



# The Miner's Lamp

Bringing the Light of Service to the Community and the World Through Rotary



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## RYLA 2009

### May Has no Particular Theme

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Since the month of May has no particular theme in the world of Rotary, why not consider making it the second month of the year that we focus on the Rotary Foundation? We could consider ways that we can help meet the challenge accepted by Rotary International in light of the generous \$255 Million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help end polio. Every bit helps.



Laura Holland, member of the Interact Club of Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School, presented a slide show of photos showing the many activities involved in her experience at Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, WA in March. The experience helped Laura to learn about herself and relate to others. The various motivational speakers spoke

about a variety of topics, the one that stuck with her was on diversity. Laura is one of the leaders in her Interact club and stated that her experiences at RYLA have helped her more easily relate to people and influence them for the common good. Laura and her fellow Interact Club members, Kelly George and Natasha Kardos helped raised \$4,800 at their dinner on 14 May for the Tegucigalpa Market Children, to provide clothes, food and other essentials. Kelly George and Natasha Kardos gave a brief description of their experiences at Adventures in Citizenship and all three students thanked us for our sponsorship.

## Announcements

*Experience is what you get when you don't get what you want.....*

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.
- **From President Linda:** The club has received an invitation to attend the May Queen Luncheon on Monday, 18 May. Please let Linda know if you'd like to attend. Rurik has arrived in South Africa and will run the Comrades' Race of 90 km on 24 May as a Canadian! He left with a large box of school supplies.
- Dodie announced that we will be hosting a barbecue on 28 June for the 40 members of the CYMC Musical theatre program.
- Keith announced that tickets are available for our Installation Dinner to be held at the Kingfisher Resort and Spa on Tuesday, 23 June. Cost: \$30 per person. No regular meeting that day.
- Jill announced the charity ball tournament her club sponsors is to be held on 19, 20 and 21 June. She offered the operation of a beer garden to our club. More to follow.
- Dave auctioned an hour of experience on his loader to help raise money for Billy Strachan. Wayne Giroday was the successful bidder at \$150. Thanks, Keith, Dave and Wayne.
- **Program 19 May: AG Kim Sleno - GSE Team to Australia**
- **May Greeters:** Alan deJersey and Cathe Egan
- **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

### Vocational Service



A farmer who had won many blue ribbons for the corn he grew, made a practice of sharing his best seed with his neighbours.

“How in the world can you afford to do that?” he was asked.

“Your neighbours are entering corn in competition with yours at the fair, yet you help them with your prize seed.”

Said the blue-ribbon corn grower, “Why, that’s very simple. If I want to grow good corn, I must help my neighbours grow good corn too. The wind picks up the pollen from the ripening corn and swirls it from field to field. If my neighbours grow inferior corn, the quality of my own will suffer. If I want to grow good corn, I must help them grow good corn too.”

Rotary suggests that the same good counsel holds in every business and profession. If the effort to serve is to succeed, so much depends on others making the effort too. This sharing of Rotary with others who are not Rotarians is having a great influence in raising standards of practice in every field.

Vocational service is the avenue of Rotary in which each Rotarian can be a winner of blue ribbons

~ From *Rotary—Fifty Years of Service 1905 –1955*

### Attendance

23 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 12 May. Visiting Rotarians: Blaine Douglas and Laurie Haines of the RC of Courtenay and Al Bergquist of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Aaron Kelly, his mom Kathy and Steve Claassen of the GP Vanier Robotics Team, Kelly George Adventures in Citizenship 2008, Laura Holland RYLA 2009, Natasha Kardos, Adventures in Citizenship 2009, Marguerite Toogood, Jon’s spouse and Billy Strachan, guest of the club.

### Birthdays in May (No Anniversaries)

7 John Jones, 24 Mac Fraser, 27 Keith Tatton. Best wishes to everyone.

## Parting Shots



President Linda presented a cheque for \$300 to GP Robotics Team, represented by Steve Claassen and Aaron Kelly who are off to PEI for the Nationals.



President Linda presented a cheque for \$500 from our club and an envelope containing donations from several club members. The total funds represent more than 25% of his target of \$5,000.

Laura Holland RYLA 2009, Natasha Kardos Adventures in Citizenship 2009 and Kelly George Adventures in Citizenship 2008 spoke of their experiences to our club and thanked us for sponsoring them.

## Chuckle Corner

### Good Deed

A man and his wife were awakened at 3:00 am by a loud pounding on the door. The man got up and went to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, asked for a push. 'Not a chance,' says the husband, 'it is 3:00 o'clock in the morning!' He slammed the door and returned to bed.

'Who was that?' asked his wife. 'Just some drunk guy asking for a push,' he answered.

'Did you help him?' she asked. 'No, I did not, it is 3:00 in the morning and it is pouring rain out there!' 'Well, you have a short memory,' said his wife. 'Can't you remember about three months ago when we broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself!'

The man did as he was told, got dressed, and went out into the pounding rain. He called out into the dark, 'Hello, are you still there?' 'Yes,' came back the answer.

'Do you still need a push?' called out the husband (soaking wet)

'Yes, please!' came the reply from the dark.

'Where are you?' asked the husband.

'Over here on the swing!' replied the drunk.