



# The Miner's Lamp

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***This month's focus is on Rotary magazines and other publications used to inform, educate and promote Rotarians. Make some time to read the Rotarian every month. It will keep you "in the know". Reading your club newsletter regularly is also a great idea!***

## Winespeak With John C



Tasting wine at breakfast time? Actually the best time to taste wine is between 10 AM and noon. At that time of the day our bodies and minds are well suited to look critically at what we find in the glass. Of course, if you are a "*past the lips and over the gums, look our stomach, here it comes*" kind of drinker, it doesn't matter when you drink. In a group of 20 people, on average, between 4 and 6 cannot taste very much at all, about 10 represent the average taster in our midst and the remainder would be called "super tasters". These numbers do not reflect education, intelligence, good looks or charm just represent the equipment that our parents provided through their genes; taste buds, olfactory sensitivity and the like. Have you ever heard someone say after sniffing a glass of wine that he/she found aromas of cherries, plums a hint of mint with background tones of leather and chocolate and when you sniffed you couldn't find any of these elements? If so, you aren't unsophisticated, you just weren't equipped by good old Mom and Dad with a very discriminating sense of smell.

## Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- The Mexican GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team will visit our area. Leader- Dr. Natlio G. Solis age 44, male, internal medicine. Members: - Angel Isaac Diaz Goytortua, age 28, male, Mechanical engineer, Computer engineer. - Antonio Cantu Galvin, age 40, male, University Prof, Civil engineer - Christian Emilio Saldana Lopez, age 25, male, Computer engineer - Erika Rodriguez Garcia, age 25, female, University Administrator - Wendi Paola Alvarado Garcia, age 25, female, Coordinator.
- Katimavik volunteers will once more do some work in the orchard on Sunday, 6 April. The Board approved another \$300 for the *A Day for Africa* project to thank the volunteers.
- DG Norm Watts provided a summary of his year to date and the more than 100 visits he has made to clubs in District 5020. Membership has grown by 120 net members so far this year. Foundation giving has been great and the target will be reached. The target of 100 shelter boxes has been reached. All District Designated Funds (\$320,000) was all committed by the end of January. He provided application forms to President Keith for the Presidential Citation and the Public Relations Award and encouraged him to submit them ASAP.
- **Effective 1 April, our club will begin meeting at The Gatehouse Bistro and Eatery at the corner of 3rd and Penrith, one block off Dunsmuir.**
- Steve asked that all volunteers for the Lantern Festival report to the Fire Hall NLT 6 PM on Saturday. Katimavik will be back to work in the orchard on Sunday, 6 April.
- Alan deJersey provided us with an interesting account of his life and career. Alan began life in Flin Flon, MB, served as a member of the RCMP for 24 1/2 years and in 1995 as Chief of Police of Klemtu, BC, for 7 years <http://www.klemtutourism.com/> He met and married Angie there then relocated to the Comox Valley and became a financial advisor with Clarica, now Sunlife. Alan has 2 adult sons and an 11-year-old daughter. Alan likes to ride his motorcycle in his spare time.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)

Our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets and to the event.

### **Program 1 April: Club Assembly**

**April Greeters:** Linda Oprica and John Challender

**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.

## Rotary Moment



### WE DON'T ASK THEM

"... the biggest reason why good people don't join Rotary is that we Rotarians don't ask them to. Oh sure, we ask our sons and daughters, our close business associates and friends to join sometimes, but we so often don't even think of our duty as (Rotary) advocates with most people we run across in our daily lives.

That doctor I met who had brought his club president into the world has, in 49 years of Rotary membership only introduced one new member into his club. He told me he had delivered about 1,000 babies in his career. I think at least 10 percent of them would have been excited, elated and deeply honoured just as his club president was, if the doctor who brought them into this world had invited them many years later to join Rotary. What a missed opportunity."

*Frank Talk I, p. xxxii, Introduction*

Frank Talk Gems [www.franktalkgems.org](http://www.franktalkgems.org)

### Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: DG Norm Watts of the RC of Qualicum Beach and President Jeff Hamilton of the RC of Comox.

### April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 7 - Cathe Egan, Alan deJersey 10 - John Challender

Anniversaries: 25 - Jon and Marguerite Toogood 26 - President Keith and Joanne Tatton  
Best wishes to all of you.

## Parting Shots



Foundation Chair Judythe presented Bill Armstrong with his Sustaining Member pin in recognition of donating at least \$100 to TRF



DG Norm graciously agreed to induct our newest member, Brad McKinnon, into our club. Welcome aboard, Brad!



### Melodrama News

#### The City Slicker and Our Nell

A melodrama directed by our own Gale Wheeler and featuring many of our club



members in the cast and crew will open at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 15 May in the Cumberland United Church. A special performance for Rotarians only will be held on Friday, 16 May and the final, evening performance will be held on Monday, 19 May. Two matinee performances will be held on 17 and 19 May at 2:00 PM. Proceeds will be used to fund a community project. Only 175 seats will be available for each performance. Tickets will be available soon. Admission will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, 12 and under. Families of four will be admitted for a special family rate of \$25 and there will be a special price for Rotarians for the exclusively Rotarians-only event. Rehearsals have started and will be held twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The director estimates 3 hours will be required for each rehearsal. A fun-filled event for the whole family and for all the participants. See Gale to volunteer.