



# The Miner's Lamp

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**February is  
World  
Understanding  
Month**

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**Rotarians are encouraged to raise awareness about Rotary in their communities through their family members, friends and associates and through the media.**

## “Our Drummer Boy”

**Interview with Robb Flannery.**



Cumberland Rotarian Robb Flannery was interviewed by ex-president Linda Oprica. Robb has been in the Comox Valley for almost 18 years, arriving from Winnipeg via Bowen Island. Rob is an ex-professional drummer from Winnipeg. Starting music at age 8 – he was dragged kicking and screaming to piano lessons every Saturday morning for 8

months saying “I want to play drums”, until finally his parents relented and rented him a set of drums. Robb has been playing them ever since. He bought his first set of drums for \$200.00, earning the money to do so from working around his parent’s farm.

Robb has played with *Cathy St. Germaine*, some of the Peterson family, Neil Young, Brad from *Crash Test Dummie*, Double Eagle, Tom Jackson, and locally with Todd Butler, Time Well Wasted, Rodeo Drive, Big Dave McLean, amongst others. What he loves about playing the drums is the creativity of it. Rob usually uses a 4 piece set of drums but when he goes on tour he takes a 10 piece drum set with him. Without drummers, modern music would be flat. He discussed the different types of drums and sticks available.

Robb teaches one evening a week at Sound Advice Music. One of the skills necessary to learn to play drums is the ability to tap one foot in time to the music! He recommends that beginners, especially younger players learn on a electronic drum set – with headphones the sound is controlled (a boon for parents) and since the electronic drum comes with 50 different drum sets built in, it keeps it interesting. It also never goes out of tune!

10 to 20 hours a week are spent playing; he is a jazz junkie but plays all types of music.

In his spare time Robb works 60 -80 weeks as a mortgage broker.

To hear some of Robb’s music visit his myspace page at <http://www.myspace.com/116446614>.

"Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did. So throw off the bowlines, sail away from the safe harbour, catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover."

~ Mark Twain

## Announcements



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

### From President Steve:

- Visioning on 27<sup>th</sup> February
- Letter from oikocredit.
- “Guess who is coming for dinner” on Feb 27, Mar 27th, Apr 24th and May 29th You host once and a guest twice – If you are still interested please contact Liz a.s.a.p.  
Nb **May date changed to 29<sup>th</sup>**.
- Brad met with VP Murray McCrae of Vanier GP re opportunity for our club to support the school to build a self sustaining, eco friendly garden at the school. More to follow.
- World Community Film Festival this weekend at the Florence Filberg Centre. There will also be a bazaar with many groups participating and a dinner on the Saturday night.
- Christine brought back a banner from the a club meeting she attended in Auckland , New Zealand.
- Snow shoe fundraiser moving along very well!

- **February Greeters:** Rob and Liz
- **March Greeters:** Keith and Linda
- **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



Each of us has, at one time or another, been asked the question, what is Rotary? There are many ways to answer, depending on the questioner, the context, and the time available. The shortest and simplest answer is that Rotary is the world ' s oldest service club organization. This is, of course, an accurate but necessarily incomplete response, for any true understanding of Rotary must include an explanation of how we in Rotary strive through our service to achieve more than the goal of each individual project. By working together in our clubs, our districts, and internationally, we strive to establish the simple foundations of a better society: friendship, trust, honesty, and hope.

What is Rotary? It is a network of people who care -- people who are both realists and optimists. We recognize the challenges before us and our own limitations; we also recognize our abilities and our responsibility to use them to the fullest. If we are ever to realize Paul Harris ' vision for Rotary as an organization that promotes goodwill among nations, then, as he wrote, "the hearts of men must be so touched and moulded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred. " In this, World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words -- and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

John Kenny (abridged)  
**President, Rotary International**

## Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 2nd February.

*Visiting Rotarians:* George Smyth and Bent Harder of RC of Courtenay from the RC of Courtenay.

*Guests:* Bayne Mann, guest of his mom Deb, Greg Ehman.

## Anniversaries & Birthdays in February

Anniversaries: no anniversaries this month. Birthdays: 8 Wayne Girody, 23 Dodie Brand. Our best wishes to everyone.

## Parting Shots



## February Programs

- 02 – Robb Flannery Interview
- 09 – Gary & Diane Spinks, Royston Roasting
- 16 – Club Assembly
- 23 – Bob Wells from CYMC  
Linda Oprica interviewed

## Chuckle Corner

Now we've heard them all!!

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