



The Miner's Lamp

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Dinghy Sailing Program



John Dickson, representing the Comox Bay Sailing Club and the Comox Valley Yacht Club spoke to us last week about a sailing program that will be offered to teenagers by his organization this summer. In addition to participants who can afford the \$235 fee for the two-week dinghy sailing course in July, John and his colleagues want to involve six young people from families that cannot afford the fees but the sailing club does not have

the funds to do this. The teenagers will be found through the Salvation Army's Family Services. In all, 6 students could cost about \$1410 and if each of the four Rotary clubs in the Comox Valley, shared equally, the cost would be \$352.50 per club; a small price to pay for an opportunity to learn new skills and find a new sport. John indicated that the membership fee for young people in his club is \$50 per year so graduates of the Canadian Yachting Association accredited program would be able to enjoy the use of the club's boats if they became members. John C has agreed to act as the liaison for the John Dickson the sailing club and will offer a challenge to the other presidents on behalf of President Dave to join us as equal partners in this worthwhile endeavour.

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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.
- President Dave reminded us that our **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** needs to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. Linda has a new 3-part form to be used when an item for the event is obtained. **Remember—I form for each item.** Linda and Jon have obtained items for the auction and Linda challenged Ken and Jon challenged Ann to do the same for our next meeting. Linda will store items until the auction so please make sure that she gets them. **Please do not leave items you obtain at The Miner's Café—we do not have the room.** Everyone to look for donations.
- President Dave encouraged all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. Don't just invite someone—bring someone.
- The club will serve a pancake breakfast to Habitat for Humanity volunteers on Saturday, 2 June at the Driftwood Mall. Alan dejersey will organize—contact him to offer your help: alan.dejersey@clarica.ca
- Grab and Go Bags were stuffed on Monday, 14 May in about an hour and will go on sale at 9:30 AM on Saturday, 19 May during Cumberland Market Day. See website for duty roster.
- Ann announced that she still needs drivers for the 18 cars being provided by Ken and Comox Valley Dodge, traffic monitors and parade judges for the Empire Day Parade on Monday, 21. Several people volunteered at the meeting but if you haven't please contact Ann right away: annjanssen@shaw.ca or: 336-8426. 18 drivers, 5 traffic monitors and 3 judges requires the entire club. Anatol will be one of the judges.
- We were all saddened when President Dave announced that Troy has had to resign her membership. We shall miss her and the leadership she provided in support of the Youthact Club at Cumberland Junior.
- Debbie asked us to help with "Fishing Forever" being held by the F&G Club for the members of the Cumberland Lodge on Thursday and Friday, 21 and 22 June from 9 AM to 2 PM. Contact Debbie to help: rlpdeb@shaw.ca or: 336-2525.
- The Cumberland Legion has invited us to attend a ceremony at 2 PM on 19 May.
- **Speaker This Week, 22 May**—Janet Murray-Wakelin—On Raw Food

May Greeters: Stefan Pletscher and Jon Toogood

Greeter 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 forget sandwich board.



Get Ready to Change the World

By Antoinette Tuscano, Rotary International News

To stay relevant in Rotary's second century of service, The Rotary Foundation must prepare for whatever changes the future holds, said Trustee Chair Luis Vicente Giay at the 2007 International Assembly in San Diego.

"It is everyone's responsibility to prepare our Foundation for the future," said Giay. "We want The Rotary Foundation to be the best in the world." According to Giay, preparing for the future means ensuring the Foundation both quickly and simply serves Rotarians. At the same time, the Foundation must remain flexible enough to provide aid whenever it is needed.

Giay chairs the Future Vision Committee of The Rotary Foundation, which advocates proactive problem-solving, increased Rotarian involvement in district-level project administration, and planning for growth.

"Over the next 25 years," said Giay, "some US\$300 trillion will change hands and pass from one generation to the next. A large portion of these resources will be transferred to foundations, charitable works, churches, and not-for-profit organizations. Our Foundation must have a well-defined and aggressive policy in place for receiving additional contributions."

Giay emphasized that the Foundation must not miss the opportunity to use these funds effectively. "We live in an age of unprecedented need and unprecedented promise," said Giay. "Everything to change the world is within Rotary's grasp." The Future Vision Committee created its objectives by consulting experts and surveying more than 20,000 Rotarians. The findings from this research formed the future vision plan, which includes short-, medium-, and long-term strategies. The committee began its work in 2005 and will submit its plan at the Council on Legislation in April. The committee must conclude its work by 2009. — Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

Treasurer John reported that 18 of 25 Cumberland Rotarians were present on 15 May. Visiting Rotarians: Dave Schlachter of the RC of Comox and Chip Ross, from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Bayne Mann Jr was a guest of his mom, Deb Nolan and John Dickson was our guest speaker.

Birthday

Bayne Mann Junior celebrated his 13th birthday on Friday, 18 May and suffered our rendition of Happy Birthday being sung to him.



How About Some Decorum???