World." - Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance 20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 10 February. Visiting Rotarian: Bent Harder of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Pat Maddochs, guest speaker, George Stratford, guest of the club and Jay Dahlgren, Cathé's guest.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 8 Feb: Wayne Giroday, 23 Feb: Dodie Brand, 30 Feb: Jamie Edwards. Anniversaries: No one in our club has admitted to getting married in February. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot

In Honor of Black History Month

A little learning, indeed, may be a dangerous thing, but the want of learning is a calamity to any people.

-Frederick Douglass

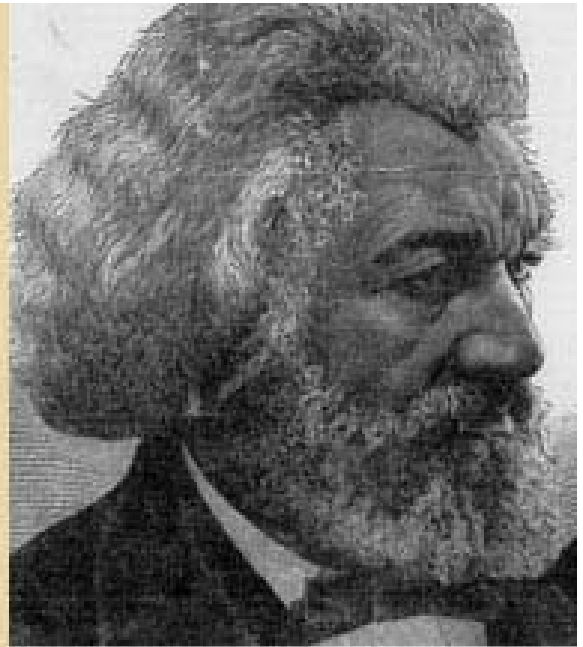


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Chuckle Corner

ALBERTA STUD SERVICE

A Pincher Creek rancher got into his pickup and drove to a neighbouring ranch and knocked on the door. A young boy, about eleven, opened the door.

"Is yer Dad home?" the rancher asked.

"No sir, he ain't," the boy replied. "He went into town."

"Well," said the rancher, "is yer Mom here?"

"No, sir, she ain't here neither. She went into town with Dad."

"How about your brother, Howard? Is he here?"

"He's at work at the gas plant."

The rancher stood there for a few minutes, shifting from one foot to the other and mumbling to himself.

"Is there anything I can do fer ya?" the boy asked politely. "I know where all the tools are if you want to borrow one. Or maybe I could take a message fer Dad."

"Well," said the rancher uncomfortably, "I really wanted to talk to yer Dad. It's about your brother Howard getting my daughter pregnant."

The boy considered for a moment. "You would have to talk to Pa about that," he finally conceded. "If it helps you any, I know that Pa charges \$500 for the bull and \$50 for the hog, but I really don't know how much he gets fer Howard."