

The Miner's Lamp

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Club Assembly

October is Vocational Service Month

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Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Vocational Service spotlights Rotary club projects offering an opportunity for clubs to use their professional skills in service projects.



President Alan reviewed the actions of the Board on 14 October and called upon directors to report their various areas of responsibility.

Club has donated \$300 to CRI for paint. Elementary School garden shed destroyed by vandals will be re-built. Rob is champion

with Slegg Lumber donating materials and tools. David Stevens spoke about our support of a therapeutic exercise machine for the Cumberland Lodge. Lena McLeish has raised most of the funds needed and we have agreed to cover shortfall. David also spoke to David Durrant of the Village about the playground project. Village budget to be determined in November. We plan to match the Village's funds for the project, we have ball parked \$5,000 to \$7,500 as our share, depending on Village commitment. Joint project with Strathcona Sunrise and Kakamega to develop protected springs. Looking at global grant for 2011, our share \$5,000. \$1,000 approved for van and micro project for school in Mexico. \$350 approved for Adventures in Film in Powell River. \$700 from El to Orchard Fund from sale of tree. Rob reported that our first quarter volunteer hours were 867. Attendance near 100%.

Announcements

"A great pleasure in life is doing what people say you cannot do"
~Walter Gagehot

- 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: Saturday, 23 October is the Comox Valley Foundation Dinner, which will be catered by Bayne and Deb. Deb would be grateful if a Rotarian family hosted Plan for the day. Our last installment of \$10,000 will be presented to the CV Hospice Society at their Gala on 6 November.

- Linda reminded everyone to turn in receipts for expenses associated with the Extravaganza Italiana. She also requested the return of unused donation forms. Thank you cards will be written at Keith and Joanne's home at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 27 October.
- Jon Toogood told us of: Adventure in Culinary Arts program— November 20 – 21, 2010 for a student with some previous cooking experience Cheque Payable to the Rotary Club of Sooke for \$150.00
- A reminder that Jodi Williams will be organizing a Hallowe'en event for the children of Cumberland on Saturday, 30 October. Volunteers to help with traffic safety should contact Linda. Duties begin at 4:00 PM.
- **October Greeters:** Deb Nolan and Kim Sleno.
- **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



Foundation Beneficiaries Grateful

Five-year-old Mulambuzi Joshua is thankful for the surgery that repaired a congenital defect in his heart. The procedure, one of 20 performed on Ugandan children in January, was made possible by a Rotary Foundation Matching Grant through the Gift of Life India program.

Former Rotary Peace Fellow Jeanette Kroes is grateful for the generosity of donors in supporting the Foundation's work in peace and conflict resolution. "I am particularly thankful to the Rotarians from all over the world, for the endless opportunities to see so many peacemakers in action," she says. "Truly, you Rotarians make up a United Nations of another kind."

Mariana Ponce is thankful for the loan she received through a microcredit program operated by Rotarians in Honduras, which allowed her to set up a small business out of her home near Tegucigalpa. She is now selling soy products to supplement the income she earns from washing laundry at a local hospital.

Every year, The Rotary Foundation funds thousands of projects like these, in the six areas of focus:

- Peace and conflict prevention/resolution
- Disease prevention and treatment
- Water and sanitation
- Maternal and child health
- Basic education and literacy

Economic and community development

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Attendance

Only 18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 19 October. We missed the company of: Bill, Christine, Cathe, Robb, Mac, John J., Debbie, Judythe, Kurt, Stefan Keith, Gale and Casper.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Birthdays: 7 Bill Armstrong, 16 Kim Sleno, 20 Alinda Ware, 25 Catherine Bell. Anniversaries: No one chose October to celebrate their nuptials. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



Friendship Trees

Since the early 20th century, Rotarians have planted trees in the name of fellowship and community service. Rotary founder Paul Harris traveled extensively in the 1920s and 1930s, planting trees as a symbol of goodwill and friendship.

October Programs

26 - Schoolhouse Quilters Guild - Marie Trimmer

Chuckle Corner

How's Your Day Going?

There I was sitting at the bar staring at my drink when a large, hard-looking guy stepped up next to me, grabbed my drink and gulped it down in one swig. "Well, whatcha gonna do about it?" he says, menacingly, as I burst into tears.

"Come on, man," the guy said, "I didn't think you'd CRY. I can't stand to see a man crying."

"This is the worst day of my life," I say. "I'm a complete failure. I was late to a meeting and my boss fired me. When I went to the parking lot, I found my car had been stolen and I don't have any insurance. I left my wallet in the cab I took home. I found my wife in bed with the gardener and then my dog bit me."

"So I came to this bar to work up the courage to put an end to it all, I bought a drink, I drop a capsule in and sit here watching the arsenic dissolve. Then some big guy shows up and drinks the whole thing! But enough about me, how's your day going?"