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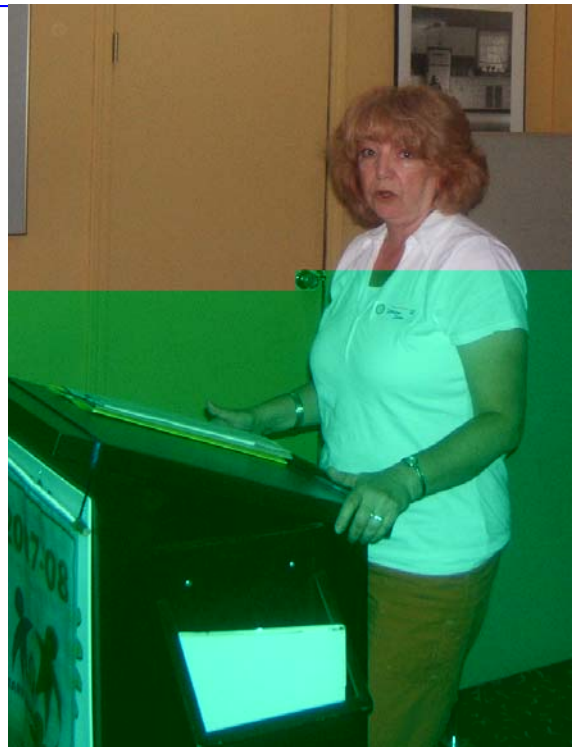
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Comox Valley Boys and Girls Club

Our Speaker last week was Deborah Joyce, Executive Director of the Comox Valley Boys and Girls Club, a position she has held for the past 7 months. Deborah described her role as promotion of the club's programs, business planning and fund raising. Most of the funding (60%) comes from donations and fund raising events. There are about 2000 clubs in the USA and 109 in Canada; 9 in BC. The local club was incorporated in 1999. The club serves children, youth and families. Three main streams of services: 1. family services, 2. school-based programs at Glacier View, Puntledge Park and Arden Schools providing breakfasts and 3. community services involves sponsoring children in programs that cannot be afforded by the family. Canadian Tire is a partner through their *Jump Start* program. The club bought a clubhouse on Fitzgerald about two years ago that provides considerable space for programs and activities and the facilities are made available to other organizations. The work of the club is overseen by paid and volunteer staff. The size of the workforce varies from 5 in the summer to 10 in the winter months. Deborah invited us to partner with the Boys and Girls Club on a youth project.



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Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- A reminder that 2007-2008 dues are now due. See treasurer John to make arrangements for installment payments if you wish.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** needs to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. Linda has a new 3-part form to be used when an item for the event is obtained. **Remember—One form for each item.** Linda will store items until the auction so please make sure that she gets them. **Please do not leave items you obtain at The Miner's Café—we do not have the room.** Everyone to canvass potential donors. Gale volunteered to prepare a catalogue of auction items. Thanks, Gale. Need a form letter for a donor? Please see Gale.
- President Keith encouraged all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. Don't just invite someone—bring someone.
- John C reminded everyone that he will pay all fines levied at the next meeting for the first person who calls or e-mails him after discovering a typo or error in the latest issue of The Miner's Lamp.
- Two copies of the 2007—2008 club directory have been given to each member of our club so no one should need to call John C for a phone number or e-mail address!
- President Keith announced that Board meetings will be held at the Miner's Café on the second Wednesday of every month: 8 August, 12 September, 10 October, 14 November and 12 December.
- President Keith asked Treasurer John to present a short review of our financial position the Tuesday before each Board meeting.
- PP Dave reported that about 30 people attended the three-hour CPR course and defibrillator training conducted by Laurie Baird at the Cumberland Recreation Hall on Monday, 9 July, completing the project. The club agreed to pay for the cost of Laurie's disposable training aids; about \$350.00.
- President Keith asked that someone agree to become the club historian. Jill and Debbie Lemire volunteered.
- Stefan confirmed that he is the Chair of the community sign committee.
- Judythe McQuillan did a makeup at the Port Hardy club.

Today's Speaker (17 July): Mike Fournier—Comox Valley Emergency Planning
July Greeters: Bill Armstrong and John Challender

Greeters' Duties: Arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room—hang banners, arrange flags, guest register, bell and gavel, name tag box, place sandwich board on sidewalk, greet everyone as people arrive and hand out badges, help with visitors' name tags and make-up cards. At end of meeting, return room to original condition by putting everything away—please don't leave the sandwich board on the sidewalk after the meeting. **Page 2**

Rotary Moment



What Paul Harris Said

June 17, 2007

www.whatpaulharrissaid.org

In a message to the 1919 Rotary International Convention held in Salt Lake City read out by secretary Ches Perry on June 17 1919...

"If it could ever have been truly said that Rotary was insular in its viewpoint, that time is past. Rotarians now understand that the best rule to apply in cases of doubt is the broadest and most generous which the circumstances will permit. Rotary is not tied to tradition. All of the field of human usefulness is open. It has no occasion for lavish expenditure. Its ways are simple; may they ever be so, to the end that Rotary may remain pure. If these things may be, Rotary will not seek smooth paths for men strong as they stumble onward."

[The full article appears here - <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1919convention.htm>]

As we meet here at this convention held in the same city of 88 years ago, just consider how far we have come. At our last Salt Lake City convention, we had \$60 in our endowment fund (now known as The Rotary Foundation) – look how far we have travelled.

I'm not talking, of course, about the miles we have clocked up in our cars and on trains and aeroplanes, but about our cherished Rotary movement.

Paul Harris again hits the nail upon the head when he tells us that Rotary's ways are simple. Our aims remain straightforward and succinct; Our all encompassing aim is to continue to strive towards world peace and understanding and to doing good in our world. These aims remain 'pure'. Paul Harris's message was to a convention of hope that looked towards a new bright future – a future that sadly did not materialize.

Let us hope that in 2007, a peaceful world is within our sight. Look outwards Paul Harris tells us, look outwards.

Note - this message was read out 'live' at the Rotary Global History Fellowship Breakfast meeting at the RI convention held at Salt Lake City, Utah on June 17 2007.

Calum Thomson
RGHF Chairman/President 2006/07
R/C Longniddry & District
District 1020, Scotland.

Birthdays

Jon Toogood and Peg Challender celebrated their birthdays on 13 July.

Attendance

Eighteen Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, Gloria Nethercutt of the RC of Mabalacat and Ron Nethercutt of the RC of Clark Centennial in the Philippines and Chair of ROTI. Deborah Joyce was a guest of the club and our speaker.

Parting Shots



President Keith asked Ron Nethercutt, a member of the RC of Clark Centennial in the Philippines and Chair of Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) www.roti.org to tell us about his club. Ron mentioned that his club is made up of ex-pats and focuses on street children.

PP Gloria Nethercutt of the RC of Mabalacat also attended our meeting and told us of the activities of her 25-member club. She and Ron are members of their District team; she looks after grant applications and he is Chair of the GSE Committee.

Chuckle Corner Stuff To Ponder

If the funeral procession is at night, do folks drive with their headlights off?

If a man speaks in the forest and there is no woman to hear him, is he still wrong?

If a turtle loses his shell, is it naked or homeless?

Should vegetarians eat animal crackers?

If the cops arrests a mime, do they tell him he has the right to remain silent?

Why do people who know the least know it the loudest?

If vegetarians eat vegetables, what do humanitarians eat?