

The Miner's Lamp

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The Rotary Foundation is our "bank" in the funding of international and community projects to help make the world and our communities better places. The Foundation provides Rotary clubs with the power to eradicate polio and make a real difference in the lives of others. Wear your PHF pin with pride and encourage others to become sustaining members.

District Governor's Visit

District Governor David Stocks was our guest speaker at our meeting on Tuesday. David has been a Rotarian for many years and served in a number of leadership roles before becoming our DG for the current year. He explained that it is his duty as DG to connect with each of the 88 clubs in the district through his



visits and to bring greetings from RI President Kalyan Banerjee. He then directed our attention to the theme for the current Rotary year: *Reach Within to Embrace Humanity*. David then told us of a project begun by a member of the Rotary club of Kamloops to build a school in a small village in Peru following a devastating avalanche. David then explored with us the role of altruism that leads humans to volunteer to help others, strangers whom we will likely never meet. He then provided us with several quotes attributable to iconic, historical figures and how important it is for an organization to never betray its principles while at the same time be prepared to change everything that will continue to make the organization relevant and vibrant. It was interesting how several of the quotes contained elements similar to our Four-Way Test in Rotary. Thank you David for your thoughtful words of inspiration.

Announcements

Whoever undertakes to set himself up as a judge of truth and knowledge is shipwrecked by the laughter of the gods. ~Albert Einstein



- 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 Deb: Vancouver Island Mountain Sports Centre has invited us to attend a wine and cheese reception Thursday, 27 October at 6:30 PM. Contact President Deb if planning to attend.

- Linda asked for volunteers to serve as crossing guards for the Hallowe'en in Cumberland. Please meet at the CRI at 3:50 PM. Reflective vests will be arranged by Linda.
- John Jones has a holly tree loaded with berries and suggested that we could trim the tree and sell sprigs of holly to raise money for a worthy cause.
- Adri asked us to put together shoeboxes of gifts for disadvantaged children in the Village and through the Four Square Church and EDAS.
- **November Greeters:** Dodie and Jill.
- **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

Small Loans Make a Big Difference



By offering small loans to entrepreneurs, particularly women, in impoverished regions, Rotarians promote economic and community development, one of Rotary's areas of focus. Read about an Egyptian club's microcredit program. Watch the video " Make No Small Plans ". Learn more about Dr. Muhammad Yunus, a speaker at the 2012 RI Convention at:

www.rotary.org

Attendance: 25 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 25 October. We missed the company of: Catherine, Steve, Kurt, Liz and Paul. Visiting Rotarians: DG David Stocks of the RC of West Shore (Victoria), AG Lana Eagle of the RC of Campbell River, Brian Storey of the RC of Courtenay, Chip Ross and Michael Syer of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise Guests: Fran Stocks, Joanne Tatton, and Melissa Varkonja.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays: 24 Liz Phillipson and 25 Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 President Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann and 19 John and Peg Challender. Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shots



Our newest member, Hendrika Stigter, was inducted by DG David.



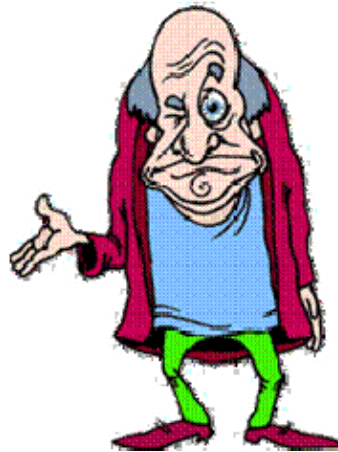
DG David presented Keith and Joanne with pins and a crystal to recognize them as Major Donors.

November Programs

1 - Peter Stubbs - Free Style Skiing 8 - Wendy - John Howard KidStart Program 15 - Club Assembly
22 - LeighAnn and Onyx Vaughan - Assam, Fertile Ground 29 - Dan Gallant - Rotary World Help Network

Chuckle Corner

Growing Old in Arizona



A man was telling his neighbor in Mesa , 'I just bought a new hearing aid. It cost me four thousand dollars, but it is state of the art. It's perfect
'Really,' answered the neighbor. 'What kind is it?'
'Twelve thirty.'