



The Miner's Lamp

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One of the main objects of Rotary is the advancement of international understanding, good will and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional leaders united in the ideal of service.

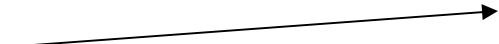

Personal Safety



Constable Tammy Douglas was our guest speaker last week. Her talk was focused on personal safety. She highlighted a number of precautions that we should all take to avoid becoming victims of a variety of criminal activities. Constable Douglas described the temptation that can be placed in a thief's mind when attractive personal items are left in in plain view an automobile. Ladies shopping in grocery stores and other places should not leave their purses unattended in their shopping carts. She outlined a number of telephone, e-mail and internet scams that are in circulation, all of which designed to separate gullible people from their hard-earned money. If it

sounds too good to be true, it likely is. She stressed the importance of keeping homes and properties well lit and to trim shrubs so they do not block sight lines around windows and other entrances, particularly carports. If accosted by a stranger at the door, do not open the door without verifying the person's business; if someone calls trying to obtain personal information or asking for money decline and hang up. Never hesitate to call the police if a situation develops that makes you feel uncomfortable. A great presentation that reminded all of us of important aspects of our personal safety. Thanks, Constable Douglas!

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.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International from 15 to 18 June and encourages attendees to consider joining him. www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx for more information on the convention and to register online. Visit: <http://www.rotary5020.org/riconinfo.php> for information about travel with DG Norm via AMTRAK.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria. www.rotary5020.org
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. www.rotary5020.org
- Our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets and to reserve seats. cvas4@shaw.ca
- President Keith announced that Google.org has provided \$3.5 M to support polio eradication.
- Gale announced details of the Melodrama. See page 4 for details.
- Linda read an e-mail from Tom Gray of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise announcing that the Interact Club of Highland Secondary School will be holding their 4th Annual Fundraising Dinner on Friday, 7 March at Highland School. Proceeds will go to the Chamazi Library Project in Tanzania. Tickets available at the school or Blue Heron Books in Comox. Adults \$25, students \$15 and children \$8. Donations for a silent auction will be gratefully accepted. See Linda for details Last year the club raised \$6,000!
- Stefan provided an interesting vocational talk. 
- President Keith announced that Courtney Jackson has been proposed as a new member by Alan deJersey.
- Judythe presented Debbie with Sustaining Foundation member pin. 



Speaker (26 February): Dave Russell—Sage Hills Project

February Greeters: John Challender and Dave

Stevens 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.

Rotary Moment



Make Dreams Real

Part III of the speech given by Dong Kurn Lee RI President-Elect to the World's DGEs

And in 2008-09, we will Make Dreams Real by making sure that more children have a chance to go to school, because it will only be through education that the deadly cycle of poverty can be broken. Although it is true that child mortality is highest in developing countries, there is not a single Rotary district where local club projects cannot save lives. Every day, in every part of the world, children die for the lack of a seatbelt or a smoke detector. Children die because they have nowhere safe to play. Children die because their parents cannot afford health care. Children die not because nobody can help them but because too often, nobody does. But you and I, here in this room, are Rotarians, and helping is what we do best.

And so it is our job to open our eyes to these needs, in our own communities and in communities far away. Our job is to work together, one club with another, to do what is needed. Our job is to Make Dreams Real. We will turn those dreams of a safe and happy childhood — a childhood that becomes a long and healthy life — into a reality, because all of the world's children are our children.

And our job is a simple one. It is saving lives with our hearts and our minds and our souls. And if, in 2008-09, every one of us does this job well, at the end of our year we will all have achieved something wonderful.

Source: San Diego 2008 International Assembly Speechbook Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Blaine Douglas of the RC of Courtenay. Other guests were Courtnay Jackson, Russ Smith and Bayne Mann Jr.

February Birthdays (no one in our club was married in this month)

8 Wayne Giroday, 23 Dodie Brand, 25 Jamie Edwards. Best wishes to all of you.

Also, Rotary will be 103 years old on 23 February, Rotary World Peace and Understanding Day!

Parting Shots



Posing with enthusiastic readers and fellow Rotarians, Stefan presented a cheque for \$3600 to Cumberland Elementary School Principal Kathy Gordon



Melodrama News

The City Slicker and Our Nell

A melodrama directed by our own Gale Wheeler and featuring many of our club



members in the cast and crew will open at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 15 May in the Cumberland United Church,. A special performance for Rotarians only will be held on Friday, 16 May., and the final, evening performance will be held on Monday, 19 May. Two matinee performances will be held on 17 and 19 May at 2:00 PM. Proceeds will be used to fund a community project. Only 175 seats will be available for each performance. Tickets will be available soon. Admission will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, 12 and under. Families of four will be admitted for a special family rate of \$25 and there will be a special price for Rotarians for the exclusively Rotarians-only event. Rehearsals will start on Wednesday evening, 2 April and will be held twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The director estimates 3 hours will be required for each rehearsal. A fun-filled event for the whole family and for all the participants. See Gale to volunteer.

“The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.”- Mark Twain