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January is the month that all Rotarians should be talking to family, associates and friends about the work of Rotary, in particular about our club. We should invite guests to attend our meetings to learn more and participate with us in service above self.



Our speaker on Tuesday was John Battle, Marketing and Event Manager, PacificSport Vancouver Island. John was born in London, served in the British Army, moved to Canada some thirty years ago and worked in the automotive industry for a number of years.

He now makes his home in Qualicum Beach and has been in his present position for two years. John told us that Canadian athletes receive the least support from government in the world; receiving nothing until they become members of a national team. PacificSport provides a strong support system for Canadian high-performance athletes in BC. The organization ensures that Canadian athletes are at the leading edge of their performance through applied sport science and medicine, sport technology, research, innovation and expertise while they continue to grow practical support services that enable the athletes to focus on training. BC athletes have accounted for 50% of all Canadian medals and 50% of those athletes have been supported by PacificSport, at a cost of between \$5,000 to \$15,000 each.

See: www.pacificsport.com

Announcements

Paul Percy Harris, the founder of Rotary, died on 27 January 1947.

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is always accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- **From President Linda:** Dave Stevens has been attending Rotary meetings in Mexico. RYE conference will begin with dinner at the Westerly to welcome the students on Wednesday, 11 February. Spouses welcome; \$25 per person. Jon Toogood asked for volunteers to billet some of the 34 students who will be attending. Accommodations required for nights of 11 to 14 February inclusive. Steve, Judythe and Jon will be attending the District Leadership Training Assembly (DLTA) in Victoria the weekend of 21 & 22 February.

Linda encouraged others to consider attending. Register on the District 5020 website: www.rotary5020.org Bill Armstrong reported that 5 boxes of goodies were delivered to each of the Christmas hamper families and that the \$600 collected provided some very nice gifts for the children. Keith was warmly thanked for getting our club's name and Rotary logos on the two transit shelters. Steven Baird has been granted a leave of absence until 1 August as he begins his journey across Canada to raise awareness about sexual offenders. Steven will speak to us on his return about the experience.

- **Program 27 January:** Marc Holland - A Sustainability Strategy for the Comox Valley.
- **January Greeters:** Stefan Pletscher and Jon Toogood.
- **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



New Midwest Club Focuses on Environment - By Arnold R. Grahl



Mary Cohen, Kati Bryant, Patti Peterson & Bill Kimbler, of the Rotary Club of Duluth Superior Eco, help clear buckthorn at the Hartley Nature Center in Duluth, Minnesota, in October. - Photo courtesy of Kay Biga

A new Rotary club spanning the border between Minnesota and Wisconsin, USA, is focusing its energies on helping the environment while reaching out to younger members.

The Rotary Club of Duluth Superior Eco:

<http://www.duluthsuperiorecorotary.org/Home.html> which received its charter in November, meets late Tuesday afternoons at a popular restaurant in Duluth, Minnesota, where members are treated to snacks and a non-alcoholic drink for \$5. The location, time, and price are all designed to appeal to younger professionals, who comprise a majority of

the club's more than 30 members. "Probably 75 percent of our members are young women. I'm in my forties and one of the oldest in the group," says Kay Biga, the club's secretary and a Rotarian since 1996. "We also have several members in their twenties, who would typically join a Rotaract Club."

Biga said she began percolating ideas for a different kind of club a year ago, after having drifted away from the club she had been attending. She lined up a few other former Rotarians with connections, including a chamber of commerce member who runs a group for young business leaders. Selecting a fun location and keeping meetings short were major priorities. Effort is made to keep every meeting under an hour, although Biga notes "a lot of people will order a glass of wine or a beer and stay on. We provide the restaurant with a fair amount of spill over business."

Once a month, the club goes "on the road," and joins the Duluth Chamber of Commerce's monthly after-hours event in lieu of the usual meeting. "It gets us out, and more people learn about Rotary," Biga notes. The club has also adopted a decidedly ecological theme in both name and service projects. Each month, the club participates in projects that focus on making a positive impact on the environment or local community. Past projects have included pulling buckthorn at a local nature center and helping a theatre company organize its script library. The club plans to partner with the like-minded Rotary Club of Baikal-Eco Centennial, Russia, for international projects. Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

16 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 20 January. Visiting Rotarian: George Smyth of the RC of Courtenay. Guests: John Bradley, guest speaker and George Stratford, guest of our club.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 4 January: Dave Bossom, 10 January: Deb Nolan, 30 January: Robb Flannery. Anniversaries: Rob and Margaret Neal: 30 January. Best wishes to everyone from all of us.

Parting Shot



Cathe accepted a cheque for \$250 from our Community Service Director, Dodie, for the Vancouver Island Society for Adaptive Snow Sports as President Linda looked on.

Chuckle Corner - Don't Embarrass Your Kids!



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Cumberland Centennial Rocks!