



The Miner's Lamp

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This is the time of year to share Rotary

Tell your friends about Rotary

Invite a friend to come to Rotary

Propose someone to join Rotary

Berwick House

Linda Rutherford, Marketing Coordinator for Berwick House Comox Valley, was our guest speaker last week. Linda described the services offered to seniors over 65 at the 133,000-square-foot facility on Comox Avenue in Comox. Currently there are 155 residents made up of about 2/3 women and 1/3 men, the youngest is 70 and two will be reaching their 99th birthday this year. There are several unattached people of both genders and more than 20 couples. Linda suggested that we should start now to think about what our accommodations situation will be



when we reach 75, 85, or 95 years of age. Berwick House provides independent, supported living to its residents, three meals a day and snacks, weekly cleaning service including laundering and exchange of linen. Residents have to have mobility. The facility is not licensed to provide medical care though they have an LPN on duty 24 hours per day to respond to emergency situations. There are several options for housing in Berwick House. They include one-bed suites, two-bed suites and upscale two-bedroom suites. There are also two suites that the residents may book for visiting friends and family members. Rates begin for just over \$2,000 per month for someone occupying a one-bedroom. Berwick is a family-owned, Vancouver Island company. Tours can be arranged.





Bob Johnson received a cheque for \$1,000 from Stefan for the Mexican School Projects and Kathi Sirrs and Andrea Rowland received a cheque for \$1,338 from Steve for Royston Elementary School's reading program.

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 train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- The Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 5020 will be hosted by Valley club, arriving on 6 February and leaving on 10 February. On Wednesday evening, all four clubs and spouses will gather at the Westerly to host the visitors and meet the students. Billets are required for four nights. The students' program is full. Anyone interested in hosting a student or two, please contact Mac Fraser: moon.shadow@shaw.ca . Check with Jon Toogood: jmtoogood@yahoo.ca to obtain the necessary forms for background screening if you haven't already done so.
- President Keith received a card from the Consul-General of Indonesia who was our guest late last year.
- Treasurer John gave us a brief overview of our financial situation. We are good shape.
- President Keith will be absent next week so President-Elect Linda will be in the chair.
- Cumberland will hold its Heritage Faire on 23 February and we'll set up a table.
- Our club website is in the process of being redesigned by Liz and she has offered to host it free.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria.
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June.
- **Speaker (22 January):** John Challender—The Rotary Membership Process

January Greeters: Robb Flannery 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



Foundation Selects Ambassadorial Scholars From Low-income Countries

The Rotary Foundation has selected 27 people from low-income countries to receive Ambassadorial Scholarships for university studies in 2008-09. The scholarships, which aim to promote international goodwill, allow recipients to study almost any field at a college or university in another country.

The 27 recipients are citizens of Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Macedonia, and Tanzania, among other areas. Their places of study will include Harvard and Johns Hopkins universities, both in the United States; Simon Fraser University in Canada; Uppsala University in Sweden; and Victoria University of Wellington in New Zealand. They intend to take courses in fields such as law, psychology, medicine, business, and public health.

The scholars will join those from industrialized countries who also have been selected by the Foundation for 2008-09. Whereas the Ambassadorial Scholars from developed countries will be financed by the District Designated Fund, the others will be funded by the Scholarships Fund Pool for Low-Income Countries. Each year, only 10 percent of Ambassadorial Scholars are from low-income countries.

Since it was created in 1947, the Ambassadorial Scholarships program has supported more than 38,000 students from about 100 countries, for a total of more than US\$490 million. It provides grants to more students than any other privately funded, university-level international scholarships program in the world.

Source: The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

22 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 15 January. Visiting Rotarian: Chip Ross from the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise, Guests included: Wendy Kotilla from Youth Ecological Restoration Program; Andrea Rowland and Kathi Sirrs from Royston Elementary School; Bob Johnson from Mexican Schools Project; Neil Vokey, guest of our club; Courtney Johnson, guest of Alan deJersey and Robb Flannery; Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb Nolan; and Linda Rutherford from Berwick House Comox Valley, our guest speaker,

January Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries: 30 January—Rob and Margaret Neal.

Birthdays: 4 Jan —Dave Bossom, 8 Jan—Chip Ross, 10 Jan—Deb Nolan, 30 Jan—Robb Flannery
Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

Parting Shot



Jon Toogood introduced Neil Vokey to the club. Neil attend Isfeld and we have selected him to attend Adventures in Film in Powell River from 6 to 10 February. Neil explained that he has had a passion for film making since he was a young boy and has participated in film camps and received recognition for his work.

Chuckle Corner

Smart Dog

An old, tired-looking dog wandered into the yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home. He followed me into the house, down the hall, and fell asleep in a corner. An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, resumed his position in the hall, and slept for an hour. This continued for several weeks. Curious, I pinned a note to his collar, which read: "Every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap."

The next day he arrived with a different note pinned to his collar: "He lives in a home with ten children -- He's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?"

"The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter."- Mark Twain