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Schoolhouse Quilters Guild

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The Rotary Foundation provides a way for Rotarians to help others in the world and through good works promote international understanding, good will and peace.

Wear your Rotary and PHF pins with pride.



Marie Trimmer and Verna Power of the Comox Valley

Schoolhouse Quilters Guild were our guest speakers on

Tuesday. Within the guild there are several groups of quilters who focus on many needs within the community. Marie and Vern represent the group that creates quilts for families who have lost their belongings due to a fire in their homes. The ladies showed examples of the beautiful works done by the members of their "fire" group and outlined their plans to raise funds through a raffle of some of their work. Verna mentioned that, when some of their quilts are appraised by professionals, they are astounded to learn that their work is valued at \$5,000 or more by the fibre arts world. It was great to have Marie and Verna speak to us about their dedication to helping people in need in our community. Keith hinted at a way that our club might be able to partner with the guild to provide funds for the supplies the members need to produce the quilts they make to bring joy and comfort into the lives of others.

Announcements

Planting the seed in others to help kindness grow within our local communities – EDAS Vision Statement

- 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 Alan: A reminder that Jodi Williams will be organizing a Hallowe'en event for the children of Cumberland on Saturday, 30 October. Volunteers to help with traffic safety should contact Linda. Duties begin at 4:00 PM.

- Several people are gathering at Keith and Joanne's on Wednesday, 27 October at 7:00 PM to write Thank You cards to send to the generous people who donated to our Extravaganza Italiana.

- Liz provided an outline of planned social events, the first being the Ladies Clothing Swap to be held on 25 November at Deb Nolan's home. Lady Rotarians and spouses of male Rotarians are invited to attend. 21 December meeting will be held at 7:00 AM at Zocalos Café, corner of Fifth and Cliffe in Courtenay and everyone is encouraged to bring family members: spouses, children, grandchildren and family friends. Looking at a Sock Hop. Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will begin in March. "Boys' Fishing Derby" will be held on 16 April.
- Chantal announced that plans are underway for the 2010 EDAS work parties in the Comox Valley and Nanaimo. Chantal asked for volunteers to work on baking, decorating and filling bags on Sunday, 12 December between Noon and 5:30 PM at the Cumberland Cultural Centre. A separate e-mail has been sent to all club members with all the details. Target for CV, Nanaimo and Victoria is 600 bags.
- John C will print club business cards for members that have an invitation on the back for people to be our guest. Please send what you'd like to have on your card to: johnpegc@telus.net
- **November Greeters:** Kurt Nielsen and David Stevens.
- **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



Keeping Children Out of Harm's Way

South African Damian Lahoud is deeply concerned about the welfare of AIDS orphans in his country, now and in the years to come. "The number is steadily rising, and within a few short years there will be close to three million," says Lahoud, a 2009-10 Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. "The difficult task of raising these children has fallen to the goGo Getters [a South African term for grandmother]. These goGos might not even be related to the children, but they have taken it upon themselves to look after them, most taking care of up to 20 at a time. They provide protection and support and encourage these children to go to school."

The plight of AIDS orphans led Lahoud to carry out a fundraising project during his scholarship year at Linköping University in Sweden. The project's main goals were to increase awareness of AIDS in South Africa and the goGoGetters' role in caring for the orphans, and to raise funds to help his sponsor, the Rotary Club of Knysna, support goGoGetters in the local community.

The university's students have a tradition of wearing overalls that display patches of various gatherings they have attended. Lahoud's fundraiser netted US\$6,000 through the sale of special AIDS awareness "ImPATCHits" for about \$2.75 each.

"I spent time on campus selling patches and promoting the project at Rotary clubs throughout Sweden, selling African beadwork ribbons to Rotarians," Lahoud says. "A single patch can go a long way by helping one child for one month!"

Natsuko Sawaya, a 2007-08 Rotary Scholar from Japan, shares Lahoud's passion for helping kids at risk. She works at a center in Mbour, Senegal, where 160 children live, more than 100 of them less than a year old. The Rotary Club of Bologna-Est, Italy, and four other clubs in Bologna have helped support her efforts there.

"I could see among the ones who were only a couple of months old the symptoms of institutionalization and maternal deprivation," says Sawaya, who studied as a Rotary Scholar in Italy. "I worked with a psychologist to improve the quality of maternal care. The center is now building a new facility for babies. I'd like to help make the place better for institutional care." After the center opens, Sawaya is planning to work at an orphanage in Zimbabwe. Eventually, she would like to study as a Rotary Peace Fellow.

"It's really unbelievable what Rotarians are trying to do for me, for kids, for people everywhere I go," Sawaya says. "I'm still connected with Rotarians around the world and receiving such wonderful opportunities." Maternal and child health is one of the areas of focus of the Future Vision Plan. The three-year Future Vision pilot began 1 July and continues until 30 June 2013. Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary For more News and videos : www.eflashonline.org.

Attendance

Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 26 October. We missed the company of: Gale .

Birthdays and Anniversaries in November

Birthdays: 24 Liz Phillipson, 25 Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann (18th), 19 John and Peg Challender (50th). Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



Cheque for \$500 to Rosita Kitto of
John Howard Society



Cheque for \$250 to Brian Culley and Bob
Hodgins of VISAS



Cheque for \$1,000 to Terry Nielsen and Bob Johnson for their trip to Mexico to deliver van
load of sewing machines and materials for the "Bag Ladies"

November Programs

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| 2 - Fire Safety Program - Audrey Robinson | 9 - Coal Watch Group - Campbell Connor |
| 16 - Club Assembly | 23 - CV Foundation - Blaine Douglas |
| 30 - Seeds Natural Foods - Tina Willard-Stepan | |

Chuckle Corner

If You Live in Certain Parts of Canada, Signs You Are Truly Canadian

- Your Hallowe'en costume must fit over your snowsuit
- There are more mileage on your snow blower than your car
- You prefer winter driving because the potholes are filled with snow
- You find -40 a little chilly
- You know four seasons: Almost winter, winter, still winter, and construction