



# The Miner's Lamp

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## March is Literacy Month

Rotary's literacy programs provide the gift of reading to people everywhere.

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## CHINATOWN & JAPANESETOWN NO 1



### Ray Points to the Location

### Ray Iwaasa and John Leung

Our guest speakers last week were Ray Iwaasa and John Leung, who started an Ad Hoc Committee to develop a plan to establish the historical significance of the Chinese and Japanese populations of Cumberland in the early days of the coal mining industry. For the past three years, Ray and John have led the effort to raise awareness for the need to conduct a cleanup of the original sites of Chinatown and No 1 Japantown. Ray revealed that his dad had arrived here in 1898 from Japan as a 14-year-old with a vision to own land and settle in Canada. John Leung, who is Norm Leung's younger brother, talked about the hardships and prejudices that the Asian coalminers faced in those early days. John operated a successful business in Cumberland for close to 50 years. Ray and John described their work on this project as a labour of love and were delighted to learn of our club's interest in being involved. The committee's mission is: "To preserve and enhance the existing history, heritage and ecosystem of Cumberland, Chinatown and Japanestown Number One, in a park-like setting".

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YEAR

## Announcements

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto:jcornwell@shaw.ca) She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- 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.
- 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**.
- Judythe and 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 supporting polio plus partners**. District 5020 will provide \$0.50 additional toward the campaign for every dollar donated. Linda suggested we donate \$6 per person per month to polio. John C chimed in with the observation that \$2 per week becomes \$104 per year.
- President Dave encouraged all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast.
- **District Conference 1-3 June** Tacoma Sheraton.
- President Dave announced that Gale is missing 3 CDs that she prepared for the Beach Party on 10 January.
- John C reminded those who haven't paid for their T-shirts to give the money to John Jones next meeting. He also mentioned the breakfast survey forms that have been available for completion at the past two meetings. See page 4 for the results of the survey.
- In recognizing the attendance of John Leung at our club, President Dave mentioned that, because of John's outstanding work in the community, the Village of Cumberland has named a special award in his honour.
- Stefan outlined the visit of the Group Study Exchange Team from Brazil in May. There are four non-Rotarians in the team and a Rotarian leader. The team is arriving in District 5020 at the beginning of May and will be making a presentation to our club on 8 May. Billets are required for 7, 8, 9 and 10 May. Please see Stefa be p

## Rotary Moment



### DECLARATION OF ROTARIANS IN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONS

AS A ROTARIAN I AM EXPECTED TO:

Consider my vocation as another opportunity to serve. Be faithful to the letter and to the spirit of the ethical codes of my vocation, to the laws of my country, and to moral standards of my community.

Do all in my power to dignify my vocation and to promote the highest ethical standards in my chosen vocation.

Be fair to my employer, employees, associates, competitors, customers, the public and all those whom I have a business or professional relationship.

Recognize the honour and respect due to all occupations, which are useful to society.

Offer my vocational talents to provide opportunities for young people, to work for relief to the special needs of others and to improve the quality of life in my community.

Adhere to honesty in my advertising and in all representation to the public concerning my business and profession.

Neither seek from nor grant to fellow Rotarian a privilege or advantage not normally accorded to others in a business or professional relationship.

### Attendance

Treasurer John reported that 14 of 25 Cumberland Rotarians were present on 20 March. Visiting Rotarians: Chip Ross from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay and our guest speakers Ray Iwaasa and John Leung.

### Birthday

President Dave presented a birthday card to Debbie Lemire who was then serenaded with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday.

## Member Questionnaire—Breakfast Menu

As mentioned in the announcements, a survey of what we think about breakfasts was circulated during the past two meetings and here are the results. (In all, only 36% of members took the time to complete and pass in the questionnaires.)

1. Are you generally satisfied with the fare offered on Tuesday morning?

Yes: 6                      No: 3

- Would prefer hot breakfast
- Would like fresh fruit
- Yoghurt, different types of bread—whole grain/ fruit
- Add juice for those who don't do coffee

2. Would you be happy with a menu change that would result in a price increase? What is the maximum you would like to pay?

Yes: 8                      No: 1

- \$8.00              - \$ 10.00 to \$12.00              - \$9.00 + \$1.00

3. Would you like the flexibility to order what you like, e.g., bacon and eggs, and pay the difference?

Yes: 5                      No: 4

Would you be prepared to arrive early; i.e., between 6:30 and 7:00 AM?

Yes: 3                      No: 2

- Sometimes, maybe once per month

4. Suggestions and or/ comments for improvement.

- Never at the Cumberland Hotel
- A hot breakfast doesn't necessarily require pre-ordering. A couple of steam trays with scrambled eggs, etc., would do the trick
- Could we have the room a bit warmer?
- Other than fruit, I would say format is OK