



The Miner's Lamp

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Club Assembly

April is Rotary Magazine Month

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This month's focus is on Rotary magazines and other publications used to inform, educate and promote Rotarians. Make some time to read the Rotarian every month. It will keep you "in the know". Read your club newsletter regularly as well!



With the bright, warm sun streaming through the windows of the Gatehouse Bistro, members of the Executive and Board presented reports of the activities in their areas of responsibility to the club members. In absence of our Treasurer, John Jones, President Keith distributed copies of the financial statement. In turn, we received reports from Secretary

Alan dejersey who highlighted our good attendance record (avg. 86%) and membership growth; John C reviewed the Club Administration Committee's role and the involvement of the many members of our club in program, fellowship, newsletter, website and PR; International Director Stefan listed the many projects we have supported in Africa, India, South America and Mexico; Community Services Director, Steve Galbraith, reviewed the many projects we have completed including the thermal imaging camera, the defibrillators, the transit shelters, grab bags, irrigation project and special wheelchair at the Cumberland Lodge, Community School and, of course the orchard, which has expanded to include involvement by Katimavik volunteers and the progress on the bridge for the Chinatown-No. 1- Japantown park and the Welcome to Cumberland signs. Discussion followed about our relationship with Village officials and the need to improve understanding. Jon Toogood, our Youth Director reminded us of the many students we have sent to Adventures in Film, RYLA and Adventures in Citizenship as well as support to Simon Garstin in his bid to attend the Canadian Junior and World bike racing championships; PP Dave spoke about the orchard and its relationship to the Rotary Road to Recreation. President-Elect Linda proposed the idea of a four-club project that would involve the building of a Rotary Hospice facility that could house 10 beds. She proposed that our commitment would be \$10,000 per year for three years. Due to time constraints, it was decided that we need to have a follow up meeting. More to follow.

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

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- The Mexican GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team will visit our area from Monday 5 to 9 May and attending our meeting on 6 May. We'll look after hosting them on Thursday afternoon, 8 May. Leader- Dr. Natlio G. Solis age 44, male, internal medicine. Members: - Angel Isaac Diaz Goytortua, age 28, male, Mechanical engineer, - Antonio Cantu Galvin, age 40, male, University Prof, Civil engineer - Christian Emilio Saldana Lopez, age 25, male, Computer engineer - Erika Rodriguez Garcia, age 25, female, University Administrator - Wendi Paola Alvarado Garcia, age 25, female, Coordinator.
- If you still have a vest used during the lantern Festival parade, please bring it to the next meeting so they will be available for the Empire Day Parade duties next month.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. www.rotary5020.org President Keith, PE Linda and Secretary Alan have registered so far.
- Our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets.
- Guest Roger Kishi of World Community Development Educational Society www.worldcommunity.ca announced that Stephen Lewis will be speaking at the Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School Gym on Friday, 27 June. Tickets (\$30 each) available at: Blue Heron Books, Laughing Oyster Books, Cumberland Bakery, Freakin' Café in Tin Town, from Glacier Grannies and Merville Grannies. All proceeds to the Stephen Lewis Foundation. The World Community group is sponsoring the event and has worked for 18 months to firm up a date for Stephen's talk.
- Brad McKinnon has been selected to serve as a member of the RCMP ERT (Emergency Response Team) similar to what US law enforcement agencies call SWAT (Special Weapons Assault Teams). Congratulations, Brad!
- **Program 29 April:** Cindy Evans and Irwin Portman, Rotary Club of Campbell River - Wheelchair trip to Peru
- **April Greeters:** Linda Oprica and John Challender

Greeters' Duties: Arrive by 6:30 AM, set up room—hang banners, arrange flags, guest register, bell and gavel, name tag box, place sandwich board on sidewalk, greet everyone as people arrive and hand out badges, help with visitors' name tags and make-up cards. At end of meeting, return room to original condition by putting everything away—please don't leave the sandwich board on the sidewalk.

Rotary Moment



Magazine Month, Rotary Down Under

According to developmental scientists and early childhood educators, the cognitive, social, and emotional development of children begins at birth and continues at home long before they enter school. To this end, the Rotary Club of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia, donated US\$160,000 to an innovative, early-childhood educational enrichment program offered at La Perouse Public School, located in a nearby suburb. "Thanks to Rotary, the children of La Perouse are more likely to succeed at school, hold down a job, buy a home, and enjoy good physical and mental health in their adult years," says Tony Nicholson, executive director of the Brotherhood of St. Laurence, which runs the program. This story was adapted from Rotary Down Under, the Rotary regional magazine serving districts in more than a dozen geographical areas, including Australia and New Zealand.

Source: Rotary International News Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary



Melodrama News

The City Slicker and Our Nell

Following a meeting with the Director, members of the cast and the club executive, it was decided that the event would be cancelled.

Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Guests: Roger Kishi of World Community and Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb Nolan.

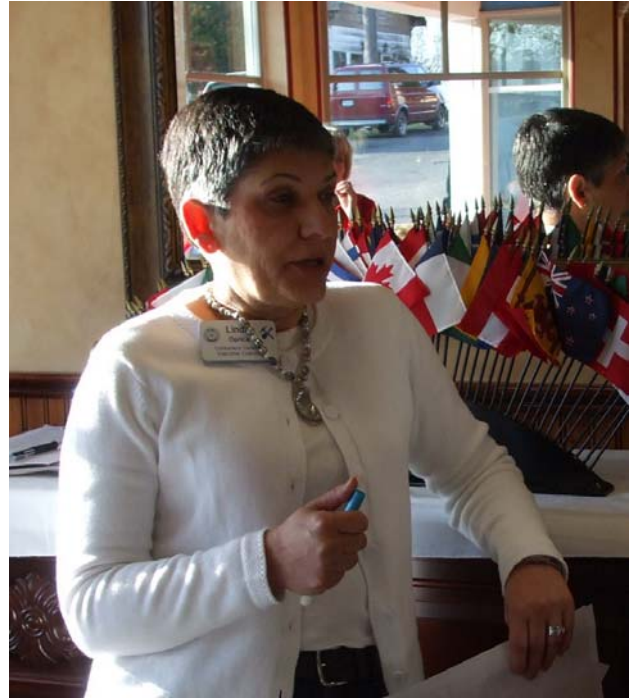
April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 7 - Cathe Egan, Alan deJersey 10 - John Challender Anniversaries: 25 - Jon and Marguerite Toogood, 26 - President Keith and Joanne Tatton . Best wishes to all of you from all of us..

Parting Shots



President Keith listened attentively to the reports.



PE Linda proposed the building of a Rotary Hospice facility with the other 3 clubs.

Chuckle Corner

Gotcha!

After last call, police officer noticed a man leaving the bar who was so intoxicated that he could barely walk. The man stumbled around the parking lot for a few minutes, with the officer quietly observing. After what seemed an eternity and trying his keys on five different vehicles, the man managed to find his car, which he fell into. He sat there for a few minutes and then threw a hook and line out the window and seemed to be trying to catch a fish. A number of other patrons failed to observe this crazy drunk as they left the bar and drove off. Finally the drunk started the car, switched the wipers on and off (it was a fine, dry summer night) flicked the blinkers on, then off a couple of times, honked the horn and then switched on the lights. He then pulled in the hook and line and moved the vehicle forward a few inches, reversed a little and then remained still for a few more minutes as some more of the patron vehicles left. At last, the parking lot was empty; he pulled out of the parking lot and started to drive slowly down the road. The officer, having patiently waited all this time, now started up the patrol car, put on the flashing lights and promptly pulled the man over and carried out a breathalyser test. To his amazement the breathalyser indicated no evidence of the man having consumed any alcohol at all! Dumbfounded, the officer said, "I'll have to ask you to accompany me to Headquarters. This breathalyser equipment must be broken. "I doubt it," said the truly proud Newfoundlander. "Tonight I'm the designated decoy."

Cumberland Centennial Rocks!