



The Miner's Lamp

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September is New Generations Month

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Announcements

Rotary consists of friends and business associates who gather together once each week to learn, teach, grow, serve others and help others to do the same. ~ Rotary website in Tennessee.

- 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: Attended the official ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new playground known as the Skypark, located adjacent to the Courtenay Airpark, on Monday. The new facility, a partnership between the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and the City of Courtenay has been months in the building. The beautiful playground is universally accessible and includes rubber surfaces. Our club, through the generosity of Past President Keith, donated the concrete used in its construction. See the photo on Page 1. A review of the decisions taken at the board's last meeting include: providing \$300 to help pay for the paint needed for the Cumberland Recreation Hall, \$400 for the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department to help with travel expenses to attend an international competition (see pictures on page 4 of firefighters and Rotarians in the orchard last Sunday) and \$1,000 for the Cumberland Junior Middle School to help buy equipment for their new, marching band. Presidential Citation received for the club for achieving all the goals for 2009-2010. "Balls of Steel" 24-hour ball hockey fundraiser for prostate cancer research starts at 3:00 PM on Friday, 26 November. Entry fee based on \$100 raised in donations per person. Prizes for team member with most money raised through donations, team with greatest donations, best costumes, best team name and highest points from the tournament. Online registration: www.ballsofsteel.ca online donations: www.prostatecancercanada.ca

- Mac and Doreen Fraser looking for support for the Courtenay Soroptimists' annual Harvest Fest and Oom Pa Pa night on 25 September. Tickets \$30 per person for beer and brats and a silent and live auction at the Native Sons' Hall. Call Leona Castle at: 250-336-2057 for tickets.
- Extravaganza Italiana soldout - no tickets left - money to John Jones or John C by next meeting, please. Donations have reached the halfway point so more are needed. Well done Jay for getting 12 in just one week and to those who brought in their donations on Tuesday.
- David Stevens reminded everyone of the Comox Valley Foundation Gala on 23 September. Tickets \$100 per person. Please see David for yours.
- **September Greeters:** Judythe McQuillan and Catherine Bell.
- **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



Providing Safe Drinking Water



Over 2,500 people in rural Uganda are benefiting from a Matching Grant project between the Rotary clubs of Mityana, Uganda, and Franklin, Indiana, USA, for two wells and water purification systems.

Photo courtesy of Joseph Matovu

The Rotary Club of Summerland, British Columbia, has been helping villagers in the Nakuru district of

Kenya gain access to safe drinking water for years.

Since 2002, the Summerland club, with help from the Rotary Club of Nakuru and other Kenyan clubs, has funded the construction of more than 2,500 rainwater harvesting tanks, improving the daily lives of women in the area and allowing them to provide cleaner water to their families.

Rotary Community Corps help distribute the tanks, which are produced locally and store 2,600 gallons of water, enough for a family of 10. The project also has received support from District 1580 (The Netherlands), along with more than US\$315,000 through a Health, Hunger and Humanity Grant and Matching Grants from The Rotary Foundation.

The tank project is just one example of Rotarians' ongoing commitment to improving access to safe drinking water, one of the themes of this year's World Water Week.

Every year, experts, decision makers, and leaders from around the globe meet as part of World Water Week to exchange ideas and develop solutions to the most urgent water-related issues. Ron Denham, chair of the [Water and Sanitation Rotarian Action Group \(WASRAG\)](#), is attending this year's event in Stockholm, Sweden, 5-11 September. "Almost everyone in the water world will be there," says Denham, who served as general coordinator of the 2007-08 Water Resource Group. "I will be talking with organizations about partnering with WASRAG, because we want to help The Rotary Foundation leverage money from other organizations." ~Source RI News

Attendance

24 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 14 September. Visitor: Adri Pretorius, guest of Jon Toogood.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Birthdays: 3 Gale Wheeler. Anniversaries: 1 David and Jane Bossom, 14 John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots - Sunday, 12 September, Work Party



September Programs

21 - Seanna McLeod on her recent trip to Haiti

28 - Mercy Ships - Tom Mahoney