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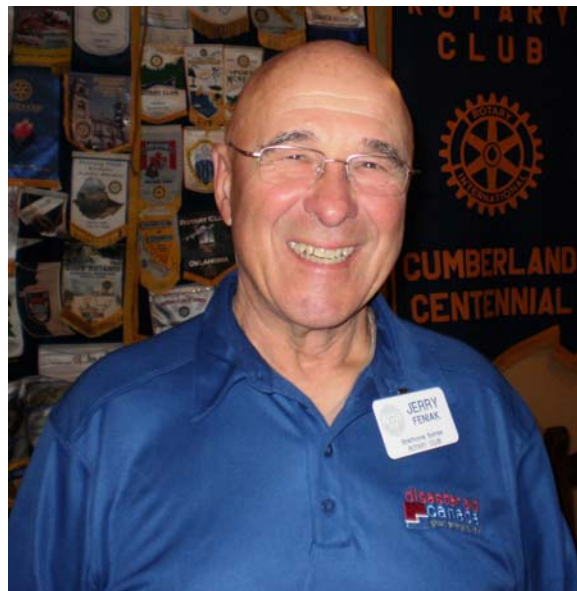
October is Vocational Service Month

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Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Vocational Service spotlights Rotary club projects offering an opportunity for clubs to use their professional skills in service projects.

Disaster Aid Canada



Our speaker on Tuesday was dedicated humanitarian, Jerry Feniak, a Disaster Aid Canada Ambassador. Jerry began his talk with an update on the devastating floods in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan that have affected some 20 Million people. Pakistan covers an area of

796,095 sq. km with a population of 132.35 million according to population census 1998. The central part of the country was hardest hit by the flooding, which has destroyed infrastructure and the main agricultural, food-producing areas of the country. International aid has been slow so Jerry encouraged us to consider making a donation to Disaster Aid Canada (DAC), which can provide disaster relief supplies contained in the yellow and blue box as well as water-purification equipment, temporary classrooms for children denied access to schools and first aid stations. Each DAC box sells for \$750 but donations of any size are welcome. Tax receipts will be issued for \$20 or more. See:

www.disasteraid.ca

Announcements

"A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do"
~Walter Gagehot

- 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: Next Board meeting at Carmie's at 7 AM on Thursday, 14 October. Received a thank you letter from the Sonshine Lunch Club for the beef we donated to their program.
- Gale circulated a sign-up sheet for invocations. If you'd like to add your name, please contact Gale at:

woowhee@shaw.ca

- Alinda announced that she will be journeying to Kakamega in the next few days and will celebrate her next birthday in Kenya on 20 October. Alinda will continue her work as a member of the Rotary Club of Kakamega for the next six months. The club wished Alinda well and a safe return in the spring.
- A reminder that Jodi Williams will be organizing a Hallowe'en event for the children of Cumberland on Saturday, 30 October. Volunteers to help with traffic safety should contact Linda. Duties begin at 4:00 PM.
- **October Greeters:** Deb Nolan and Kim Sleno.
- **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

Youth Exchange Created Lifelong Bonds



Antonio Herrera gets emotional every time he is reunited with Past RI Vice President Jerry Hall, his host for a Rotary Youth Exchange in 1980.

Herrera, then 16, came from Chile to stay with the Hall family in Reno, Nevada. He says he will never forget how Hall spent a couple of hours every day after school helping him read books that his teacher had assigned. "He would make me read the books back to him," Herrera says. "I couldn't believe his genuine interest in my learning the language. The values I learned from Jerry and his family were instrumental. They made me a part of their family, which is why it's always emotional when I see them again."

Herrera is now vice-principal at a middle school in Syracuse, New York. In 2003, he became a member of the Rotary Club of Syracuse Sunrise. Although work obligations have forced him to take a temporary leave from his club, he says it's important for exchange students to stay involved with Rotary.

"Youth Exchange opened so many doors for me," Herrera says. "Learning another language helped me tremendously in being who I am today." Hall says the experience is equally rewarding for host families.

"The magic part of Youth Exchange is that you learn from the student, and the student learns from you," says Hall, a member of the Rotary Club of Reno. "Even though we live in other parts of the world and have different cultures, there are so many things we have in common. "Antonio was a very serious and studious young man," Hall adds. "He always asked the extra question. His curiosity to learn our culture was remarkable."

Hall has gone on to host 13 students since Herrera, and says each has enriched his life in ways that are hard to describe. "Seeing students mature is always rewarding," he says. "Youth Exchange is an opportunity to make a real difference in a young person's life." The most difficult part is when the student goes back home, Hall says. "It's like when a family member leaves home. The bond you forge with students is so strong." Hall believes the most important part of Youth Exchange is communication.

"Host families must be sure to make their student comfortable," he says. "It's such a good program. It changes how people see each other. We have a lot to learn from other cultures if we take the time." The bond between Hall and Herrera remains strong 30 years later. They see each other every few years, and most recently met up during the RI Convention in Montréal. Source : Rotary International News /

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Attendance

Only 18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 12 October. We missed the company of: Catherine, David B, Dodie, Jill, Jay, Christine, Robb, Mac, John J, Debbie, Kurt, Linda and Chantal. Visiting Rotarians: Jerry Feniak of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise and our guest speaker and Laurie Haines of the Rotary Club of Courtenay. Plan was present and helped David Stevens auction some tuna.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Birthdays: 7 Bill Armstrong, 16 Kim Sleno, 20 Alinda Ware, 25 Catherine Bell. Anniversaries: No one chose October to celebrate their nuptials. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



The Disaster Aid Canada Box.

October Programs

19 - Club Assembly 26 - Schoolhouse Quilters Guild - Marie Trimmer

Chuckle Corner

For Lovers of Words (Lexophiles)

1. A bicycle cannot stand alone; it is two tired.
2. A will is a dead giveaway.
3. Time flies like an arrow; fruit flies like a banana.
4. A backward poet writes inverse.
5. In a democracy it's your vote that counts; in feudalism, it's your Count that votes.
6. A chicken crossing the road: poultry in motion.
7. If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.
8. With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.
9. Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.
10. When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.
11. The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.
12. A grenade fell onto a kitchen floor in France and resulted in Linoleum Blownapart.