

The Miner's Lamp

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Rotary clubs, under the Board's leadership, conduct a semi-annual review of membership, PR, Foundation and other goals including a progress report on projects.

Comox Valley Conservation Strategy

Our guest speaker on Tuesday was David Stapley of the Comox Valley Conservation Strategy. Using a Powerpoint presentation, David told us of the many organizations that form part of the Strategy and others that provide



support. Support is received from the three municipalities, the Comox Valley Regional District, and a number of foundations and environmental groups. One of the goals of the Strategy is to provide education to the residents of our community on the work they are doing to raise awareness about our watersheds, forests and the need to consider alternative approaches to development of land in the region. The CVCS is a regional land-use planning framework for the Comox Valley in which conservation is the primary focus. It identifies critical ecosystems for protection and restoration and links them together to form a network. See:

www.cvconservationstrategy.org for more information.

Announcements

No one can make you feel inferior without your consent ~Eleanor Roosevelt

- 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: Board meeting at 7:00 Am on Thursday, 13 January at Carmie's Café. Whisky Fest at the Westerly on 27 January is a fundraiser of the Rotary Club of Comox. Forty whiskies will be offered as well as free rides home. Tickets: \$85. All proceeds to the Comox Valley Hospice Society.
- Liz announced that planning is underway for a series of Guest Who's Coming to Dinner events in the spring. More details to follow.
- The District Leadership Training Assembly will be held in Victoria on 2 and 3 April. Register online through the District website. A must-attend event for club leaders and a valuable event for all other club members.
- **January Greeters:** Steve Galbraith and Bill Armstrong.
- **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



What Paul Harris Said

“Glancing back through my anniversary messages of the past, it seemed to me that I had covered every inch of the ground; that I had told everything I knew. Then the thought came to me that I had omitted the question Rotarians most frequently ask me: "When you founded Rotary, did you think that it would come to anything like this?"

My answer to that question is, "No." My thoughts on that day 42 years ago this month when the first Club first met, were far from any such thing. Recall Andrew Carnegie's answer to an adoring lady who asked him if he did not think that his great work was inspirational: "No, madam, I think it was more perspirational than inspirational."

So it was in Rotary. There was no inspired beginning. Young businessmen, mostly from the country, came in response to my call. Unacquainted with city life, we gathered together to help and befriend each other. We had been lonesome and we had found a cure for lonesomeness. We looked forward to meetings as a traveler in a desert looks forward to oases. We banished "Mister" and used first names. Silvester Schiele suggested photographs in our roster and the reading of papers on our respective businesses. Harry Ruggles contributed Club singing.”

~From a speech given in 1947 by Paul P. Harris, founder of Rotary.

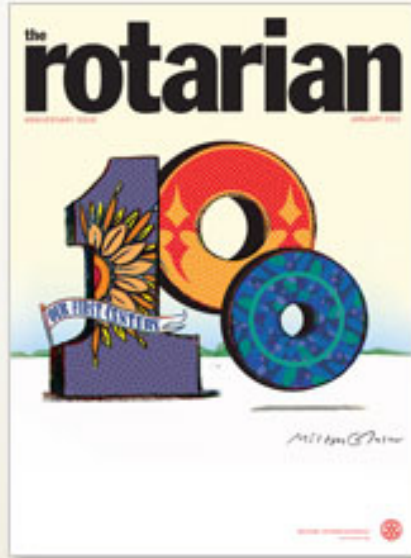
Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 11 January. We missed the company of: Catherine, Dodie, Robb, Mac, Debbie, Rob, Kurt, Kim, David S, Keith, Gale and Casper. Guests: David Stapley .

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

Birthdays: 4 David Bossom, 10 Deb Nolan, 30 Robb Flannery. Anniversary: 30 Rob and Margaret Neal. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



The Rotarian magazine celebrates 100 years as a communications tool for Rotarians. A special, anniversary edition has been published. Look for it in your mail this month.

January Programs

18 Club Assembly 25 Mexican Project

Chuckle Corner

Weather Back East

I just got off the phone with a friend in New York.

He said that since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling. The temperature is dropping below zero and the freezing wind is increasing.

His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window.

He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.