



The Miner's Lamp

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Club Assembly

January is Rotary Awareness Month

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Rotary clubs, under the Board's leadership, conduct a semi-annual review of membership, PR, Foundation and other goals including a progress report on projects.



Robert and Susie England were guests of our club whose purpose was to promote the Have a Heart event on the second weekend in February. A copy of the poster was sent to everyone.

Our club assembly included reports from board members. The club approved becoming partners with the RC of Monrovia, Liberia in an International project. The 2011-2012 slate of board members was approved by acclamation as was the PE for 2012-2013. Here's the lineup:

2011-12

President: Deb Nolan, Immediate Past President: Alan deJersey, Secretary: Rob Neal, Treasurer: John Jones, Foundation: Robb Flannery and Mac Fraser, Community Service: David Stevens and Leslie Baird, Literacy: Leslie Baird, International Service: Keith Tatton and Adri Pretorius, Membership: Jay Dahlgren and Linda Oprica, Program: Jill Cornwell, Administration: Kim Sleno and John Challender, PR: Christine Dickinson, Sgt@Arms: David Bossom, Youth: Jon Toogood, PWLOK: John Challender, Extravaganza Italiana: Christine Dickinson and Rob Neal, Orchard: Steve Galbraith, Finance Committee: Linda Oprica, David Stevens, John Jones and Kim Sleno, Social: Liz Phillipson. PE 2012-2013: Rob Neal.

Announcements

We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. ~Winston Churchill

- 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: The District Leadership Training Assembly will be held in Victoria on 2 and 3 April. Register online through the District website. A must-attend event for club leaders and a valuable event for all other club members. Members' registration and one night of hotel cost will be reimbursed by the club. Cumberland Heritage Faire will be held in the CR Centre on 19 February. Watch the papers for more details.
- Rob reported that he and David B. had completed work on the garden shed at the elementary school. Rob thanked David for his assistance.
- January Greeters: Steve Galbraith and Bill Armstrong.
- 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



Rotary Names New General Secretary



Rotary International has named John Hewko, an attorney with extensive international experience in both the private and public sectors, to be its general secretary. Rotary's Secretariat supports the activities of more than 33,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas, with a combined

membership of 1.2 million men and women.

Hewko is a former partner with the international law firm of Baker & McKenzie and was vice president at the Millennium Challenge Corporation, a US government agency established in 2004 to deliver US foreign assistance to the world's poorest countries. He begins work on July 1 at a key moment in Rotary's 106-year history.

As RI's general secretary, Hewko will play a lead role in the implementation of the organization's newly revised strategic plan that envisions Rotary's expanded engagement in areas such as maternal and child health, water and sanitation, disease prevention and treatment, basic education and literacy, economic and community development and peace studies and conflict prevention/resolution. His tenure could also see the successful conclusion of Rotary's principal humanitarian initiative: its 25-year campaign to eradicate the crippling disease polio, a goal that is more than 99 percent complete.

In addition to serving the needs of the institution and Rotary club members, Hewko's mandate includes enhancing Rotary's global visibility and working to forge new mutually beneficial strategic partnerships with governments, businesses and international institutions worldwide. He also will work to expand and strengthen Rotary's current relationship with organizations such as the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, US Agency for International Development (USAID) and others.

Attendance

23 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 18 January. We missed the company of: Catherine, Robb, Mac, Cathe, Robb, Casper, Kim, and David S. Guests: Robert and Susie England.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in January

Birthdays: 4 David Bossom, 10 Deb Nolan, 30 Robb Flannery. Anniversary: 30 Rob and Margaret Neal. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



President Alan presented Jon Toogood with PHF pin and certificate.

January Programs

25 Mexican Project

Chuckle Corner

The Hotel Bill

An elderly Scottish lady decided to give herself a big treat for her significant birthday by staying overnight in one of St. Andrew's most expensive hotels. When she checked out next morning, the desk clerk handed her a bill for £250.00. She exploded and demanded to know why the charge was so high. "It's a nice hotel but the rooms certainly aren't worth £250.00 for just an overnight stop without even breakfast." The clerk told her that £250.00 is the 'standard rate' so she insisted on speaking to the Manager. The Manager appeared and forewarned by the desk clerk announced: "the hotel has an Olympic-sized pool and a huge conference centre which are available for use." 'But I didn't use them," she said.

"Well, they are here, and you could have," explained the Manager.

He went on to explain that she could also have seen one of the in-hotel shows for which the hotel is famous.

"We have the best entertainers from Edinburgh, Glasgow, and Aberdeen performing here," the Manager said.

"But I didn't go to any of those shows," she said. "Well, we have them, and you could have," the Manager replied.

No matter what amenity the Manager mentioned, she replied, "But I didn't use it!"

*The Manager was unmoved, so she decided to pay, wrote a cheque and gave it to the Manager. The Manager was surprised when he looked at the cheque. "But madam, this cheque is only made out for £50.00." "That's correct. I charged you £200.00 for sleeping with me," she replied. "But I didn't!" exclaims the very surprised Manager. "Well, too bad, I was here, and you could have." **Don't mess with Scottish Senior Citizens***