



# The Miner's Lamp

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## January is Rotary Awareness Month

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**This is the time of year to share Rotary**

**Tell your friends about Rotary**

**Invite a friend to come to Rotary**

**Propose someone to join Rotary**

## Rotary Membership Process



John C led us through the Rotary membership process at our meeting last week. Using a PowerPoint presentation, John gave us a critical look at the various aspects of membership recruitment, retention and development. He stressed the importance of being conscious of the make up of our club and the representation of various classifications, making personal contact with potential new members and ensuring that they are provided with a clear understanding of what Rotary is and what their involvement

would mean to their community and to them. Mentorship of all new members is key and is likely best exercised by the new members' sponsors with the assistance of all members in the club. Our club, which has added 5 new members since the 2007-2008 Rotary year began, is on the right track. Membership growth provides "new blood", fresh ideas and added energy to the dynamics of our club. He reminded us that Membership growth is not just a matter of numbers; more members makes the workload easier to share and makes it possible for the club to do more. Membership growth and health is every Rotarian's responsibility. Wheelchair video followed.



## 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.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- The Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 5020 will be hosted by Valley club, arriving on 6 February and leaving on 10 February. On Wednesday evening, all four clubs and spouses will gather at the Westerly to host the visitors and meet the students. Billets are required for four nights. The students' program is full. Anyone interested in hosting a student or two, please contact Mac Fraser: [moon.shadow@shaw.ca](mailto:moon.shadow@shaw.ca) . Check with Jon Toogood: [jmtoogood@yahoo.ca](mailto:jmtoogood@yahoo.ca) to obtain the necessary forms for background screening if you haven't already done so.
- President Keith absent last week so President-Elect Linda was in the chair.
- Cumberland will hold its Heritage Faire on 23 February and we'll set up a table.
- Our club website is in the process of being redesigned by Liz and she has offered to host it free.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria.
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June.
- Cathe reminded us of the Coca-Cola Classic on 3 February for adaptive skiers [cegan10@telus.net](mailto:cegan10@telus.net)
- Gale provided an overview of the melodrama to be held in May. Gale needs a producer and stage manager: [woowhee@shaw.ca](mailto:woowhee@shaw.ca) Part of the Empire Days Celebrations and lead-in for Dancing in the Coal Dust.
- Judy circulated a signup sheet for host families for the RYE students 6 to 10 Feb. Deb and Bayne are hosting 2 students, Mac and Doreen 2 and Stefan and Annemarie 2 [judy.mcquillan@coastcountry.ca](mailto:judy.mcquillan@coastcountry.ca)
- Mac will collect names for those attending the dinner on 6 February [moon.shadow@shaw.ca](mailto:moon.shadow@shaw.ca)
- Jon told us that our club will be sponsoring a student to attend RYLA at PLU in Tacoma in March.
- **Speaker (29 January): PDG Joan Firkins—District Foundation Chair**



## January Greeters: Robb Flannery 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



## The Promise of Today's Rotary Foundation — By Ryan Hyland

Speaking to an audience of incoming district governors in San Diego this month, Foundation Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott discussed the 2007-08 Foundation goals:

- Finish the job of polio eradication .
- Fulfill the promise of Every Rotarian, Every Year .
- Reconnect with Foundation alumni .
- Peace is possible .

"I inherited a set of goals that I wholeheartedly believe in and support," Scott said. Trustee Bichai Rattakul began the year as Foundation trustee chair and sought Scott's input in developing the goals before stepping down in July. The Foundation's most important goal in 2007-08, and one close to Scott's heart, is ridding the world of polio. "I firmly believe that polio eradication is possible," he said. Continuing all the Foundation's work is crucial, he explained, which is why it's important for every Rotarian to contribute every year. Foundation alumni can also donate and may eventually become Rotarians, making them a vital source of support. That's why reconnecting with them is the third goal. "Alumni are a forgotten resource to Rotary," said Scott, who encouraged the governors-elect to invite their district's alumni to the first all-day Rotary Alumni Celebration at the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles.

To achieve the final goal, Rotarians must work together to show that peace is possible. Though it may seem unattainable, Scott told the audience, "you are an example to the world, showing that men and women of diverging views can indeed break bread together in an atmosphere of fellowship and friendship. Yes, peace is possible." Rotarians have dreamed of and created the Foundation, its scholarship and peace studies programs, and the polio eradication effort. Over the last 10 years, said Scott, "a conservative estimate is that Rotary has directly affected the lives of 20 million to 30 million people, and then we have had the ripple effect of two billion children having been immunized against polio."

Through the graduates of the peace studies programs, the eradication of polio, and the generosity of donors, the family of Rotary will fulfill the promise of the 2008-09 RI theme and Make Dreams Real . Source: Rotary International News  
Courtesy:eFlash\_Rotary

## Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 22 January. Visiting Rotarian: Chip Ross from the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise and Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay. Guests included: Dwayne Rourke, guest of John C and Dillon, Steve Galbraith's grandson.

## January Anniversaries and Birthdays

Anniversaries: 30 January—Rob and Margaret Neal.

Birthdays: 4 Jan —Dave Bossom, 8 Jan—Chip Ross, 10 Jan—Deb Nolan, 30 Jan—Robb Flannery  
Best wishes to all of you from all of us.

## Parting Shot



Dillon presented a special thank you card from Royston Elementary to “Auntie” Linda following our donation of funds for the school’s literacy program.

## Chuckle Corner

### Westjet Announcements

"Welcome aboard West Jet Flight 245 to Calgary . To operate your seat belt, insert the metal tab into the buckle, and pull tight. It works just like every other seat belt; and, if you don't know how to operate one, you probably shouldn't be out in public unsupervised."

After a particularly rough landing during thunderstorms in Ontario, a flight attendant on a West Jet flight announced, "Please take care when opening the overhead compartments because, after a landing like that, sure as hell everything has shifted."

On another West Jet Flight with a very "senior" flight attendant crew, the pilot said, "Ladies and gentlemen, we've reached cruising altitude and will be turning down the cabin lights. This is for your comfort and to enhance the appearance of your flight attendants."

On landing, the flight attendant said, "Please be sure to take all of your belongings. If you're going to leave anything, please make sure it's something we'd like to have."

***“The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.”- Mark Twain***