

The Miner's Lamp

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The Rotary Foundation is our "bank". The Foundation provides Rotary clubs with the power to eradicate polio and make a real difference in the lives of others. Wear your PHF pin with pride and encourage others to become sustaining members.

Fertile Ground



Our guest speaker on Tuesday was Peggy Carswell, founder of Fertile Ground and member of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. More than ten years ago Peggy began work in Assam Sate in India helping small tea farmers develop sustainable farming practices without the use

of fertilizers and pesticides. The centre of her work has been the town of Digboi where she has established a relationship and the support of the Rotary Club of Digboi. Fertile Ground established, with the local Rotarians' assistance, a demonstration garden on a plot of land in the town. The garden provided the launching point for developing an education program to show the small holdings farmers how to make compost and how to use different techniques without the need to purchase expensive fertilizers and to use pest control systems that eliminated the requirement for pesticides. Volunteers have joined Peggy on her trips to Assam to help educate the people and our club has participated by providing funds for bicycles for the staff to travel more quickly and funded a cart to move materials such as manure used in the manufacture of compost. Peggy's work and that of the many people involved have resulted in great changes.

Announcements

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail instead of his tongue. -Anonymous

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca Jill is also accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- From President Deb: Basics for Babies, a project to collect baby needs for the Food Bank, will be held on Sunday, 4 December in the Native Sons' Hall in Courtenay. The public has been asked to donate baby basics or cash in return for a pancake breakfast. Starting at 8:30 AM and running until 11:30 AM, the four Comox Valley clubs will serve breakfast. The Strathcona Symphony will play for part of the time and a group from the Cumberland Marching Band will play as well.



- Linda reminded us of the support we have committed to the Salvation Army to provide food and gifts for a family of six in Cumberland as part of the Christmas Hamper program. Linda requested that each of us donate \$20 to help defray the costs.
- Treasurer John reminded those who purchased scarves at our last meeting to pay him if they haven't done so. Also, Treasurer John asked that those who have not yet paid their dues, see him as soon as possible to arrange payment.
- **November Greeters:** Dodie and Jill.
- **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.

Rotary Moment

Rotary-UN Day



Michel P. Jazzar, RI representative to the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, and Richard S. Carson, RI representative to the Organization of American States, confer between panel presentations during Rotary-UN Day, 5 November in New York City. Both spoke on an RI representatives panel. Other panels focused on health, water, literacy, and youth. Rotary Images/Alyce Henson.

Attendance: 26 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 22 November. We missed the company of: Catherine, Alan, Cathe, Robb, Liz, Stefan, and Kim Visiting Rotarians: Peggy Carswell and Fred Smith of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Dylan, Joanne Hawthorn, Betsy Hunt and Kathy Stevens.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays: 24 Liz Phillipson and 25 Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 President Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann and 19 John and Peg Challender. Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shots



Our newest Rotarian, Melissa Varkonja, received her pin from her sponsor, David Stevens.



President Deb presented a cheque for \$500 to Joanne Hawthorn for the Cumberland Marching Band.

November Programs

29 - Dan Gallant - Rotary World Help Network

Chuckle Corner

1960: Going to a new, hip joint

2010: Receiving a new hip joint

