



The Miner's Lamp

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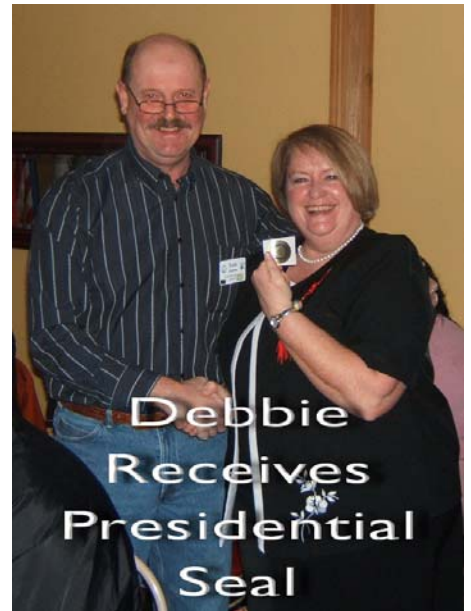
BC HYDRO

Our speaker last week was J. Stephen Watson, Public Affairs Coordinator for the Vancouver Island Region of BC Hydro. Regrettably, no photo is available because the photographer was so interested in what Steve had to say that he forgot to take one and that's the truth!

Steve showed us where the power

Announcements

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca
- The **Youthact** club is spearheading a **fundraiser** to hire a teacher for an orphanage (Chip's project) in India by collecting refundable drink containers. Please see if you can help.
- **Mt Washington Rotary Ski Day** on Friday, 2 March. Check-in starts at 8 AM, lunch at noon. There will be a fun ski race with team and individual prizes. Dinner at 5:30 PM. Contact Alan Hampshire at: 338-5495 or ahampshire@mcelhanney.com
- President Dave reminded us that our **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** need to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. The hall will be booked for **13 October**.
- President Dave announced that **March** will be polio awareness month in the district and every Rotarian is asked to pay the equivalent of an **extra breakfast (\$6.00) toward the cost of eradicating polio**
- **Heritage Week** in Cumberland was from 17-24 February We set up a **booth from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, 17 February** in the Cultural Centre and strutted our stuff. Special thanks to Debbie Lemire for creating an attractive board featuring photos and descriptions of some of our activities.
- The lantern sale on Saturday was successful. The income so far has totaled \$1254.00. Steve thanked everyone who turned out at all the venues and for participating in the various activities in support of the parade despite the weather.
- **District Conference 1-3 June** Tacoma Sheraton.
- **Rotarian at Work Tee Shirts** have been shipped. John C will announce their arrival.
- Saturday, 3 March is the date of **Strathcona Sunrise Dinner Theatre** at Courtenay Fish and Game Club on Comox Lake. Theme is roaring twenties. Costumes are encouraged. \$45 or \$89 per couple.
- President Dave has announced that the **five defibrillators** will be presented at a special media event on 10 March in the Fire Hall or the Cumberland Recreation Hall.



February Greeters: Debbie Lemire and Judythe McQuillan

March Greeters: Rob Neal and Kurt Nielsen

Rotary Moment



International Understanding and Goodwill

Rotary has long recognized that world peace depends on greater international understanding and goodwill. Too often, conflicts are caused by cultural misunderstandings that could have been prevented through the exchange of ideas among individuals dedicated to peace.

With more than 1.2 million Rotarians living in more than 32,000 communities around the world, Rotary is in a unique position to promote greater international understanding and goodwill.

Suggested ways to choose to promote peace are through projects that:

- Engage people of different cultures, religions, races, income levels, and nationalities in activities that promote mutual understanding, respect, and goodwill.
- Improve community and economic development.
- Celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day (Rotary's anniversary) on 23 February.
- Encourage members to join or form an inter-country committee

Attendance

Treasurer John reported that 19 of 25 Cumberland Rotarians were present on 20 February. Visiting Rotarian: Lynn Brandon from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Other guests: Scouter Melissa Varkonja, Scouts Steven Bradshaw, Dillon Varkonja, and Jessica Rye, Anneke Janssen, guest of her mom Ann, Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb Nolan and our guest speaker, Steve Watson of BC Hydro.

Birthday

President Dave presented a birthday card from all of us to Dodie and then we sang a rousing rendition of the hand-washing song. We should take as long to wash our hands properly as it takes to sing Happy Birthday, according to the Vancouver Island Health Authority.

First Cumberland Scouts Working on Chief Scout Award

Three members of the First Cumberland Scout Troop and their leader, attended our meeting and will work with us on our orchard project as part of the requirements they must complete to receive the Chief Scout Award, the highest level in Scouting.



Posing with President Dave were (L-R) Scout Steven Bradshaw, Scouter Melissa Varkonja and Scouts Dillon Varkonja and Jessica Rye of the First Cumberland Scout Troop.

Grade one and two students at Cumberland Elementary School examine books as Ann presents cheque for \$3264.89 to help pay for all the materials for the *Literacy Place* reading enhancement program. Jon, Gale, Ann and Debbie joined for the photo op after Rotary on Tuesday morning.