



The Miner's Lamp

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November is Foundation Month in Rotary

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November is the month we focus on learning more about our foundation and ways we can participate to positively affect the lives of people less fortunate than we. Our foundation is our "bank" that allows us to fund the eradication of polio, for example.

Remembrance Day - 11 Nov In Flanders Fields

**By: Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae, MD (1872-1918)
Canadian Army**

**IN FLANDERS FIELDS the poppies blow
Between the crosses row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.**

In April 1915, John McCrae was in the trenches near Ypres, Belgium, in the area traditionally called Flanders. Some of the heaviest fighting of the First World War took place there during what was known as the Second Battle of Ypres. On 22 April, the Germans used deadly chlorine gas against Allied troops in a desperate attempt to break the stalemate. Despite the debilitating effects of the gas, Canadian soldiers fought relentlessly and held the line for another 16 days. In the trenches, John McCrae tended hundreds of wounded soldiers every day. He was surrounded by the dead and the dying. —Ed

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.
- An anonymous family has offered \$600 toward the purchase of a Rotary ShelterBox (total cost \$1,200). Individuals will receive a tax receipt from ShelterBox Canada for their personal donations. Editor knows of two of our members have provided \$100 each to be added to the \$600 offered.
- Cumberland Ready Mix's decorated truck will help us raise funds for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Squad. Santa will be delivered in the truck twice and we'll be involved seeking donations.
- Rotarians who are planning donations to ShelterBox or the Hospice Society must give their money to John Jones prior to 1 December in order to be eligible for a 2008 tax receipt.
- Fundraising for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Team www.bikesquad.ca begins with a pancake breakfast at the Comox Mall on 13 December from 10 AM until 2 PM and another on 20 December at the Driftwood Mall.
- **From President Linda:** Board meeting 13 November at 7:15 AM at Island Timber Frame. Christmas hampers for 2 Cumberland families to be coordinated by Bill. Traditionally Rotarians have contributed cash for these hampers—suggested amount \$20 per Rotarian.
- **Program 18 November:** Frank Limshue, Director, Planning and Zoning and Stephen Bruyneel Director, Communications and Government Affairs, Real Estate TimberWest Forest Corp will speak to us about their company's activities. First meeting at Carmie's, 2699 Dunsmuir at 7 AM on 18 November and thereafter.
- **November Greeters:** Rob Neal and Brad McKinnon
- **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.



The first shipment of lead-zinc ore left Pine Point, NWT, destined for smelters in Trail and Kimberley over the Great Slave RR on 18 November 1964.

Rotary Moment



Give Us Your Best Shot



Richard S. Lawrence won the 2007-08 contest by taking a picture of a boy inspecting a cup of water at a project in Guatemala in which 11 clubs in District 7890 raised more than US\$24,000 to provide water filters, vented pit latrines, and raised vented stoves for 52 families.

Do you have a great shot from a fundraiser, international project, the RI Convention, or local club event? The deadline for The Rotarian's annual photo contest is 28 February, and we're looking for anything that illustrates Service Above Self.

In addition, Rotarians will be able to vote for their favourite photo in the People's Choice Award category. Online voting will open 15 April and run through 15 May. So submit your photos now, and tell your friends and fellow club members to visit the Web site starting in April to cast their votes!

Click here for contest rules and to submit your photos:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/MediaAndNews/TheRotarian/Pages/TheRotarianPhotoContest.aspx>

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Attendance

There was no regular meeting on 11 November. Rotarians who attended a Remembrance Day Ceremony at any location on may claim credit for a makeup.

November Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 24 November: Liz Phillipson, 25 November: Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 November: Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann, 19 November: John and Peg Challender
Best wishes to everyone from all of us.

Parting Shot



Chuckle Corner

QUEENSLAND JACKAROO

A Queensland jackaroo is overseeing his herd in remote territory when suddenly a brand-new BMW advances out of a dust cloud towards him. The driver, a young man in a designer suit, Gucci shoes, Ray Ban sunglasses and YSL tie, leans out the window and asks the cowboy, "If I tell you exactly how many cows and calves you have in your herd, will you give me a calf?" The jackaroo looks at the man, obviously a yuppie, then looks at his peacefully grazing herd and calmly answers, "Sure, why not?"

The yuppie parks his car, whips out his Dell notebook computer, connects it to his Cingular RAZR V3 cell phone, and surfs to a NASA page on the Internet, where he calls up a GPS satellite navigation system to get an exact fix on his location, which he then feeds to another NASA satellite that scans the area in an ultra-high-resolution photo. The young man then opens the digital photo in Adobe Photoshop and exports it to an image processing facility in Hamburg, Germany.

Within seconds, he receives an e-mail on his Palm Pilot that the image has been processed and the data stored. He then accesses a MS-SQL database through an ODBC connected Excel Spreadsheet with e-mail on his Blackberry and after a few minutes, receives a response. Finally, he prints out a full-colour, 150-page report on his hi-tech, miniaturized HP LaserJet printer and finally turns to the cowboy and says, "You have exactly 1,586 cows and calves."

"That's right. Well, I guess you can take one of my calves," says the cowboy.

He watches the young man select one of the animals and looks on amused as the young man stuffs it into the trunk of his car.

Then the cowboy says to the young man, "Hey, if I can tell you exactly what your business is, will you give me back my calf?"

The young man thinks about it for a second and then says, "Okay, why not?"

"You work for the Australian Government," says the jackaroo.

"Wow! That's correct," says the yuppie, "but how did you guess that?"

"No guessing required," answered the jackaroo. "You showed up here even though nobody called you; you want to get paid for an answer I already knew, to a question I never asked. You used all kinds of expensive equipment that clearly somebody else paid for. You tried to show me how much smarter than me you are; and you don't know a thing about cows ... this is a herd of sheep. Now give me back my dog."