



Bringing the Light of Service to the Community and the World Through Rotary



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December is Family of Rotary Month

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Rotarians are encouraged to focus on the role and importance of their families in their lives and the lives of their local and world communities during this month.

Interview With Kurt



H. C. Andersen

In the absence of our scheduled guest speaker, President Steve asked PP Linda to interview Kurt about his interesting life. Kurt was born in Odense, Denmark and arrived in Canada with his family when he was 10 years old and settled in Port Alberni. Odense is where Hans Christian Andersen was born but he and Kurt were born more than a century apart (1805 versus 1941). Kurt entertained us with his answers to Linda's probing questions about his early life and his career as a medical doctor. Kurt is a man of many interests who lives life to the full following a regime of many sports including tennis, skiing, hiking and mountaineering. He and Sheila were married the day after he graduated from Medical School at UBC and have family close by in Royston and Merville. He enjoys Rotary and is a very welcome member of our club. He recounted a number of memorable experiences in his medical practice including helping save the limb if not the life of a woman with whom he was mountaineering who was stricken with a serious infection. Kurt, an experienced Scouter, had antibiotics in his pack and treated her before she was airlifted to hospital.

Announcements

We don't have to attend every argument to which we are invited.

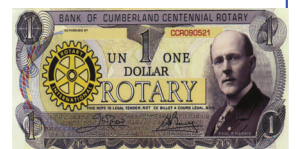
- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- **From President Steve:** The Rotary Club of Tacoma 8 will be celebrating their centennial and have invited us to attend. For more details see:

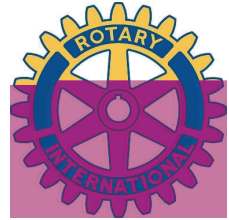
<http://www.rotary8.org/page.php?id=39>

- Keith reported on the success of the spontaneous fundraiser for the Food Bank on Friday evening. Amount raised was \$435.02!
- Chantal reported that the 61 volunteers who participated in the preparation of the 250 gift bags for the homeless and the needy completed the task in about four hours. Forty bags went to the AIDS Society, forty to the Wachiay Centre, ten to Lillie House, 150 to the Sonshine Soup Kitchen, and ten were distributed “on the street” for men, women and children. Twenty Rotarians and family members formed part of the group of volunteers. Good people helping good people.
- **December Greeters:** Deb Nolan and David Bossom with help from Jay Dahlgren.
- **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

Rotary Club of New York Turns 100 ~ By Ryan Hyland



The Rotary Club of New York recently celebrated 100 years of service and fellowship with a formal gala at the Union League Club of New York. "This is a celebration of our club's historic impact on New York City, the United States, and the world," said Arcadio Casillas, past club president and centennial celebration chair. "We celebrate past success not as a culmination, but as a commencement of a renewed New York Rotary." From its support of the Safe Water Project for families in Africa to its diligent fundraising for local families affected by the 9/11 terrorist attacks, the New York club has improved the lives of millions at home and abroad. The centennial gala, held 6 November, raised more than \$100,000 for the club's foundation, which will distribute the funds to city charities that help the homeless and needy. "Service has been the key to our success," said club president David Wankoff. "Exemplifying our motto, Service Above Self, our members often put their own personal and business affairs aside to serve the community."

Rotarians from several countries, including France, Germany, Italy, and Japan, flew to New York City to celebrate the club's centennial. Jean-Claude Gruffat, a former New York club member, now a member of the Rotary Club of Paris, flew in from France to attend the party. "I had to be here for the centennial celebration. It's such an extraordinary accomplishment," said Gruffat, whose business obligations prompted a move to Paris. "I came not only as a former member but as a friend and partner." Gruffat's Paris club has partnered with the New York club on several projects in Africa and Eastern Europe. Established on 24 August 1909, the New York club is Rotary's sixth oldest and has more than 120 members. Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

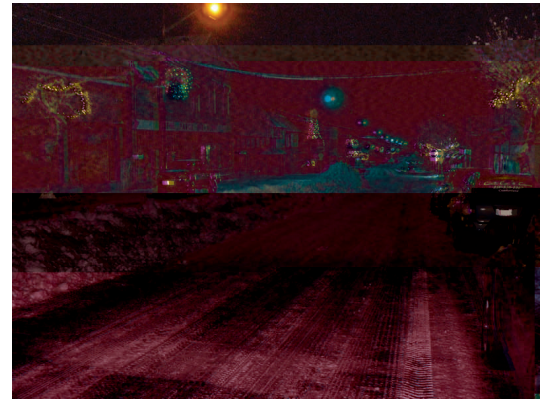
Attendance

16 Cumberland Rotarians braved the snowy roads to attend our meeting on 15 December. Visiting Rotarians: Laury Haines of the RC of Courtenay and Paul Vroom of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guest: Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb.

Anniversaries & Birthdays in December

Anniversaries: 3 Judythe and Bob McQuillan, 6 Liz and Elmer Phillipson, 7 Barbara and Wayne Giroday, 28 Rhonda and Bill Armstrong. Birthdays: 7 Jay Dahlgren, 8 President Steve Galbraith. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



Views of our sign and Dunsmuir Avenue on Tuesday morning!

December and January Programs

- 22 - Members' Christmas Stories and Jon Toogood in Australia
- 29 - Ernie von Schilling - Rotary Conventions
- 5 - Smokey Mountain Project and Dan Phillipson -Global Economy
- 12 – Jerry Feniak – Rotary ShelterBox
- 19 – Club Assembly
- 26 – MLA Don McRae

Chuckle Corner

Christmas Present?

A man's wife has an artificial leg. Shortly before Christmas, he buys her a new prostheses and hides it in the closet. Unfortunately, she finds it and confronts him with the artificial limb.

"This wouldn't, by any chance, be my Christmas present, would it?" she asks. "No, of course not," responds her husband. "It's just a stocking stuffer." (From The Ship's Log)