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We receive the Rotarian every month to connect us with our fellow Rotarians around the world. Several other Rotary magazines, in many languages, are read by others in many countries. Read the Rotarian every month!

Dawn to Dawn Action on Homelessness Society



Our speaker on Tuesday was Helen Boyd, RN, PHF, co-founder of the Dawn to Dawn Action for Homelessness Society. The organization's vision statement is: "That each person in the Comox Valley has barrier-free access to a continuum of housing, health and supportive service options that serve to maximize their independence and quality of life." Their target population are individuals who are homeless or at risk of homelessness and people that may have special health risks including homeless youth, sex trade workers, and street dwellers. The health care is delivered by 12 nurses and a nurse practitioner, 2 family physicians, 2 pharmacists, 1 optometrist, 8 driver/outreach workers. These volunteers provide three shifts per week; two evening shifts and one afternoon shift, which will gradually increase according to the needs of the population. All the service is provided via their Care A Van. <http://dawntodawn.org/>

Announcements

Look for opportunities...not guarantees.

- 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 Steve:

- Terry Nielsen of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise promoted the Interact Club of Highland Secondary School's Dessert Night at the school on Friday, 23 April at 6:30 PM. Tickets: \$10 at the door or call 250-339-7514 for further information.
- Linda has tickets for the Installation Dinner at the Kingfisher on Tuesday, 8 June. \$30 per person. Reserve yours now.
- Jerry Feniak thanked the club for our successful rhodo sale on 3 April and the funds destined for ShelterBox Canada. Jerry also provided an update on the 10,000 shelterboxes already on the ground in Haiti and the plan to deliver 10,000 more to that country. Shelterboxes have also been delivered to Chile and other parts of the world.
- April Greeters: Kurt Nielsen and Jon Toogood
- 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



Kids Passionate About Raising Pennies to Fight Polio

With the help of friends, 11-year-old Tyler Dorsey is collecting thousands of pennies to help in Rotary's effort to eradicate polio. After Tyler heard about a man in Alabama, who had cashed in 1.3 million pennies in 2005 for \$13,000 in paper bills, he set out to surpass that feat and give the money to PolioPlus. Though the children have not reached the million-penny mark yet, Tyler, Aida Alonso, Lindsey Hutchinson, and Connor Smith presented a cheque in February for \$1,008.04 to Shane Burr, governor of District 6910, and Gary Moore, district PolioPlus subcommittee chair. They will turn another cheque over to the district after 30 June and plan on continuing to raise funds for polio eradication after that. The foursome started collecting pennies in July in memory of Wilford Ash, a local educator who had contracted polio as a child. "I've just always wanted to help people," says Tyler, who said he is excited the pennies are helping more than 1,000 children. It costs as little as 60 cents to protect a child against polio. "Just thinking about people not being able to walk is a very sad situation," says Aida. ~Source : Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

26 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 13 April. Visiting Rotarians: Jerry Feniak and Terry Nielsen of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Greg



Ehman, GSE Team member to Germany. Chantal's sister, Sasha Levasseur, Brad's spouse and daughter, Heather and Ainsley McKinnon,



Rick VerBeek and Helen Boyd of the Dawn to Dawn Action for Homelessness Society.

Anniversaries and Birthdays in April

Anniversaries: 25 Marguerite and Jon Toogood, 26 Joanne and Keith Tatton. Birthdays: 7 Cathe Egan and Alan deJersey, 10 John Challender. Our best wishes to everyone.

April Programs

20 - Club Assembly & RYLA Participant, Madeline Bams

27 - Eyes Around the World Project

Board Clips - A Summary of Decisions by the Board on 8 April

- Exchange student. Discussed sponsoring an exchange student for 2010-2011 and possible host family(s). Motion by Jon/Rob to proceed with sponsoring an exchange student provided they can attend Vanier Secondary School. **Carried**
- Vanier Earth day garden. Discussed Earth day Garden project at Vanier Secondary School. Motion by Linda/Gale to donate \$500 from the Heart Fund to the Vanier Earth day garden project. **Carried**
- CYMC request. Motion by Gale/Linda to sponsor one student for \$800 from the Youth budget. **Carried.**
- Proposal for parade entry. Rob discussed having an entry in the Mayday Parade this year. Motion by Rob/Gale to enter Cumberland Ready Mix truck with Rotary logo in the parade. **Carried.** Motion by Rob/Gale to spend \$300 of the Administration budget on signage for the parade that can also be used at future events. **Carried.**
- Proposal for bike racks. Linda. Looked at drawings of bike racks with Rotary logos and discussed. Motion by Linda/Rob to spend the \$2,800 previously approved and an additional \$300 from the Community budget for 8 bike racks for downtown Cumberland. **Carried.**
- Proposal to sponsor KEEF student. Rob. Discussed the Kenya Education Endowment Fund and sponsoring a secondary student for one year. Motion by Rob/Deb to spend \$500 from the International budget to sponsor one secondary student for one year through KEEF. **Carried.**
- Potential fundraiser. Alan. Discussed possible new fundraiser to coincide with Mayday long weekend in Cumberland. Consensus was that there was not enough time to properly prepare for this year and will consider for next year.
- **For Information**
- Bus Shelters. Leslie. Leslie informed the board that the Village of Cumberland is budgeting \$15,000 in May to replace the destroyed bus shelter by the seniors housing, and to repair the damaged one on Cumberland Road. They will also order spare replacement glass panels to have on hand.
- Snowshoe Blast. \$900 will be donated to Polio Plus by the club. Foundation Committee will determine how to apply the “points”. Suggestions can be submitted to Mac.
- Club 5 year anniversary. Discussed how to celebrate our 5 year anniversary. Possibly combine with induction dinner but most preferred an individual event. Maybe at the orchard.