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Rotarians in our part of the world receive the Rotarian magazine every month. There are several Rotary magazines published in many languages to serve the diversity of Rotary.

Club Assembly



Craig Gillis addressed us as the District Trainer-Elect and encouraged our club to let him know what our training needs might be. President Alan asked members of the board to give reports. The Treasurer reported that we are solvent. Linda reported that Mac is intending to transfer to the

morning Rotary club in Powell River. Steve reported the details of the Installation Dinner on 7 June at Keith and Joanne's home. Deb provided an update of the Liberia project. Jon reported that several of the youth we have sponsored for various adventures will attend our meeting on 26 to report on their experiences. Plan will be travelling to Vancouver with her host parents, the McGaws to attend the concert she has asked to attend. John reported that re-potting of plants will begin on Wednesday afternoon, 20 April, after lunch. Members will be notified of plans for subsequent sessions. A quick tour of our club's website and how to connect quickly to the district website and register for the district conference to be held in Tacoma from 3 to 5 June was provided. Plans for the Extravaganza Italiana are in the works and all are encouraged to begin seeking donations.

Announcements

Old friends like old wines, don't lose their flavour. ~ Jewish Proverb.

- 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. The club will support Kathryn Chung and her group to fund the planned Easter egg hunt for the children of the Village.

- Linda reported that the plant sale will be held at the new location of Andrew-Sherritt (the former bingo palace) on Saturday, 11 June.
- David Stevens announced that The Coal Creek Historical Advisory Committee will be having a ceremony at the park on Saturday, 30 April from 1 to 3 PM and are asking for traffic controllers from our club. Please contact David if interested. He also reported that the latest bookcase project for the Cumberland Lodge is complete and the plaques are attached. The Bannerman family provided funding to cover the materials and the plaques celebrate Ron's life.
- Liz will let everyone involved in GWCTD on 30 April about the details when she returns.
- **April Greeters:** Cathe and Stefan.
- **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

Japanese Rotarians Witness Devastation



A red line indicates the tsunami level on this clinic in Kamaishi, Japan. Toshiro Ueda, a member of the Rotary Club of Otsuchi, Iwate, who runs the clinic, was barely able to escape by running to the fourth floor. Photo courtesy of Tatsuo Seshita

The earth seemed to be shaking forever, and it was so strong," says RI Director Masahiro Kuroda. "I thought I was going to die." Kuroda, a physician, was seeing a patient on the second floor of his medical clinic in Hachinohe, Aomori, Japan, when a 9.0-magnitude earthquake off the country's

northeast coast struck on 11 March.

"I escorted her downstairs. Holding each other's arms tightly, we walked down very slowly. After we reached the bottom floor, the earthquake stopped," says Kuroda. "I led all the other patients outside and told them to go home, but she said she was too scared to leave and wanted to stay in the clinic. I didn't know what to say -- she was so frightened. She left a couple of hours later and safely arrived home."

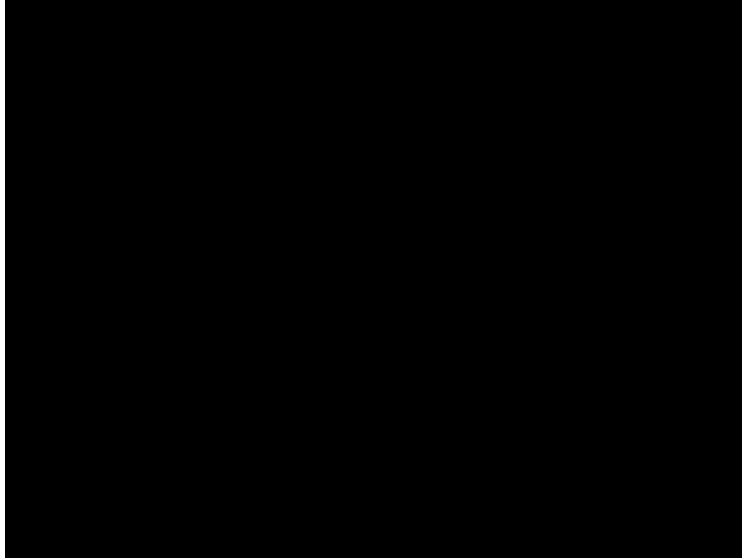
Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 19 April. We missed the company of: Leslie, Jill, Christine, Robb, Mac, Judythe, Liz, Chantal, Keith and Adri. Visiting Rotarians: Craig Gillis, President of the Rotary Club of Campbell river Daybreak, Laurie Haines and Derek Newnes of the Rotary Club of Courtenay.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in April

Birthdays: 7 Catherine Egan, 7 Alan deJersey, 8 Plan, 10 John Challender. Anniversaries: 25 Jon and Marguerite Toogood, 26 Keith and Joanne Tatton . Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shot



A snapshot of our meeting last Tuesday.

April Programs

26 - Bill Village and Students

Chuckle Corner