

# The Miner's Lamp

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month

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**The Rotary Foundation provides a way for Rotarians to help others in the world and through good works promote international understanding, good will and peace.**

**Wear your Rotary and PHF pins with pride.**

## Club Assembly

Our meeting started out with champagne for everyone to celebrate Peg and John's and Deb and Bayne's anniversaries this week. A beautiful bouquet of flowers was presented to Peg on behalf of the club to mark 50 years. Next on the agenda was a report from Bill on the work his office has done providing dental care for the homeless through the Care-a-Van. Bill and his staff embody the spirit of Vocational Service by using their talents and time at no charge to help the homeless with dental health issues from examinations to emergency

## Parting Shot



Our champion of the orchard, Steve, hard at work on Sunday, 14 Nov.

## November Programs

23 - CV Foundation - Blaine Douglas

30 - Seeds Natural Foods - Tina Willard-Stepan

## Chuckle Corner

### It's The Light That Attracts Them!

A couple, desperate to conceive a child, went to their priest and asked him to pray for them. "I'm going on a sabbatical to Rome," he replied, "and while I'm there, I'll light a candle for you."

When the priest returned three years later, he went to the couple's house and found the wife pregnant, busily attending to two sets of twins. Elated, the priest asked her where her husband was so that he could congratulate him.

"He's gone to Rome, to blow that candle out" came the harried reply.

## Announcements

"We are what we repeatedly do, excellence then is not an act, but a habit." ~Aristotle



- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers:

[jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Alan: November Board meeting at Carmie's on Thursday, 18 November at 7 AM.

- Chantal told us that the response to her request for volunteers for the EDAS project has been very successful with 80 volunteers signed up in Nanaimo and 65 in the Comox Valley.

**November Greeters:** Kurt Nielsen and David Stevens.

- **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

### Bivalent Oral Polio Vaccine Delivers Powerful Blow



The bivalent oral polio vaccine (bOPV) is proving to be a potent weapon in the global battle to eradicate polio. Developed to stop transmission of the type 1 and type 3 wild polioviruses simultaneously, bOPV was introduced in all four polio-endemic countries -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- in late 2009 and early 2010. It has helped reduce the incidence of polio in India to 39 cases as of 26 October, compared to 498 for the same period in 2009. The number of cases in Nigeria has fallen to 8 from 382 for that period. "There's been the largest ever year-to-year drop in polio cases following the use of bOPV," says Dr. Bruce Aylward, director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) at the World Health Organization. **Rotary International** has been a major player in bringing about that achievement, Aylward said at the meeting of the International PolioPlus Committee in October. PolioPlus grants awarded by **The Rotary Foundation** "have been strategically linked closely to all of the major gains that we've seen over the last 12 months," he noted. "The most striking impact is what your funds have achieved in Nigeria. Over \$23 million has gone into operational costs. That 98 percent drop in cases could not have been achieved without that money to get the vaccine to the kids."

Health officials see an expanded role for bOPV in the vaccine arsenal. On 26 October, 15 African countries launched a synchronized mass immunization campaign, the third on the continent in 2010. About 290,000 vaccinators went door to door to immunize 72 million children -- 55.7 million of them received bOPV.

By simplifying the logistics of immunizing children against polio, bOPV has become the centerpiece of the global strategy to end the disease. "This vaccine could get us over the top and to the finish line for eradication," Sutter says. Source : Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash\_Rotary [www.eflashonline.org](http://www.eflashonline.org)

### Attendance

22 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 16 November. We missed the company of: David B, Dodie, Mac, Steve, Debbie, Liz, Kim, Gale and Casper. Visiting Rotarian: Bent Harder of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Peg Challender, Michael Galambos, Bayne Mann Jr, Plan and Joanne Tatton.

### Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays: 24 Liz Phillipson, 25 Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann (18th), 19 John and Peg Challender (50th). Best wishes to everyone.