



The Miner's Lamp

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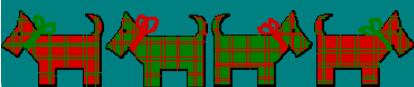
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December is Family of Rotary Month

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**This is a time of year to share,
to show those we love how much we care,
Whether they are big or they are small,
Family and friends are the very best gifts of all.**



All About the Weather



Hamish Murray, Senior Meteorologist at the 19 Wing Weather Office, provided us with an interesting look at the system of reporting and forecasting weather in Canada provided by the Department of the Environment. Hamish has been a meteorologist for 25 years, twenty of which have been here in the Comox Valley. Hamish described the process involved in the collection, analysis and forecasting of weather and the different levels of the needs of the public. Many are interested in the

forecast solely from the point of view of whether they need to wear their rubbers or carry an umbrella. Others, like farmers and fishers are more interested in the forecasts from the point of view of their occupations.

President Keith pointed out that his business is particularly weather dependant because concrete normally is not poured if the threat of precipitation exceeds 30%.

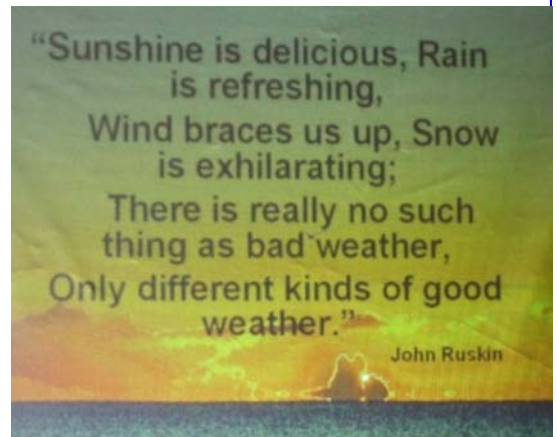
Aviators and military climates are interested in the forecasts to determine if it they can safely carry out their duties.

Weather information:

Public: 339-9861

Marine: 339-0748

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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.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for a train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- PDG Joan Firkins has asked us to consider nominating a DG for 2010-11. Qualifications include having served as a club president, be a member in good standing, have served as a Rotarian for at least 7 years. Please pass suggestions to President Keith for onward transmission to PDG Joan before the end of Dec.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria.
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June.
- District PR Committee launching a project. Anyone interested contact president Keith.
- Dodie reminded us of the request for hotel soap, shampoo, etc for homeless people.
- John C reminded everyone how we might honour friends and members of family for whom it is difficult to find a gift at this time of year by purchasing a wheelchair for someone who is currently without mobility somewhere in the world. For \$75, a wheelchair can be purchased in someone's name and that person will receive an acknowledgement in the form of a certificate and a photograph of the recipient of the wheelchair. https://www.wheelchairfoundation.org/donate/usa/donate_form.php5
- Carrie Poborsa-Cox, Kelly George and Kelly George, members of the Interact Club of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School told us about their fundraiser that will raise awareness about the perils of drinking and driving through an ad in the Comox Valley Record. For \$50 an individual or a business will help fund the ad with 50% of the proceeds accruing to the Interact Club. Another gift idea?
- Jon Toogood introduced Kelly George as our club's nominee to attend Adventures in Citizenship in Ottawa in the spring. Kelly will return to our club following her adventure to tell us all about her experiences. In 2007 we sponsored Carrie Poborsa-Cox to attend the same adventure.
- Dodie circulated a signup sheet for the Ukrainian Christmas Party on 5 January. If you didn't see the sheet or were absent, please send Dodie an note and ask her to add your name dodiebrand@shaw.ca
- **No Speaker (18 December): Stories of Christmases Past**
- **No meetings 25 December and 1 January. Enjoy the holidays!**

December Greeters: Steven Baird and John Challenger

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.



Why I am a Rotarian: Eldon “Dooley” Greer

I like Rotary for its informality, its casualness, its friendly and cordial spirit; it’s placing all people on one common plane for a genuinely friendly world through tolerance and understanding.

I like to be called by my first name. I appreciate the hearty handclasp and friendly smile. I enjoy the gentle ribbing without malice. I am uplifted by the sentiments expressed by many Rotary speakers. I am proud of the accomplishments of our club.

I thank Rotary for having made me a better man, for giving me a new insight into my responsibilities to my country and community, and for the opportunity afforded me to form new lasting friendships that are community-wide, nation wide and world wide. And a little hard work never hurt anyone.

Eldon "Dooley" Greer
Eldon passed away several years ago....

Dooley Greer was President of the Rotary Club of Barrie in 1950 and served as DG of District 7010 in 1960.

[The Rotary Club of Barrie, Ontario District 7010.](#)

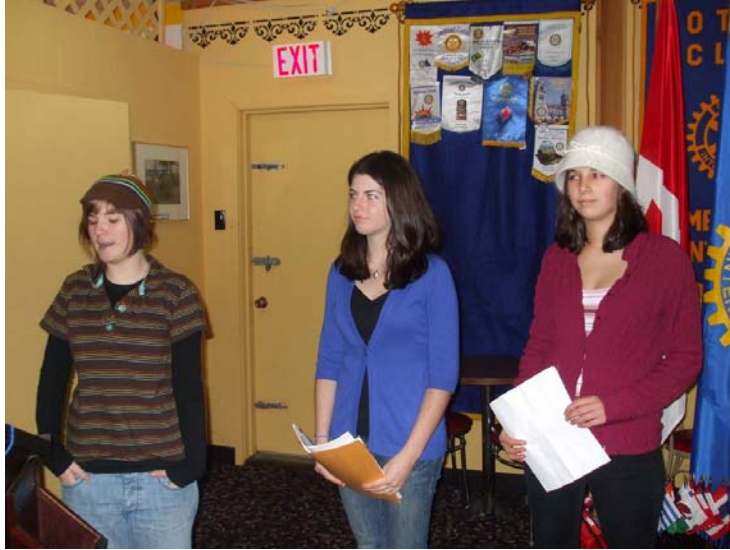
Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 11 December. Visiting Rotarians included: Cliff Piercy and Laurie Haines from the RC of Courtenay and Chip Ross from the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Carrie Poborsa-Cox, Kelly George and Laramie Ferguson of the Interact Club of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School were guests of the club. Wayne Girody was a guest of Jon Toogood and Bayne Mann was a guest of his mother, Deb Nolan. Hamish Murray was our guest speaker.

December Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries: 3 Dec—Judythe and Bob McQuillan, 24 Dec—Cara and Steven Baird, 28 Dec—Rhonda and Bill Armstrong. Birthdays: 8 Dec—Steve Galbraith, 11 Dec—Ken Dunsire. Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

Parting Shot



Carrie Poborsa-Cox, Kelly George and Laramie Ferguson, members of the Interact Club of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School told our club about their many activities and their drinking-driving awareness campaign and fundraiser. Kelly will attend Adventures in Citizenship in 2008

Chuckle Corner

A Good Explanation!

A guy was sitting quietly reading his paper when his wife walked up behind him and whacked him on the head with a magazine. What was that for?" he asked.

"That was for the piece of paper in your pants pocket with the name Laura Lou written on it," she replied.

"Two weeks ago when I went to the races, Laura Lou was the name of one of the horses I bet on," he explained. "Oh honey, I'm sorry," she said. "I should have known there would be a good explanation.

Three days later he was watching a ball game on TV when she walked up and hit him in the head again, this time with the iron skillet, which knocked him out cold.

When he came to, he asked, "What the hell was that for?" She replied...

"Your horse called."

"The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter."- Mark Twain