

The Miner's Lamp

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The Month of May Has no Theme

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Although the month has no specific theme associated with it, it is a time when clubs prepare for the RI Convention, the District Conference and make last minute plans for the year ahead.

Announcements

There is no chance anyone will every get a monopoly on stupidity—there is just too much competition. John Nelson, Rotary Club of Dunedin East, NZ

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Alan: A reminder to register for the District Conference in Tacoma 3 - 5 June. Go to: www.rotary5020.org to register. Thank you card from Kathryn Chung for our support of the Third Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt. Installation Dinner at Keith and Joanne's, Tuesday, 7 June, 6 PM, \$35 per person, money to John Jones, menu preferences to Steve.

Default main course preference will be steak unless you opt for chicken or vegetarian so please let Steve know. Dress for outdoor dining.

- Rob is looking for more volunteers to help with the Empire Day Parade on Monday, 23 May. Show up at the Cumberland Museum by 8:30 AM if you wish to help. The Cumberland Marching Band, which we have helped fund, will perform its first gig in the parade in their new uniforms!
- Deb asked us to consider offering donations for the Cumberland marching Band's dinner and auction on 18 June. Tickets are \$25 each available through the Sid Williams Theatre. Terry Grant, better known as Mantracker, will be the guest speaker. <http://www.mantracker.ca/>
- **May Greeters:** Debbie and Robb.
- **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

RI Convention 2011—New Orleans –Program



A city already famous for its internationality and color will receive more than 19,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries at the annual convention. Often described as a "mini-United Nations" because of its global scope and cultural diversity, the always colorful Rotary convention is expected to inject more than \$22 million into the local economy during its weeklong run at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center.

Thursday, May 19 7:45 a.m. - 4 p.m. - Community service project: An international team of about 14 young adults belonging to Rotaract Clubs, Rotary sponsored service clubs for young men and women ages 18 to 30, will participate in a local Habitat for Humanity project to help rebuild homes for Hurricane Katrina survivors.

Friday, May 20 11:15 a.m. - Cross-country motorcycle ride to end polio: More than 100 Rotary motorcyclists from across the U.S. will ride into New Orleans. Riders began their trip from Sacramento, Seattle, Chicago, Miami, Albany and other cities, converging Thursday in Baton Rouge in advance of their grand entrance into New Orleans. Their goal is to raise an average of \$1 per mile to eradicate the crippling disease polio.

3 - 6 p.m. - Community service project: About 50 international alumni from Rotary's Ambassadorial Scholarships program will volunteer with the United Saints Recovery Project to help residents of the Central City neighborhood repair homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina.

Saturday, May 21 10 a.m. - House of Friendship Exhibition Grand Opening. Hundreds of successful projects undertaken by Rotary members worldwide to address such issues as polio, malaria, poverty, hunger, illiteracy, pollution and the global water shortage will be on display 21- 25 May.

6:30 p.m. - An Evening of Food. Fun. Fellowship & Fins at the Aquarium of the Americas: A little over a year since the BP Oil Spill, the Louisiana Seafood Promotions & Marketing Board and Rotary has arranged for a special event at the Aquarium for Rotary members attending the convention to experience home grown seafood delicacies.

Sunday, May 22 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. - Opening Ceremony, Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Halls E-F: Rotary Youth Exchange high school students from around the world will present the flags of the 200 countries and regions where Rotary clubs serve their communities, followed by a keynote address by Rotary International President Ray Klinginsmith.

Monday, May 23 9:30-11:40 a.m. - Katrina Revisited, Plenary Session A look back on Rotary's role and contributions to Katrina Relief. Panelists: Kathleen Koch, former CNN reporter, Rotary scholar and author of "Rising from Katrina: How my Miss. Hometown Lost it All and Found What Matters;" Julia Reed, Newsweek contributing editor and author of "The House on First Street: My New Orleans Story;"

Tuesday, May 24 4:30-5 p.m. - Plenary keynote address by Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will congratulate Rotary members for their ongoing effort to raise \$200 million for polio eradication. To access broadcast quality video of prior Rotary International conventions, Rotary members and Bill Gates immunizing children against polio, and Rotary's Gulf Coast recovery efforts go to: <http://rotary.org/mediacenter>

Attendance

22 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 17 May. We missed the company of: Catherine, David B, Jill, Jay, Christine, Mac, Kim and David Stevens. Visitors: Cindy Bannerman and Cathie Gordon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Birthdays: 7 John Jones, 24 Mac Fraser, 27 Keith Tatton. Anniversary: 20 Paul and Penny Vroom . Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shot



Friday, 13 May, President Al and Community Service Director Dave presented a cheque for \$7,500 to Mayor Fred Bates as our share of the fund to improve No 6 Mine Memorial Park Playground

May Programs

24 - John Challender on Vocational Service 31 - Dave Durrant - Update on Cumberland

Chuckle Corner

No One Said it Would Be Easy, Jack!



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