



# The Miner's Lamp

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



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## October is Vocational Service Month in Rotary

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**October is the month when Rotarians focus on ways to use their vocations as a means of serving others. We can all find ways to contribute to our clubs and communities by using our talents and resources to promote the ideals of Rotary.**

## Everyone Deserves a Smile

Chantal, our newest Rotarian, filled the room with her energy and brought smiles to faces and tears to eyes as she told the story of her quest to help those less fortunate, particularly people living in the street. Chantal told how she was moved at Christmas time about five years ago to do something for people less fortunate than she, her husband Mike and some close friends. EDAS, Everybody Deserves A Smile. Their first act of kindness was to create many decorated bags filled with cookies and other goodies, messages of Christmas cheer and hang



them on dumpsters in the City of Edmonton. Since moving to Vancouver Island and finding work in Nanaimo, she and Mike expanded their circle of friends and increased the number of gift bags for people in the street. She and her circle have collected used clothing, knitted goods like gloves, mittens, toques, etc. As a result of the great work that Chantal began, EDAS was nominated for an award that provided them with \$5,000 to help fund her work. In 2009, Chantal, Mike and a couple of friends are going to journey across Canada for three month to connect with other communities to help them find ways to help the less fortunate. [www.edas.ca](http://www.edas.ca)

## Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- 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.
- An anonymous family has offered \$600 toward the purchase of a Rotary ShelterBox (total cost \$1,200). Individuals will receive a tax receipt from ShelterBox Canada for their personal donations.
- Cumberland Ready Mix's decorated truck will help us raise funds for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Squad. Included will be a pancake breakfast on 13 December at Comox Centre Mall. More details to follow. Santa will be delivered in the truck twice and we'll be involved seeking donations.
- Rotarians who are planning donations to ShelterBox or the Hospice Society must give their money to John Jones prior to 1 December in order to be eligible for a 2008 tax receipt.
- Keith presented pins to Linda, Alan, Jon, John C and himself for rising to PDG Norm's challenge.
- John C presented 12 doz homemade ginger cookies from Peg to Keith because he and Alan paid \$300 for 12 doz on Saturday evening. She also provided 6 doz for Dave and Kathy Stevens.
- President Linda read a thank you letter from Janey Armstrong, the coordinator of the drama program in through the Cumberland Community School Society. Forty-three students are enrolled in 2 programs and more will be added in the New Year. Cumberland Elementary will be holding a Christmas concert on 18 December at 1 and 7 PM. An invitation has been extended to our members to attend.
- Fundraising for the paramedic Volunteer Bike Team [www.bikesquad.ca](http://www.bikesquad.ca) begins with a pancake breakfast at the Comox Mall on 13 December from 10 AM until 2 PM. With photos with Santa during the same time slot. In addition, we will act as the photographer's helpers during photo sessions with Santa on 19 December between 2 and 6 PM and from 11 AM to 3 PM on 20, 21, 22, and 23 December. One or two people per session. President Linda will circulate signup sheet so check your calendars and be prepared to take a slot or two.
- **Program 28 October:** Club Assembly—Extravaganza Italiana  
Washup and after action reports
- **October Greeters:** Courtnay Jackson and Debbie Lemire
- **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.



Spanish naval officer Esteban Jose Marinez, whose seizure of several trading vessels in Nootka Sound during the summer of 1789 touched off a confrontation with England, died at Loreto, Mexico, on this day in 1798.

## Rotary Moment



### Rotary PR Award Discontinued

The RI Board of Directors voted in June to discontinue the RI Public Relations Award as of 1 July 2008. Rotary clubs that wish to be recognized for public relations work may use their outreach efforts to help qualify for the Presidential Citation. To earn a citation, Rotary clubs must complete a membership goal along with activities in six categories, including community service, which can involve promoting Rotary to the general public by placing a public service announcement.

Looks like our club just made it under the wire!

### Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: George Smyth from the RC of Courtenay and Bob McQuillan and Bob Wells from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guest: Mike Stefan, Chantal's spouse.

### October Birthdays

Birthdays: 7 October: Bill Armstrong, 20 October: Alinda Ware. No one in our club is celebrating an anniversary in October. Best wishes to Bill and Alinda from all of us.

# Parting Shot

Extravaganza Italiana 2008 Soldout Crowd—Gross ~\$44,000.00!

## Chuckle Corner

### TWO WOMEN MEET IN THE HEREAFTER

1st woman: Hi! My name is Wanda. 2nd woman: Hi! I'm Sylvia. How'd you die?

Wanda: I froze to death. Sylvia: How horrible!

Wanda: It wasn't so bad. After I quit shaking from the cold, I began to get warm and sleepy, and finally died a peaceful death. What about you?

Sylvia: I died of a massive heart attack. I suspected that my husband was cheating, so I came home early to catch him in the act. But instead, I found him all by himself in the den watching TV. Wanda: What happened? Sylvia: I was so sure there was another woman there somewhere that I started looking. I ran up into the attic and into the basement, looked under the beds. I became so exhausted that I just keeled over with a heart attack and died. Wanda: Too bad you didn't look in the freezer ... we'd both still be alive.

### Why Dogs Hate Hallowe'en

