

# The Miner's Lamp



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New Generations is the newest avenue of service in Rotary and this month Rotarians place emphasis on youth—activities for young people through Interact, Rotaract and Youth Exchange and by encouraging young adults to learn about Rotary and by becoming Rotarians.

Seanna McLeod was our guest speaker on Tuesday. Seanna told us of her recent visit to Haiti to help people, particularly children deal with the devastation of the 12 January earthquake that reduced much of the country to rubble and took



thousands of lives. Only 2% of the billions of aid promised has been delivered. Seanna has created an organization called Haiti in my Heart to raise awareness of the plight of Haitians and raise money to help make their return to more normal lives easier. In less than 2 months, Seanna will return to Haiti to continue her work and is currently raising money. She will be attending the Reggae Night in Canada concert at the K'omok Band Hall at 7:30 PM on Friday, 24 September. Tickets: \$10 at the I-Hos Gallery in advance or \$15 at the door. Seanna is accepting small items to bring smiles to children's faces and items for personal use for them as well. Check out her website at:

\_\_\_\_\_ or contact Seanna via e-mail at:  
\_\_\_\_\_ if you'd like to help this fine humanitarian help those in need.

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Keep the Rotarian in Rotary; keep Rotary in the Rotarian.

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers:



\_\_\_\_\_ Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Alan: Congratulations to David Stevens on winning a silver medal at the BC Senior Games. He congratulated Deb and Bayne for providing thousands of excellent meals to the athletes. President Alan's curling team placed just out of the medal standings in fourth place.

- Deb reported that all is going well in Plan's life.
- Extravaganza Italiana soldout - 300 sold - no tickets left - money to John C by next meeting, Tuesday, 28 September, please. Well done everyone! Fabulous donations have reached more than 210! Forty will be live auction items. Deadline for donations: Wednesday, 29 September.
- Mac asked all to help with the sale of the playing cards at the Extravaganza Italiana by putting a bit of cash into the effort to ensure all are sold.
- David Stevens reminded everyone of the Comox Valley Foundation's Gala on 23 October. Tickets \$100 per person. Please see David for yours.
- \_\_\_\_\_: Judythe McQuillan and Catherine Bell.
- \_\_\_\_\_ 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.



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The Interact Club of Winston School San Antonio, Texas, has been setting lofty goals for itself for 15 years. Though Interact clubs are asked to complete at least two service projects each year, the Winston School Interactors carried out 55 projects and logged close to 2,000 volunteer hours in 2009. All that hard work hasn't gone unnoticed. The City of San Antonio recognized the club with the Mayor's Award for outstanding community service by a youth group. "I'm extremely proud of the many successful projects our students have completed over the years," says Charles Karulak, headmaster of the Winston School and a member of the Rotary Club of Boerne Sunrise. "Our Interactors have forged a positive reputation in the community. Often, local organizations will contact the club to ask for support on projects." The private school serves students with learning disabilities from kindergarten through 12th grade. The high school grades have about 75 students total, most of whom are Interactors. Michael Canales, a member of the Rotary Club of San Antonio North Central, says it's remarkable that a school so small can have such a positive impact. "It's not unusual for an Interactor to participate in an athletic game on Friday night and then report to an Interact project the next day," says Canales, a Spanish teacher at the Winston School and Interact chair for District 5840. "These young men and women give so much of their personal time to the community." "Students in the U.S. want immediate gratification. Interact exposes them to those who don't have the luxury of getting what they want," he explains. "Interactors start thinking less about themselves and more about those in need. They reap tremendous benefits from international projects." Canales says the entire school has embraced the principles and standards of Rotary. The Four-Way Test is posted in all the classrooms. "The impact of Interact on our students has been tremendous," Karulak says. Through teamwork, public speaking opportunities, and service to others, "the program has provided opportunities for students to develop and grow."

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28 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 21 September. We missed the company of Leslie, Debbie and Gale. Visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder and Laurie Haines of the RC of Courtenay, Chip Ross and Michael Syer of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, outgoing AG Dale Roberts of the RC of Comox and AG Lana Eagle of the RC of Campbell River. Visitors: Former Cumberland Rotarian Courtney Verbrugge, Fire Chief Ken McClure and Greg Dry of the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department, Seanna McLeod, guest speaker, her daughter Koral Stewart and friend Jen Turner.

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Birthdays: 3 Gale Wheeler. Anniversaries: 1 David and Jane Bossom, 14 John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to everyone.



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Casper and Adri Pretorius were inducted as our newest Rotarians on Tuesday by Assistant

Chief Ken McClure and Firefighter Greg Dry of the Cumberland Volunteer Fire Department thanked us for our support to help send Greg to the International Competition. David had promised to don lipstick and kiss Keith on the forehead if Keith could arrange tickets to a particular upcoming Canucks game and so made good his promise at our meeting. District 5020's Rotaplast Ambassador, Bent Harder, brought the club up-to-date on the planned missions. Next month, Bent will leave for Cebu in the Philippines to participate in his seventh Rotaplast mission. Bent thanked the club for its continued support of Rotaplast's work.

