



# The Miner's Lamp

Bringing the Light of Service to the Community and the World Through Rotary



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## Potpourri

In the absence of our scheduled speaker, here are some of the activities that took place at our meeting on Tuesday.

### May Has no Particular Theme In This Issue

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Since the month of May has no particular theme in the world of Rotary, why not consider making it the second month of the year that we focus on the Rotary Foundation? We could consider ways that we can help meet the challenge accepted by Rotary International in light of the generous \$255 Million grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation to help end polio. Every bit helps.



Wendy Jackson of the 1st Courtenay Pathfinders accepted a cheque from President Linda for \$500 to help fund the travel costs of her group of 15-year-old girls to several Guiding centres in the UK and Europe this summer. A number of girls from the

troop helped out at a work party at our orchard so earned the money through their service to our club and community.

Two more AEDs were presented by our club. One to the Child



Development Centre and the other to the Comox Seniors' D'Esterre Centre. L-R: Jim Lariviere Comox Fire Department, Lee Bjarnason CDC, President Linda, Kathy Cruikshank CDC, Dave Stevens, Tony Hermes

President Comox Seniors' D'Esterre Centre and John Marinus a member of the Seniors' Centre. We have now provided 8 AEDs to various groups in our community @ \$2,000 each. Jim Lariviere will coordinate training at both locations.

## Announcements

*To cherish what remains of the earth and to foster its renewal is our only legitimate hope of survival. -Wendell Berry*

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.
- **From President Linda:** Reminder of the 23 June Installation Dinner. Tickets \$30 per person available from President Linda or PP Keith. President Linda reported on the May Queen Luncheon she attended on 18 May—a great experience. Sadly Cathe Egan's father passed away on 18 May.
- John C discussed the Rotary International Tennis Championship in Vienna in August to raise funds to help eradicate polio. The champion of this event is Josef Gudenus, Anatol's uncle with whom John connected through LinkedIn!
- PE Steve reported a discussion he had with Bronco Moncrief and that there is a possibility of a work part at the Chinese/Japanese cemetery the weekend of 23—24 May. Steve will e-mail details to everyone.
- **Program 26 May: Club Assembly**
- **May Greeters:** Alan deJersey and Cathe Egan
- **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

### History of Rotary in India



CALCUTTA was the home town for the first Rotary club in the mainland of Asia. R.J. Combes, the manager of a steel products company while on a business trip to U.S.A. was so impressed by the "friendship, fellowship, and service" aspects of the movement called Rotary that he wanted to introduce the idea to his friends in Calcutta as well. There was no difficulty for him to convince enough people and convene the first meeting on 26 September, 1919. The new club was chartered just after three months of the first meeting, on New Year's day of 1920. All the twenty charter members were non-Indians.

The first Indian Rotarian was S.C. Rudra who was inducted in 1921. The first Indian to become the club secretary was Nitish C. Laharry (1926) who became R.I. president in 1962-'63. Abdul Ali was the first Indian to become a club president.

Except for the lone club chartered in Lahore (in Pakistan now) in 1927, for about a decade India had to be content with only one club, i.e. R.C. of Calcutta. Things changed when James Wheeler Davidson of Calgary, arrived on Indian shores with a firm determination to spread Rotary in India. In fact he was responsible for the establishment of Rotary clubs in different countries including Australia, New Zealand, Southern Europe, Egypt, Siam (Thailand) and Japan and was known as the 'Marco Polo of Rotary.' Jim Davidson established Rotary in Bombay as well as Madras (now Chennai) in 1929.

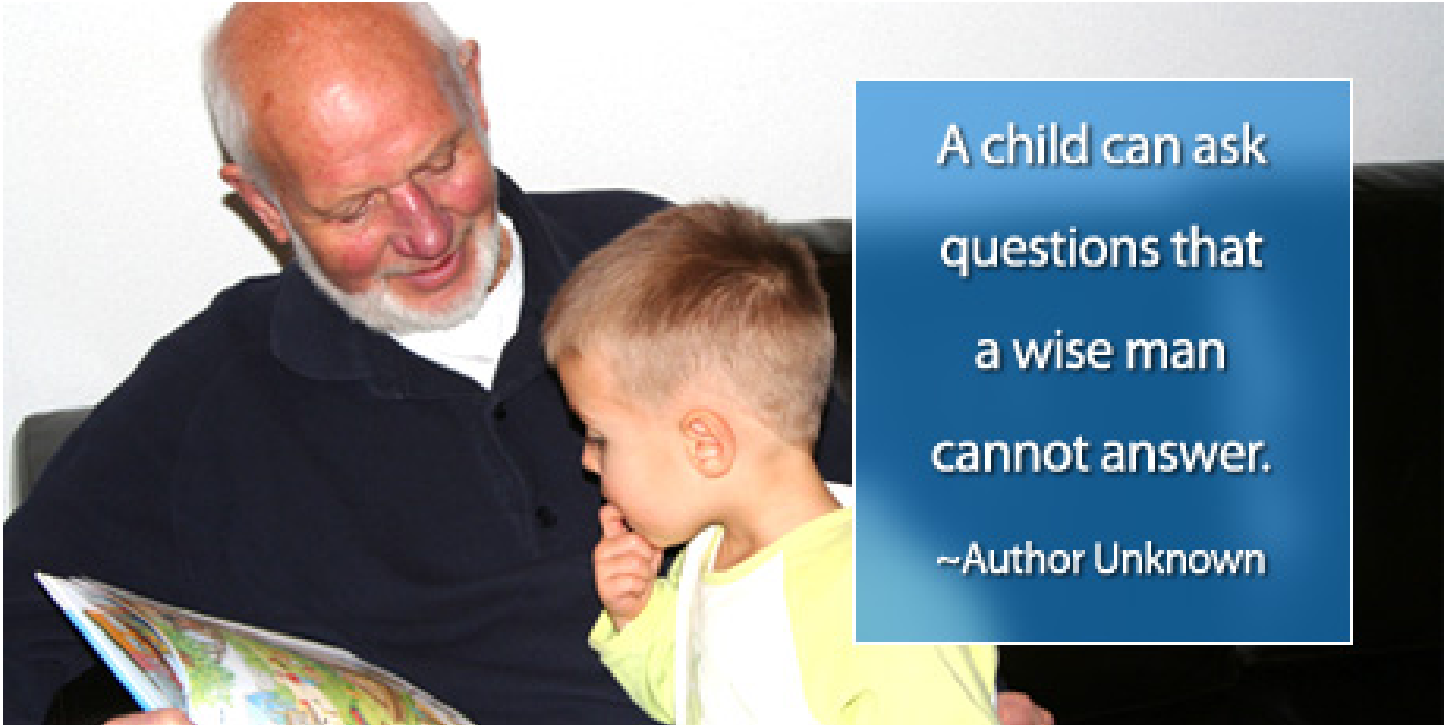
### Attendance

17 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 19 May. Visiting Rotarian: John Marinus of the RC of Comox. Guests: Wendy Jackson of the 1st Courtenay Pathfinders, Jim Lariviere Training Officer Comox Fire Department, Kathy Cruikshank and Lee Bjarnason of Child Development Centre, Tony Hermes President of the Comox Seniors D'Esterre Centre and Virginia Mackie, guest of President Linda. .

### Birthdays in May (No Anniversaries)

7 John Jones, 24 Mac Fraser, 27 Keith Tatton. Best wishes to everyone.

## Parting Shot



## Chuckle Corner

### For Golfers

On the second tee of the golf course with his wife, the husband said, "Twenty years ago I had a brief affair. It meant nothing. I hope you can forgive me.' His wife was hurt but said, "Dearest, those days are long gone. What we have now is far more valuable. I forgive you." They embraced and kissed.

On the 17th tee, the husband was starting his back swing when his wife blurted out, "I'm sorry, darling, I've been so conscience-stricken since you told me of your affair. Since we're being honest with each other, I have something to tell you also. Thirty-two years ago I had a sex change operation. I was a man before I met you. I hope you can forgive me.'

The husband froze at the top of his back swing and then threw a fit! He slammed the driver into the ground, kicked the ball into the woods, stormed off the tee, pushed the golf cart over on its side, broke the rest of his clubs one by one, then started on hers.

He screamed and ranted, "You liar! You cheat! You despicable deceiver! How could you? I trusted you with all my heart and soul ... and all these years you've been playing off the ladies' tees!"