

The Miner's Lamp

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August is Membership and Extension Month

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August is the month that Rotarians' thoughts are focused on membership. Our club needs new members and we should also touch base with those still in are community but who have left our club and Rotary.

Cameo Videos



Malcolm Holt of Cameo Video Limited was our guest speaker on Tuesday. Malcolm, who spent several years sailing around the world settled in Courtenay about three years ago. While he was on his epic voyage and while off the coast of Borneo, he received an e-mail

informing him that his mother had died. While standing at his mother's graveside, Malcolm realized that the book about her life that she had planned on writing went to her grave with her. Malcolm decided to create a service that will allow people to share their lives with their friends and family. Malcolm interviews individuals, records the sound and video and the result is a high quality DVD. Malcolm described the various options, which include music and photos. The basic fee for his service is \$300 to produce something that will be a record of the subject's interesting life. If interested, please contact Malcolm at: 250-702-7402 or cameovideold@gmail.com

Announcements

Life is what's coming...not what was.

- 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: Thank you to the Rotarians and spouses who operated the bar at the wedding reception on Saturday evening.
- John C reported that the bar was successful in meeting the needs of the bride, groom and guests and realized a profit of \$700. He thanked Jon T, Kathy, David and Peg for their participation.
- Keith reported on the donations received to date for the Extravaganza Italiana and reminded everyone that he would like to see the bulk of the donations turned in within 2 weeks. David helped Keith by reminding us all that the number required per member is SIX!
- Linda reported that she and the decorators have discussed arrangements. Times when we will be required for setup for the Extravaganza Italiana will be announced. Ticket sales have topped 200 - target is 260.
- Mac informed us that Anatol is now at Brown's University and that he and his brother will be visiting the Frasers for Christmas.
- **August Greeters:** Judythe McQuillan and Robb Flannery.
- **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



Canadian Rotarian Swims to End Polio

A 43-year-old Rotarian from Dundas, Ontario, raised thousands of dollars for polio eradication through her attempt to swim 32 miles across Lake Ontario earlier this month.

Although Thie Convery's Swim to End Polio did not end as she had hoped -- weather conditions forced her to stop halfway across the lake -- she helped her Rotary club raise US\$44,000 for Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge. The Rotary Club of Dundas hopes to bring in an additional \$30,000 through three future fundraisers that will capitalize on the publicity the swim generated.

"I was plugging along. I could have swum to Newfoundland. But we just didn't have luck on our side," Convery said, of the decision to end the event after eight hours. The 6-foot waves were getting larger, and support boats were having difficulty keeping Convery in sight. "I was very disappointed. But safety is the most important thing," she said. Her effort received extensive print and broadcast coverage, both before and after the event. She said Rotary clubs throughout Canada have contributed directly to Rotary's challenge after hearing about the attempt. "We wanted to raise awareness, and we certainly did that," she said.

Convery, a financial adviser, said she decided to take on the endeavour after club members gathered last year to discuss raising money for the challenge. She was motivated by her friendship with two polio survivors. Sadique Alli, a former Dundas club member, contracted the disease as a child in India and now uses a leg brace to walk. Convery also met Ramesh Ferris, of the Rotary Club of Whitehorse, Yukon, several times, and earned his support. Ferris hand-cycled across Canada in 2008 to raise more than C\$300,000 for polio eradication. Before her training, she had never swum more than a few laps in a local pool.

Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 24 August. Visitors: Joanne Peterson of the CV Boys and Girls Club, Peg Challenger and Malcolm Holt, guest speaker.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in August

Birthdays: 1 Leslie Baird, 4 Linda Oprica, 9 Rob Neal, 28 Jill Cornwell. Anniversaries: 1 Angie and Alan deJersey, 7 Kathy and David Stevens, 16 Doreen and Mac Fraser, 24 Leslie and John Baird, 24 Brenda and Robb Flannery. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



President Alan and Linda presented a cheque for \$1,000 to Joanne Peterson of the Boys and Girls Club and a cheque for \$200 to Garry to say thank you to Garry and Carmie.



President Alan presented a crystal and pins to recognize them as Foundation Major Donors

August Programs

31 August - Lush Valley