



TELLING STORIES

Our speaker last week was Margo McLoughlin a collector and teller of stories. Margo was born in Vancouver. She studied theatre in Quebec City and at McGill University in Montreal. A graduate of the Harvard School of Divinity began studying Pali [**Pāli** is a Middle **Indo-Aryan**

Announcements

Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca

A **final reminder** that the **club will pay the registration** fees for anyone wishing to attend the **District Leadership Training Assembly in Victoria on 24 & 25 February 2007**. Register on line <http://www.rotary5020.org/assembly/> for the DLTA and book your room.

The **Youthact** club is spearheading a **fundraiser** to hire a teacher for an orphanage (Chip's project) in India by collecting refundable drink containers. Please see if you can help.

Mt Washington Rotary Ski Day on Friday, 2 March. Check-in starts at 8 AM, lunch at noon. There will be a fun ski race with team and individual prizes. Dinner at 5:30 PM. Contact Alan Hampshire at: 338-5495 or ahampshire@mcelhanney.com

President Dave reminded us that our **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** need to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. The hall will be booked for **13 October**.

President Dave announced that **March** will be polio awareness month in the district and every Rotarian is asked to pay the equivalent of an **extra breakfast (\$6.00) toward the cost of eradicating polio**

Heritage Week in Cumberland is from 17-24 February We'll set up a **booth from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, 17 February** in the Cultural Centre to strut our stuff. .

Our club will once again participate in traffic control for the annual **Taiwanese Lantern Festival Foot Parade** on **Saturday evening, 17 February**. The same evening we'll sell lanterns to the public at the Fire Hall from 6:00 PM. Lanterns will be on sale at CVAS, Home and Garden Gate, Gas 'n' Go and the Chamber Information Centre all week. Parade starts at 7:00 PM. No speeches by dignitaries in the park this year.

District Conference 1-3 June Tacoma Sheraton.

Rotarian at Work Tee Shirts have been shipped. John C will announce their arrival.

Saturday, 3 March is the date of **Strathcona Sunrise Dinner Theatre** at Courtenay Fish and Game Club on Comox Lake. Theme is roaring twenties. Costumes are encouraged. \$45 or \$89 per couple.

President Dave has announced that the **five defibrillators** we ordered have arrived.

President Dave reminded those who indicated that they would attend the Beach Party on 10 February and failed to show up, are still on the hook for their share of the cost of putting on the event—\$15.00 per person on the list. Thanks to Dodie and team for a fun evening and to Linda and Dave for opening their lovely home to us.. Pictures are available in the Galleries section of our website: www.rotarycc.org then click on Image Gallery in the menu on the left of the home page.

February Greeters: Debbie Lemire and Judythe McQuillan

Rotary Moment



As everyone will recall, Jon Toogood announced that Kerry Ramona Cox has been selected by our club to attend RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma next month with students from other parts of BC and Washington State so here is some information about the program

RYLA aims to:

- Demonstrate Rotary's respect and concern for youth
- Provide an effective training experience for selected youth and potential leaders
- Encourage leadership of youth by youth
- Recognize publicly young people who are rendering service to their communities

Development of future leaders is more important than ever: As part of Rotary's emphasis on helping children this year, Rotarians will want to grab an opportunity to help shape the lives of future generations by taking an active role in the development of their leaders. RYLA offers that opportunity.

Since it became an official Rotary program in 1971, RYLA has assisted thousands of young people to develop leadership skills at camps, seminars, and workshops. Warwick Bateman, a Rotary International 1998-99 RYLA committee member who has participated in 17 RYLA courses in District 9680 in Australia, considers the program more relevant than ever.

"Pressure on youth is increasing," Bateman said. "Standards and values are being challenged from every corner. More than ever, young people need strong, effective leadership."

The RI RYLA committee has planned a number of regional meetings for this year that will give District RYLA chairpersons and other interested Rotarians the chance to meet and share ideas. Districts that don't currently have active RYLA programs are also encouraged to send representatives to learn about the rewards of organizing a RYLA event.

A recent survey of the results of District 9680's RYLA effort found that, within three months of finishing the workshop, 84 participants had assumed various leadership positions that gave them the opportunity to influence more than 9,000 young people. And, according to Bateman, the effect is lasting. The program helps Rotary forge bonds with young people, and the benefits are passed on to more young people.

"To see just how many of today's Rotary club officeholders have passed through RYLA, to see so many who have made a name for themselves, gives a real sense of meaning to the project," he said. "But perhaps the greatest satisfaction is to see how many of these past RYLA'ians are still involved in leading and nurturing our youth of today."

Attendance Treasurer John reported that 21 of 25 Cumberland Rotarians were present on 13 February. Visiting Rotarians: Ed Orr from the RC of Courtenay; Al Bergquist, Larry Rennison and Richard Skinner from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Erica Hargreaves, Adventurers in Citizenship student 2007, and guest of the club and Bayne Mann Junior, guest of his mom, Deb.