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Comox Valley Emergency Planning



Following a lengthy, detailed introduction by our irreplaceable Gale, our speaker last week, Mike Fournier, Coordinator of the Comox Valley Emergency Program (CVEP), an agency set up by the Valley municipalities to oversee response to emergencies, began his talk. The annual budget of CVEP, provided from municipal tax dollars is \$50,000.00. Mike has spoken to the RC of Comox to seek support for a numbering system and received their support and PP Dave moved that we provide 1/4 of the cost of \$1200.00 to help purchase the system, similar to the one used at Superstore's customer service desk to help register people affected by an emergency. Mike spoke about the 30-foot motor home that the CVEP has converted into an mobile Command Post. The unit was donated by John Edgett and has undergone considerable renovations to turn it into a well appointed resource. The vehicle has been used several times Comox Valley Ground Search and Rescue. Equipped with satellite phones, cell phones, ten radios covering the UHF and VHF spectrums, computers, several work stations and a large number of portable radios. The unit is very capable and is one of the best in the province. CVEP's coverage extends north to Oyster River. Mike explained the importance of accurate maps and the system used to display up to 18 maps. A status map is used with an overlay of mylar to develop a comprehensive picture of the progress of the response to an emergency.

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.
- A reminder that 2007-2008 dues are now due. See treasurer John to make arrangements for installment payments if you wish.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** needs to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. Linda has agreed to chair the overall planning committee and has a new 3-part form to be used when an item for the event is obtained. **Remember—One form for each item.** Debbie Lemire 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 canvass potential donors. Need a form letter for a donor? Please see Gale.
- President Keith 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.
- Judythe read a message from the RI Foundation chair and encourage everyone to give at least \$100 each every year—something we pledged to do as a club in our first year. \$3 each meeting will create \$100+.
- PP Dave reported on the progress made to rebuild the steps behind the United Church with Percy's and President Keith's people's help.
- President Keith commented that there is a sign at the top of Mission Hill listing the other three Rotary clubs and suggested that ours should be included. John C suggested we contact the CV Chamber of Commerce office and request that we be included at the two locations where the others appear.
- President Keith announced his plans to bring back the "Secret Greeter". If you fail to shake the secret greeter's hand before each meeting, you will be levied a fine.
- Deb Nolan reported on her experience doing a makeup at an "all-guys" club in the UK.
- Alinda did a makeup at a RC in Ottawa.
- Gale reported that Laurie Baird confirmed that she will pay half of the training materials cost for the CPR and defibrillator training held at the Cumberland Recreation Hall. We'll pick up the rest. Laurie plans another course in September.

Today's Speaker (24 July): Laura McKinnon—Girl Guides

July Greeters: Bill Armstrong 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 after the meeting.

Rotary Moment



What Paul Harris Said

July 15, 2007

www.whatpaulharrissaid.org

In *The Rotarian* magazine (February 1923)

“Rotary is not an organization for retrospection .It is rather one whose worth and purpose lie in future activity rather than past performance.”

Rotary's future in the 21st century looks bright thanks to the support of Rotarian donors all over the world. We have a Foundation that is well respected and admired by other global organizations, charities and Governments. The Rotary Foundation carries out our educational and humanitarian programmes with great efficiency and changes people's lives in every corner of the earth.

Isn't it a shame that our future activity is limited by the thousands upon thousands of dollars that are still locked up in District Designated Funds? There are Foundation programs that are crying out for help at this time - such as the Polio Partners Program, Our Peace Centers and the Scholarship Pool for Low Income Countries. Our district designated funds are applicable to the ANNUAL Programs Fund. It is vital that we keep on, year upon year, spending our contributions and doing good in the world.

Our Rotarian donors expect it, our vulnerable and scarcely-resourced World demand it.

Attendance

Twenty Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Bent harder of the RC of Courtenay. Sandra Frain, Cathe's best friend, who lives in Australia, attended as did Mike Fournier, our guest speaker.

Parting Shot



Cathe and her best friend, Sandra Frain.

Chuckle Corner Bumper Stickers

"Honk if you love Peace and Quiet"

"Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine."

"As long as there are tests, there will be prayer in public schools"

"The gene pool could use a little chlorine."

"I didn't fight my way to the top of the food chain to be a vegetarian."

"When there's a will, I want to be in it!"

"Warning: Dates in Calendar are closer than they appear."

"Lottery: A tax on people who are bad at math."

"Very funny, Scotty. Now beam down my clothes."

"Why is 'abbreviation' such a long word?"

"Ever stop to think, and forget to start again?"