

# The Miner's Lamp



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August is the month that Rotarians' thoughts are focused on membership. Our club needs new members and we should also touch base with those still in are community but who have left our club and Rotary.



We had a good club assembly with reports of the results of our food sales during the Big Time Out weekend. President Alan recognized the hard work of everyone involved and, in particular, Rob and Margaret Neal. He

presented a much coveted Rotary Four-Way-Test pen for each of them. Linda Oprica, chair of the 2010 Extravaganza Italiana, reviewed the details of the various aspects of the event. She reminded everyone about the gift bags and asked each of us to purchase \$20 worth of goods for the bags and also purchase a \$20 gift certificate to place in the balloons that will be sold at the event. Ticket sales have now reached 170. Keith and Debbie are looking after donations. The target for donations this year is 180 so we need to get out in the community and start asking. Remember to complete the donation forms and hand them in NLT 15 September to allow for the production of the catalogue. The hall, with a new coat of paint will look good when decorated and a new, simpler and better menu has been developed.

Newspapers are routinely subjected to criticism for misspelled words, typos, and other errors. To which journalists have been known to say, "We publish something for everybody, including those who are always looking for mistakes." ~Frank

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- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers:  
\_\_\_\_\_ Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Alan: Thank you to all those who volunteered their time and talents to the Big Time Out food sales on Saturday and Sunday. Received a thank you card from DG Bob following his official visit to our club.
- Gale outlined the details of an award the club will provide to a deserving citizen of Cumberland to recognize his/her volunteer work. The recognition will be provided annually in the form of a PHF.
- Leslie informed the club that the Village has offered us a space in the lower level of the Recreation Centre for storage of club possessions. When set up the club will have its own key and the ability to gain access anytime.
- Linda suggested that we donate \$1,000 to the Boys and Girls Club using the proceeds from the food sales supplemented by the proceeds from the bar we are doing on 21 August. The club approved. Leftover buns donated to the food bank. Leftover frozen bbq pulled beef will go to the soup kitchen.
- Deb entertained us on her experiences at a couple Rotary club meetings in the UK during her vacation.
- Jon reminded us that our RYE student, "Plan" will arrive at the Comox airport at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, 31 August. Please help welcome her to our community by joining Jon at the terminal. Plan will live with her counsellor, Christine and David for a few days before moving to Deb and Bayne's prior to her first day of school.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Judythe McQuillan and Robb Flannery.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.



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Five families who harvest salt from the desert in western India have Rotarians to thank for windmills that will double their income. The Rotary Club of Wadhwan City, India, and the Rotary E-Club of the Southwest, Arizona, received a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant and used club and District 5510 (Arizona) contributions to purchase 10 windmills. The windmills pump underground, salt-laden water into shallow ponds, where the salt can be separated through evaporation.

The families -- who are among the 10,000 families who migrate annually to the Little Rann of Kutch salt marsh in Gujarat to collect up to 800 tons of salt apiece -- previously relied on diesel engines to draw water to the desert's surface. Five windmills were installed by the manufacturer in February with the help of Rotarians and the recipients. Club members expect the other five to be in use by October, the start of the six-month salt-harvesting season.

Deepak Agrawal, governor-elect of District 3060, visited the families in March and says they each saved about \$100 in fuel and engine repair costs over a month-long period.

"The project allowed them to buy basic amenities -- a glass to drink water from, books for their children, a light bulb," Agrawal says. "With the time they saved from engine maintenance, one of the fathers brought his child to school, and a mother read with her children." A windmill-powered generator also produced electricity for one of the families. The e-club learned of the effort through one of its members, Vimal Hemani, who lives near Wadhwan City. "Our e-club is international, and that helped facilitate this project," says past club president Larry Levenson. "Hemani was able to personally participate in the project and work with our Indian partners." Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy :

eFlash\_Rotary eFlash\_Rotary now has a new id: [www.eflashonline.org](http://www.eflashonline.org).

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24 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 17 August. Visiting Rotarian: Kevin Lee of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: Adri and Casper Pretorius, guest of Jon Toogood.

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Birthdays: 1 Leslie Baird, 4 Linda Oprica, 9 Rob Neal, 28 Jill Cornwell. Anniversaries: 1 Angie and Alan deJersey, 7 Kathy and David Stevens, 16 Doreen and Mac Fraser, 24 Leslie and John Baird, 24 Brenda and Robb Flannery. Best wishes to everyone.



Chef Stefan and sous-chef Keith on Sunday morning at the pancake breakfast

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24 August - Malcolm Holt - Cameo Videos

31 August - Lush Valley

