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Life & Times of Dodie Brand

In the absence of our scheduled guest speaker, President Keith asked Dodie to share her life story with us. Dodie began by telling us that she was the youngest of fourteen children born to her parents in Saskatchewan! Being good Baptists, her family attended church and she Sunday school and she thought she would become a missionary as a result of these early influences in her life. However, she discovered other things that enriched her



life and missionary work moved to the back burner. Her mother expressed her amazement at the many adventures upon which Dodie embarked. Her preparations for her upcoming polio immunization mission to Ethiopia are underway. She's had her shots and now has sore arms and is going through the paperwork necessary to get through all the hoops. She described the purpose of the recommendation that she wear long skirts (no public toilets) and that she must take lots of cash (no or very few ATMs). Dodie is looking forward to this adventure. She'll take 30 hours from the time she leaves Comox on 12 October until she arrives in Addis Ababa on 14 October. Besides dispensing polio vaccine to children, Dodie and her group will work with local Rotary clubs, helping where possible. Lots of pictures will result and we'll see them on 30 October. Godspeed, Dodie!

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.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** We are aiming for a target of 200 live and silent auction items so, **please, find sponsors, services and articles ASAP.** Linda has challenged us all to bring in 10 items each—those who do will be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate. John C has **tickets available** for the Extravaganza Italiana. Reserve yours NOW! \$25 per person. Make sure you have some extras to sell to people in our community who will ask you for some. johnpegc@telus.net or 339-4068. The Home and Garden Gate in Cumberland and the CV Visitors' Centre on Cliffe also have tickets for sale. If you sell a table of eight, please make sure you pass a name to John so a table can be reserved for the party. John and Keith will visit other clubs this week to provide tickets for those who wish to attend. Setup will begin Friday evening, 12 October and on Saturday during the day. Lots to do, few to do the job, let's all make plans to help as much as possible. Family members most welcome! Dave Stevens is working on an auction item that will allow the successful bidder to release a bald eagle back into the wild after its recovery from an injury at Avian Mountain Rescue.
- President Keith encourages all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. August is the month we emphasize the importance of membership development in Rotary. Nurture existing members and recruit new ones. Because of our club's small size, 2/3 of our total membership currently serves as members of the Executive, Board and on committees. *"More Hands Make Light Work"*...President Keith will make the first member who brings two new members into our club this year, a Paul Harris Fellow.
- Debbie announced that she has received more donations for the auction. Keep them coming.
- Gale reminded us that Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock will arrive in our community on 26 September and that we will provide food and drinks for a donation. All proceeds to the campaign. Need volunteers 6 to 8 PM; 4 to 6 PM slots all filled.
- Don't forget the melodrama that Gale is coordinating for Empire Days 2008.
- Reminder to all members of the executive and board that our next meeting will be held at The Miner's Café at 8 AM on Wednesday, 12 September.

Speaker (18 September): Bob Johnson—Mexican Project

September **Cathe Egan and Debbie Lemire**

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.

Rotary Moment



First U.S. ShelterBox Response Team Members Deliver Landmark Aid

By Janice Chambers Rotary International News

The Shelterbox that marked 500,000 people helped by the program was delivered to Jagadeo Argairiya, who has a family of 10, including five young children. On her first trip delivering disaster relief for ShelterBox, Trannie Lacquey encountered Maoist guerrillas, crossed swollen rivers on foot, and hiked miles in a remote, tension-filled corner of Nepal. But the toughest challenge, says the grandmother of five, was clearing customs at the airport for 410 ShelterBox relief kits, which would help hundreds of families trapped by the monsoon floods that swept Nepal in August. It took 10 days. "It was tedious and very frustrating. We knew people were waiting," she says.

Fortunately, extensive training at a ShelterBox Response Team training camp in Cornwall, England, paid off, she says. Lacquey and her husband, John, members of the Rotary Club of Branford, Florida, USA, and Gary Boe, a member of the Rotary Club of Lewis River, Washington, USA, were the first U.S. ShelterBox Response Team members sent on a disaster relief mission.

They also made history, as they delivered the ShelterBox that marked 500,000 disaster victims aided by the Rotarian-sponsored non-profit. Shelterbox started as a small project by the Rotary Club of Helston-Lizard, England, in 2001, but it took off quickly. To date, it has raised millions and delivered aid in 33 countries. Recently, the Duchess of Cornwall, Prince Charles's wife, Camilla, agreed to serve as patron of ShelterBox. She is believed to be the first Royal Patron of a Rotary club project in the United Kingdom.

Each ShelterBox costs about US\$900 and is intended to help a family of 10 survive for six months. It contains custom supplies that typically include a large tent, blankets, water purification and cooking equipment, basic tools, and a multi-fuel stove. Rotary clubs provide more than half the funding, and private donors contribute the rest. The effort also depends on energetic volunteers like the Lacqueys, who arrived home 1 September after three weeks in Nepal and are now repacking for a weekend in Blackwater River State Park in Florida, where they'll help train more response team recruits. They'll also tell stories from their recent trip. "The rice paddies were still flooded," John Trannie recalls. "People lost everything. They were living under tarps in the rain. The living conditions were just horrible." But through it all, he says, "People would help their neighbours. It was a very humbling experience for us."

Recently, ShelterBox enjoyed another first. It received its first Matching Grant from The Rotary Foundation, allowing 24 boxes to be delivered to northern Ethiopia in October, providing desperately needed shelter for Sudanese refugees. The grant was funded by the Rotary clubs of Beaverton, Oregon, USA, and Bahir Dar, Ethiopia. It is part of a massive effort by ShelterBox, called A Million in Africa, which intends to provide shelter for one million of Africa's eight million refugees. Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

Twenty-one Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Al Bergquist, Jerry Feniak Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. And Bent Harder of the RC of Courtenay.

Anniversary

John and Judy Jones celebrated their anniversary on 14 September.

Parting Shots



Another fun-filled meeting with lots of good fellowship and lots of humour. Great turnout—only 3 members not present.

Chuckle Corner

Watch What You Say!

We were dressed and ready to go out for the evening .. We turned on a night-light, turned the answering machine on, covered our pet parakeet and put the cat in the backyard. We phoned the local cab company and requested a taxi.

The taxi arrived and we opened the front door to leave the house. The cat we put out in the yard scoots back into the house. We didn't want the cat shut in the house because she always tries to eat the bird. My wife went out to the taxi, while I went inside to get the cat. The cat ran upstairs, with me in hot pursuit. Waiting in the cab, my wife didn't want the driver to know that the house will be empty for the night. So, she explained to the taxi driver that I will be out soon, "He's just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother."

A few minutes later, I get into the cab. "Sorry I took so long," I said, as we drove away. "She was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger to get her to come out! She tried to take off, so I grabbed her by the neck. Then, I had to wrap her in a blanket to keep her from scratching me. But it worked! I hauled her fat butt downstairs and threw her out into the back yard!"

The cab driver hit a parked car.