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Mountaineire Avian Rescue



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Sandy Fairfield, Education Coordinator and Maj Birch, Founder of Mountaineire Avian Rescue Society (MARS), spoke to us last week about the great work they do in rehabilitating injured wildlife. Sandy's message centred on the need to educate the public about the work of the society and the rehabilitation centre. She underscored the fact that they do not deal with mammals such as raccoons, seals, etc because they are not equipped and do not want to expose their volunteers to the associated teeth and claws. Maj discussed the operating budget and the capital budget needed to expand the facility. Large raptors like bald eagles are transported to a facility on the lower mainland which is equipped and licensed to deal with them. The facility is not a zoo and therefore has no permits to allow the viewing of their charges by the public on a drop-in basis. Tours of the facility for groups may be arranged and there are animals that cannot be released back into the wild due to the nature of their injuries and trauma and are kept at the facility for educational purposes. www.wingtips.org email: info@wingtips.org

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

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for a train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- President Keith announced that District Membership Chair Maureen Fritz-Roberts knows that our membership has grown from 25 on 1 July to 29 as of today.
- President Keith reminded everyone that 17 members have reached the \$100 mark in their pledge of EREY and that the remaining 8 are more than halfway there. He encouraged everyone to give a toonie every week and in no time the \$100 will be reached.
- President Keith stated that the Consulate-General of Indonesia, a Rotarian will likely be attending our meeting on 4 December.
- Reminder of DG Norm's challenge. See President Keith for a copy of the form to be completed to complete and qualify for the recognition his special pin will bring.
- Linda has asked the Salvation Army for two small families from Cumberland for our Christmas Hamper participation. Please start bringing appropriate foodstuffs for the hampers and give them to Linda
- Keith Currie, of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and in the Advertising Department at the Comox Valley Echo, is working on a Rotary feature and may contact us for business-card-size ads to pay for the page.
- Chip Ross reminded us of the 2 GSE teams visiting from Mexico and Norway respectively in the spring. We will host one or both of the teams during their visits.
- President Keith announced that Mike Ante, owner of The Pump House, has been proposed as a member by John Challender, and asked that anyone with concerns to contact the President in writing by 20 November. If there are no objections received, Mike will be invited to become a member of our club.
- Congratulations to Cathe Egan on earning her degree of Master of Arts and Communications from Royal Roads University!

Speaker (20 November): Wendy Kotilla—Youth Ecological Program

November Greeters: Kurt Nielsen and Rob Neal

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 after the meeting.

Rotary Moment



TRF Chair's Message: Foundation Month a Great Time for EREY Pledge

Dear Family of Rotary,

In 2004, The Rotary Foundation embarked on a new venture to boost its ability to do good in the world. The goal was to encourage every Rotarian to support Foundation programs by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund every year.

We've come a long way since the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) effort began. Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund have nearly doubled – from \$55.8 million in 2002-03 to a record \$102.5 million in 2006-07. But reaching the 2007-08 Annual Programs Fund goal of \$120 million is not merely about every Rotarian donating \$100. It's about each of us generously giving to the best of our ability. For some Rotarians, that amount might be \$100, for others \$1,000, for still others \$10,000. By raising the bar for support of our Foundation, we can guarantee that its educational and humanitarian programs will be available to more people than ever before. More students will become Ambassadorial Scholars, and many more young professionals will take part in a Group Study Exchange. Increased donations will give greater access to safe drinking water, food supplies, and health care. Imagine once-malnourished children becoming doctors, newly literate people becoming teachers, and those in conflict areas becoming peacemakers.

Learn how Rotarians are turning EREY into high-energy fuel for the Foundation's programs by subscribing to the free Every Rotarian, Every Year newsletter: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Contribute/Funds/EREYnewsletter/Pages/ridefault.aspx>. Let's open this promising pipeline of help even further to a hurting world, bringing with it greater hope for understanding and peace.

Robert S. Scott Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation, 2007-08

-Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

There were 23 Cumberland Rotarians at our meeting last week. Visiting from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise was Rotarian Chip Ross and Rotarian Blaine Douglas visited from the RC of Courtenay. Bayne N. Mann was a guest of his mom, Deb Nolan. Maj Birch and Sandy Fairfield were our guest speakers.

November Anniversaries and Birthdays

Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann will celebrate their anniversary on 18 November and John And Peg Challender will celebrate theirs on 19 November. Liz Phillipson will celebrate her birthday on 24 November and Stefan Pletscher will celebrate his birthday on 25 November. We wish you all the very best on your special days.

Parting Shot– Induction of Liz, Steve and Robb

Deb Nolan, Liz Phillipson, Steve Baird, John Challender, Robb Flannery and Alan deJersey

Chuckle Corner

Could This be Contributing to Global Warming?



Cumberland Centennial Rocks!