



The Miner's Lamp

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This month's focus is on Rotary magazines and other publications used to inform, educate and promote Rotarians. Make some time to read the Rotarian every month. It will keep you "in the know". Read your club newsletter regularly as well!

Don't Touch!



Our guest speaker last week was Larry A. Epp, Founder of the "Don't Touch" Explosives Safety Society, a non-for-profit charitable society dedicated to informing the public about the dangers of various explosives devices. Larry, who had a career in the explosives industry, decided to dedicate considerable of his energy and free time to informing children in the schools in School District 71 and hopes to expand

his program to include the Campbell River schools. The "Don't Touch" Explosives safety Society is a group of dedicated people who aim to teach safety to children and adults who may find themselves in a hazardous situation involving explosives, blasting caps, firecrackers, fireworks and other harmful, explosive devices. Using a graphic video to make his point, Larry illustrated how easily children can come to harm if they handle explosive devices without realized the potential for injury that they can provide. The benefits of the society Larry founded include: fewer injuries and deaths to children; reduced medical costs for hospitals, surgery, trauma and physiological treatments; schools show that children's welfare is a priority by bringing in special presentations and sponsor companies demonstrate good corporate citizenship. The "Don't touch" program is designed for children from grades four to eight. It currently includes the use of videos, "dummy" samples and interactive dialogue about the hazards of finding explosives or being in a dangerous environment around fireworks or firecrackers. The society works with Comox Valley firefighters when they promote fire safety to children. A spirited Q & A session followed.

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.
- The Mexican GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team will visit our area from Monday 5 to 9 May and attending our meeting on 6 May. We'll look after hosting them on Thursday afternoon, 8 May. Leader- Dr. Natlio G. Solis age 44, male, internal medicine. Members: - Angel Isaac Diaz Goytortua, age 28, male, Mechanical engineer, - Antonio Cantu Galvin, age 40, male, University Prof, Civil engineer - Christian Emilio Saldana Lopez, age 25, male, Computer engineer - Erika Rodriguez Garcia, age 25, female, University Administrator - Wendi Paola Alvarado Garcia, age 25, female, Coordinator.
- President Keith provided Charter member pins to those without one and presented Sponsor pins to those who have sponsored a new member in our club.
- Gale has poster to promote the melodrama although she thought it a bit early to begin the promotion. Gale is looking for volunteers for "front-of-house" volunteers to sell tickets, take tickets, welcome people, distribute programs, etc. A sign-up sheet was circulated. If you didn't get a chance to sign up, please send an e-mail to Gale: woowhee@shaw.ca Ticket sales will be coordinated by Alinda Ware so see her for tickets: alinda@island.net Dodge City Video in Cumberland will be the only outlet for tickets other than through club members. All Valley clubs will be visited to promote the Rotarians, family and friends-only performance on 16 May by donation.
- Dave Stevens announced that the lady from Port Moody who was successful in buying the diamond ring appraised at \$1225 and she has gifted it back to the club for our event this October.
- If you still have a vest used during the lantern Festival parade, please bring it to the next meeting so they will be available for the Empire Day Parade duties next month.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. www.rotary5020.org President Keith, PE Linda and Secretary Alan have registered so far.
- Dave Stevens reminded us that our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave for tickets. Only members in hospital or out of the country considered to have a valid excuse. What if and yeah but are not acceptable.

Program 22 April: Club Assembly—Reports from the Board & Discussion

April Greeters: Linda Oprica and John Challender

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.

Rotary Moment



New Polio Web Site!

Rotary has launched a new "mini" Web site to give the general public an opportunity to help end polio by contributing to Rotary's US\$100 Million Challenge from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Check out the three-page site at www.rotary.org/endpolio. The new site will be marketed throughout North America starting this month. All funds raised will go directly to The Rotary Foundation in support of polio eradication.

Rotarians should continue to contribute through the Member Access Portal at www.rotary.org.

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Melodrama News

The City Slicker and Our Nell

A melodrama directed by our own Gale Wheeler and featuring many of our club members in the



cast and crew will open at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 14 May in the Cumberland United Church. A special performance for Rotarians and their families and friends only will be held on Friday, 16 May and the final, evening performance will be held on Sunday, 18 May. One matinée performance will be held on 17 and at 2:00 PM. Only 175 seats will be available for each performance. Admission is \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, 12 and under. Families of four will be admitted for a special family rate of \$25. Admission for Rotarians for the exclusive, Rotarians-families-and-friends-only event will be by donation. Rehearsals have started and will be held twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. A fun-filled event for the whole family and for all the participants. Dale Roberts of the RC of Comox has volunteered to fill the role that was vacant.

Attendance

19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarian: Blaine Douglas of the Rotary Club of Courtenay. Guests: Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb and our guest speaker, Larry Epp.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 7 - Cathe Egan, Alan deJersey 10 - John Challender Anniversaries: 25 - Jon and Marguerite Toogood, 26 - President Keith and Joanne Tatton

Parting Shots



PP Dave was very moved as he explained how the lady who bought the \$1225 ring at our 2007 Extravaganza Italiana has given it back to us to re-auction in 2008 as a tribute to the work we have done as a club.

Chuckle Corner

A Sign

A man was driving to work when a truck ran a stop sign, hit his car broadside, and knocked him cold. A passersby pulled him from the wreck and revived him.

He immediately began a terrific struggle and had to be tranquilized by the medics. Later, when he was calm, they asked him why he struggled so.

He said, "I remember the impact, then nothing. I woke up on a concrete slab in front of a huge, flashing sign. Turns out somebody was standing in front of the 'S' on the 'Shell' sign.

What Would You Do?

While making rounds, a doctor points out an X-ray to a group of medical students.

"As you can see," she says, "the patient limps because his left fibula and tibia are radically arched. Michael, what would you do in a case like this?" "Well," ponders the student, "I suppose I'd limp too."

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