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The Month of May Has no Theme

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Although the month has no specific theme associated with it, it is a time when clubs prepare for the RI Convention, the District Conference and make last minute plans for the year ahead.

Vocational Service



Our speaker on Tuesday was our very own John C. John was asked to speak on Vocational Service, one of the five avenues of Rotary Service and one that is not discussed often in Rotary clubs and therefore is not well understood; almost obscure to many. John reviewed the meaning of Vocational Service, its importance to Rotarians and where it fits in our every day

lives, providing guidance in the way we conduct ourselves in our professional, business and private affairs. The club recognized what vocational service means by citing examples of individual Rotarians actions in the service of others. There were many examples given. The changes that have occurred in our district and club as a result of the Future Vision Plan as they relate to GSE and VTT was discussed. Following the formal part of the presentation, a Youtube clip was shown highlighting a program in neighbouring district 5030 called "Rotary First Harvest". This district-wide project is an example of how Rotarians who are food producers and Rotarians in the transportation and distribution industries get fresh produce to those in need in WA.

Announcements

A good wine begins and ends with a smile. Lucius Opimius

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: Ten days to register for the District Conference in Tacoma 3 - 5 June. Go to: www.rotary5020.org to register. Thank you card from Cathie Gordon for funding the Ron Bannerman Memorial History Award medallions. Cheque for \$7,500 for No 6 Mine Park Playground delivered to Dave Durrant of the Village Office. Installation Dinner at Keith and Joanne's, Tuesday, 7 June, 6 PM, \$35 per person, money to John Jones, menu preferences to Steve. Default main course preference will be steak unless you opt for chicken or vegetarian so please let Steve know. Dress for outdoor dining.

The club sang Happy Birthday to Keith who will reach a key "zero" birthday on Friday, 27 May.

Plant sale scheduled for Saturday, 11 June at 9 AM at the new home of Andrew Sherritt—the old Bingo Palace in Courtenay. John C will get an announcement out to the media this week.

Liz circulated a sign up sheet for the final Guess Who's Coming For Dinner on Saturday, 28 May. If you plan to participate and weren't at the meeting, please contact Liz: Liz@phillipson.org

Debbie reminded everyone that donation forms for the Extravaganza Italiana are available in the club's cupboard. Please pick some up and start working on getting donations.

May Greeters: Debbie and Robb.

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



District Provides Global Grant Scholar With a World of Opportunity

Jessica Clendenning wants to make life better for people in poor communities by sharing best practices for sustainable development. A Rotary Foundation Global Grant scholarship sponsored by District 6150 (Arkansas) is helping her realize that goal.

Clendenning is earning her master's in development studies at the Erasmus University International Institute of Social Studies in Rotterdam. "This program will enable me to learn about the challenges communities face at local and regional levels, as well as the challenges to sustainable development from social, economic, and political perspectives," she says. "I will learn how to initiate better infrastructure for social, health, and educational needs."

Clendenning's scholarship is also supporting her work toward an advanced certificate in disaster risk reduction at École Polytechnique Fédérale de Lausanne in Switzerland. Disaster risk reduction involves identifying ways to lessen the effects of climate- and water-related hazards in communities. In November, she traveled to India for a group project, helping to protect water resources and safeguard livelihoods in an area recovering from the 2004 tsunami.

"These courses combine to give me strong training in sustainable community development," she says. Clendenning previously worked for Heifer International, which the district has partnered with in a program to help feed orphans. She had originally applied for an Ambassadorial Scholarship, before the district began participating in the Future Vision pilot, says Robert Warner, a past district governor and chair of the district's Rotary Foundation committee. Because of her "passion for giving back, and our long-standing relationship with Heifer International, we felt Jessica was an ideal candidate to be our first global grant scholar," he says.

Warner says the district's preparation for the pilot helped lay the groundwork for the global grant scholarships. A good working relationship with District 1600, the host district in the Netherlands, was instrumental in providing Clendenning with a positive and smooth scholarship experience, especially in arranging a host counselor and club, Warner explains. "Many of the same promotional strategies for Ambassadorial Scholarships can be used for global grant scholarship applicants," says Warner, who advises districts to get an early start and work hard to find qualified candidates. The scholarships cover most expenses and fund graduate-level study, he adds, which are "true advantages for the student to gain education to really make a difference." The grant minimum is \$30,000, but scholarship funding is based on the district's financial resources and the students' needs. Source : Dan Nixon - Rotary International News

Attendance

19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 24 May. We missed the company of: Leslie, Dodie, Jill, Jay, Christine, Kurt, Linda, Stefan, David S, Paul and Alinda. No visitors or visiting Rotarians.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in May

Birthdays: 7 John Jones, 24 Mac Fraser, 27 Keith Tatton. Anniversary: 20 Paul and Penny Vroom . Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shot

Finally, a book to help men understand women!

May Programs

31 - Dave Durrant - Update on Cumberland

Chuckle Corner

Misunderstanding?

George is passing by Bob's shed one day when through a gap in the door he sees Bob doing a slow and sensual striptease in front of an old red Massey Ferguson tractor. Buttocks clenched he performs a slow pirouette and gently slides off first the right welly boot, followed by the left. He then hunches his shoulders forward and in a classic striptease move lets his braces fall down from his shoulders to dangle by his hips over his corduroy trousers . Grabbing both sides of his checkered shirt he rips it apart to reveal his tea stained vest underneath and with a final flourish he hurls his flat cap onto a pile of hay. 'What on earth are you doing Bob?', says George. 'Lord tunderin' jeezuss, ye frightened the life out of me' says an