



The Miner's Lamp

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Month**

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February is the month that all Rotarians celebrate Rotary's birthday on the 23rd, which has been designated World Understanding and Peace Day. One of the Objects of Rotary is to promote world peace and understanding all over the globe.

Sustainability Strategy For CV

Our guest speaker on 27 January was Mark Holland, Principal Planner of HB Lanarc <http://www.hblanarc.ca/> a leading planning and design firm helping create complete, attractive, ecologically resilient, and prosperous communities across North America. About a year and half ago, the four jurisdictions in the Comox Valley engaged his company to help develop a draft sustainability strategy for the community. The group, which included municipal councillors, regional directors and municipal staffs gathered and realized the need to focus on a



coordinated, comprehensive plan. As a result of the process, an application, prepared BY Lanarc was forwarded to the Federal Government with the result that \$180,000 were obtained to fund the development of the strategy. Over the next year and a half, Lanarc will continue working with the local principals to develop a plan for prosperity and environmentally friendly development for the next 50 years, looking at targets for performance out to the year 2050. There are several plans already in existence such as the water and waste water plan that will become part of the total strategy. The scope of discussions include land-use patterns, transportations systems, economic capacity, pollution and air quality, building and development, infrastructure systems, energy, liquid and solid waste management systems, the landscape, agricultural capacity, ecosystem patterns, recreation, housing, economic development opportunities and community needs to name a few. Mark provide this website as a source for information on the progress: www.shapethefuture.ca He touched on the paradigm shifts that will be necessary in our approach to food, the production and consumption of locally produced food in abundance in our community. One interesting statistic he provided is that food production worldwide accounts for more climate-change emissions that all the transportation used throughout the planet! An interesting and thought-provoking presentation to say the least.

Announcements

Paul Percy Harris, the founder of Rotary, died on 27 January 1947.

- Jill Cornwell is always interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is always accepting donations of good books for our library at Cumberland Lodge.



- **From President Linda:** RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) conference will begin with dinner at the Westerly to welcome the students on Wednesday, 11 February. Spouses welcome; \$25 per person. Jon Toogood looking for volunteers to billet some of the 34 students who will be attending.

Accommodations required for nights of 11 to 14 February inclusive. Keith circulated sign-up sheets for the Valentine's Day social to be held at the

Cumberland Museum and for the Guest-Who's-Coming-to-Dinner social event to begin next month. See Keith for details, if you need elaboration of the e-mail he sent to everyone last week. Steve, Judythe and Jon will be attending the District Leadership Training Assembly (DLTA) in Victoria the weekend of 21 & 22 February. Linda encouraged others to consider attending. Register on the District 5020 website: www.rotary5020.org

- **Program 3 February:** Gwynne Sproule on her new book about Whyte's Bay
- **February Greeters:** Bill Armstrong and Gale Wheeler.
- **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



Bill Gates Announced a new US\$255 Million Grant for Ending Polio

By Arnold R. Grahl and Dan Nixon Photo by Rotary Images/Monika

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The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has awarded US\$255 million to Rotary International in the global effort to eradicate polio, bringing the total committed by Rotary and the Gates Foundation to \$555 million. Shortly after meeting with incoming district governors from the four countries where the wild poliovirus is endemic -- Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan -- Bill Gates announced the new grant on Wednesday morning at the International Assembly in San Diego, California. "Rotarians, government leaders, and health professionals have made a phenomenal commitment to get us to a point at which polio afflicts only a small number of the world's children," Gates said. "However, complete elimination of the poliovirus is difficult and will continue to be difficult for a number of years. Rotary in particular has inspired my own personal commitment to get deeply involved in achieving eradication." "We are going

to end polio now," affirmed Robert S. Scott, chair of RI's International PolioPlus Committee. In response to the new \$255 million Gates Foundation grant, Rotary will raise \$100 million in matching funds. In November 2007, RI received a \$100 million Gates Foundation grant, which Rotary committed to match by raising \$100 million. The two Gates Foundation challenge grants now total \$355 million. Rotary International's matching effort in response is called Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge, which must be completed by 30 June 2012. The \$255 million grant is one of the largest challenge grants ever given by the Gates Foundation and the largest received by Rotary in its 104-year history. Rotary will spend the grant in direct support of immunization activities carried out by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which is spearheaded by RI and its partners, the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and UNICEF. Rotary will distribute the funds through grants to WHO and UNICEF. - Source:

Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 27 January. Visiting Rotarians: Al Bergquist and Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Mark Holland and George Stratford, guests of our club and Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb Nolan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 8 Feb: Wayne Giroday, 23 Feb: Dodie Brand, 30 Feb: Jamie Edwards. Anniversaries: No one in our club was married in February. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



Our newest Rotarian, Leslie Baird was inducted by John Challender. Her sponsor, John Jones, pinned Leslie and presented her with her new-member package. Everyone warmly welcomed Leslie to our club.

Chuckle Corner



Deer Hunting Somewhere in Canada?