



The Miner's Lamp

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De-cluttering Your World

Our speaker last week was Alison Roberts, MA, who is an organizer, speaker and author. Alison promotes the positive influences of removing clutter from our lives and began her talk by ready a message she had received from her first client . Her client was “drowning” in clutter and repeated attempts to organizer her “stuff” had failed. She further stated that clutter had affected her effectiveness. Alison challenged us to consider what we are doing with



the spaces we occupy, our homes, our offices, etc and what we do with our possessions. Many of us are not organized and put off getting organized. We need to identify habits that create clutter. Many of us develop sentimental attachments to our stuff and procrastinate. Do you think you might need something someday? Have a look and think about starting to put some of these things into boxes and donating the box to a charity thrift shop. Could you survive without something that you’ve been keeping for years. Do you think you are your stuff? www.clearoutclutter.com

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.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** We are aiming for a target of 200 live and silent auction items. John C has **fewer than 20 tickets available** for the Extravaganza Italiana: johnpegc@telus.net or 339-4068. There are no more tickets available at the CV Chamber office or The Home and Garden Gate in Cumberland. If you sell a table of eight, please make sure you pass a name to John so a table can be reserved for the party. John and Keith visited other clubs last week. More than \$5,000 in ticket sales money has been turned in! Setup will begin Friday evening, 12 October and on Saturday during the day. Lots to do, few to do the job, Let's all make plans to help as much as possible. Family members most welcome!
- Judythe showed us the three African quilts that will be auctioned—beautiful.
- Next meeting of the Extravaganza Italiana Committee at Linda and Dave's house at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 3 October. Meet at the Wave at 5:30 PM for burger night if you like.
- Dave Bossom is looking for planters and large pots for decorating the venue with plants.
- **Please get any unsold tickets and all ticket money to John C NLT 2 October.**
- President Keith announced that Jamie Edwards is our newest Rotarian.
- Sefan reported on the international projects we have and continue to be involved in.
- Secretary Alan deJersey reported that our attendance in August was 79% - second in Area One and 6th in the district.
- Kevin Muir announced the involvement of Tomato Tomato and CV Fireplace in the Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock campaign. He also generously donated gift certificates to our auction. www.tomatotomato.ca to donate online for a tax receipt and a chance to win great prizes!
- Chip Ross announced that he had been part of a GSE selection committee and that Jennifer Brunn was selected as a successful candidate. Jennifer will be speaker at our meeting so take a moment to congratulate her

Speaker (2 October): Jennifer Brunn - Comox Valley Transit

October: Steve Galbraith and Judythe McQuillan

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 after the meeting

Rotary Moment



What Paul Harris Said September 23, 2007

www.whatpaulharrissaid.org What Paul Harris Said in his radio address from the Boston Convention in 1933:

"If you have the love of your fellow men in your heart, my friends, you are a potential Rotarian".

Visit <http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/library/1933.htm> for the full recording.

Rotary clubs strive each and every year to find those community spirited men and women who we can truly describe as Rotarians and invite them to join our movement.

I met a young couple last month who told me a remarkable story about how they had planned to go to Sri Lanka in December 2004 to get married. Two days before they set out, the Tsunami hit that country and their dream wedding and honeymoon plans were cancelled. A month or two later, they thought it would be appropriate to travel to Sri Lanka anyway if only to support the badly hit tourist industry. On arriving and witnessing the devastation, they vowed to stay on in that far off land and do what they could to rebuild the community. Both young people had their own businesses but simply felt the greater urge to help. They spent a year in Sri Lanka working on building schools and providing educational opportunities for the children.

These potential Rotarians ought to be Rotarians. Paul Harris' simple observation is a relevant and true today as it was in 1933. Rotary is their natural home.

-Calum Thomson, RGHF (Rotary Global History Fellowship) Chairman/President 2006/07

Attendance

Nineteen Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Larry Rennison, Chip Ross and Paul Vroom of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Kevin Muir of the RC of Courtenay . Bayne Mann Jr was a guest of his mom, Deb Nolan, Steve Baird of Street Smart Kid'z and Alison Roberts was our guest speaker.

October Birthdays

Please wish Bill Armstrong (barmstro@shaw.ca) a Happy Birthday on 7 October and Alinda Ware (alinda@island.net) the very best on 20 October.

Parting Shot



Debbie reminded us of the donations received to date and that time is running out!

Thank you to Cathe and Debbie for being such great greeters in September!

Chuckle Corner

A Child's Prayer

