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On 23 February, World Polio Day, Rotarians everywhere will mark the 106th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International. In some cities, huge images of the End Polio Now logo will be projected on public buildings and mayors will proclaim the day "Rotary Day" to mark Rotary's object of advancing understanding, good will and peace throughout the world.

Mexican Project



Our guest speakers on Tuesday were Bob Johnson from Merville and Terry Nielsen, International Service Director from the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. In

the fall, Bob and Terry began their adventure to drive a donated van full of materials and sewing machines to Mexico. Their purpose was to provide support mexicanschoolprojects.com with a vehicle to be used for school construction, supplies and general transport for students, teachers and support people (incl. Rotarians) in a area of 20 schools and to deliver to the Bag Ladies of Banderas Bay, a van full of sewing supplies. Our club provided support in partnership with the Sunrise club. Prior to their departure, Bob and Terry visited our club with the van.

Cumberland Centennial: \$1000.00

Strathcona Sunrise: \$1200.00

The cash paid for 15 tanks of fuel (\$600), ferry fares (\$500), tolls (\$100), permits (\$300), fines (\$100), CDN and MX vehicle insurance (\$500), bribes (\$50)

Announcements

Seat belts are not as confining as wheelchairs.

- 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: Cumberland Empire Days Events Society holding a Washoe Tournament in the CRI on Saturday, 12 February at 7:00 PM. \$10 per person. Register by 11 February. Info: CRI at: 250-336-2231. Auction bids will be placed on the website. To register a bid, send an e-mail to John C: johnpegc@telus.net

- **February Greeters:** Dodie and Jay with help from Kim.
- **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



The Future Vision pilot, launched seven months ago with 100 pilot districts, has already produced exceptional global grant projects with sustainable, measurable outcomes.

Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar highlighted several early success stories of the Future Vision Plan while touting its benefits before an audience of incoming district governors at the fourth plenary session of the 2011 International Assembly, 18 January in San Diego, California.

"Future Vision represents a philosophical shift in the way the Foundation funds Rotarians' activities," Stenhammar said. "Under Future Vision, the Foundation asks Rotarians to start their planning by identifying a pressing need and working with the community to determine the best activity or combination of activities through which to address it, and then carry them out." One hundred districts were specially trained in San Diego a year ago and began testing a new grant model 1 July in the Future Vision pilot. All districts will begin using the model on 1 July 2013.

Though change isn't painless, Stenhammar said, the plan will allow for increased flexibility, particularly for scholarships. District grants can fund scholars either locally or abroad at any level, for any length of time, either for a degree or certificate program or for a period of study. With global grants, clubs and districts may use their cash or District Designated Fund to receive a World Fund match for graduate-level students studying abroad under one of the areas of focus. Global grants can fund students for a single year or for an entire degree program, up to four years in length.

Stenhammar pointed to the Rotary Club of La Jolla Golden Triangle, California, which has used two global grants for \$30,000 each to sponsor a student from Quito, Ecuador, and another from Kampala, Uganda, to study peace and conflict resolution.

He encouraged non-pilot districts to learn as much as they can about the plan and its opportunities at www.rotary.org and in the Future Vision Pilot News newsletter.

Attendance

24 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 25 January. We missed the company of: Catherine, David B, Mac, Liz, Kim, Chantal, David S and Casper. Visiting Rotarian: Terry Nielsen of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Bob Johnson, Dylan and Plan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

Birthday: 23 Dodie Brand - she's not as old as Rotary, which is also celebrating a birthday! No one was married in February.

Parting Shot

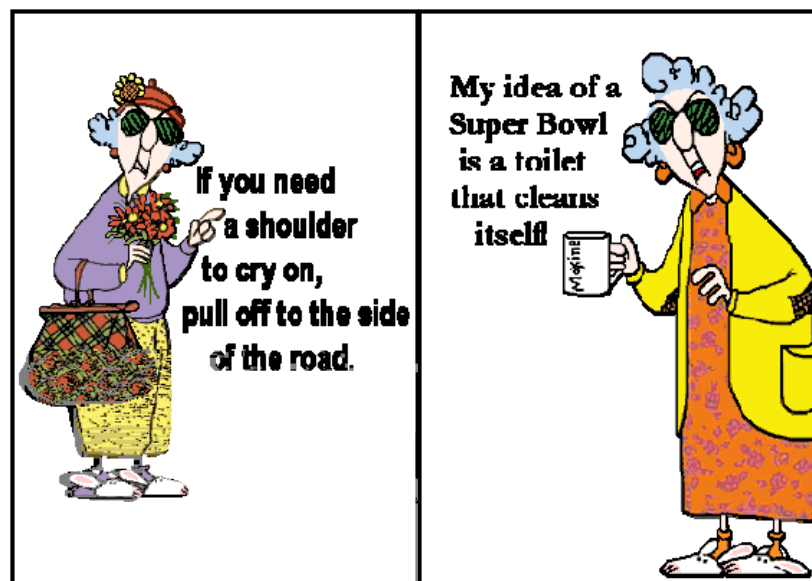


The 2011-2012 Rotary International Theme Logo

February Programs

1 Terry Smith & Terry Nielsen—Liberia Project 8 Bruce Williams from CTV—Jeneece Place
15 Club Assembly 22 Pieter Vorsters—Community Way Dollars

Chuckle Corner



Maxine's Creator John Wagner John has worked for Hallmark Cards since 1970. Maxine grew out of the Shoebox Card series.