



The Miner's Lamp

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July is: Polio Plus Month

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We had a great turnout and an evening of fun and fellowship on 26 June as we celebrated our second year of service and the installation of our new president, Keith Tatton, the Executive and Board. The list of the Executive and Board can be found in the 2007-2008 Club Directory, distributed on 19



June. The club presented Immediate Past President Dave with the symbols of a Paul Harris Fellow. Past President Mac Fraser did a great job as our Master of Ceremonies and Assistant Governor Kim Sleno Conducted the installation ceremony. See page 4 and the club website Image Gallery for more photos.

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ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

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** needs to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. Linda has a new 3-part form to be used when an item for the event is obtained. **Remember—One form for each item.** Linda will store items until the auction so please make sure that she gets them. **Please do not leave items you obtain at The Miner's Café—we do not have the room.** Everyone to canvass potential donors.
- President Keith encouraged all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. Don't just invite someone—bring someone.
- 2007—2008 club directories: Available from John C if you don't already have your copies.
- President Keith has planned a short board meeting following our meeting today, 3 July—about 1/2 an hour.
- A reminder that if you committed to attending the Installation Dinner and haven't paid, please see John Jones with your cheque. We had to pay for the food on the basis of those who said they'd be there so if you couldn't attend and haven't paid, please see John Jones.

Today's Speaker (3 July): **Brian Conroy—Comox Valley Land Trust**

June Greeters: **Bill Armstrong and John Challender**

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



Gates asks Rotarians to think big and reach out to global neighbours

By Marla Donato

Praising Rotarians for their "mind-boggling efforts" to "dramatically change millions and millions of lives," honorary Rotarian William Gates Sr. called on Rotarians to "think big" and finish the job of polio eradication. "Now, due mostly to your astounding, 20-year campaign, the world is right on the brink of eliminating polio entirely," said Gates, the co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, closing the third plenary session on Tuesday, 19 June, at the Rotary International Convention in the packed Salt Palace Auditorium in Salt Lake City, Utah, with Rotarians Chip Ross, Maureen Fritz-Roberts and Dale Roberts present.

Just moments before Gates gave his speech, Foundation Chair Luis Giay and 2006-07 President William B. Boyd presented Gates with a Polio Eradication Champion Award. Gates, a retired Seattle attorney and father of Microsoft founder Bill Gates, introduced himself as "just a guy from the little town of Bremerton, Washington. Yet somehow, I have spent the last decade travelling around the world, thinking about monstrous problems." Since its inception in 2000, the Gates Foundation has helped fight polio alongside Rotary, contributing US\$150 million to the polio eradication initiative.

"All the money in the world doesn't matter if it isn't spent the right way," Gates said. "Rotary gives people a way to convert their resources into results for the people who need them most." He recounted how his connection to the polio fight began early on, in the days prior to the introduction of the Salk vaccine and following the 1952 polio epidemic in the U.S., when his wife was pregnant with their first child.

"It is almost impossible to fully appreciate how successful Rotary has been in fighting that disease," said Gates, who added that Rotary members use three things efficiently: wallets to fund initiatives, legs to drive them, and lungs to spread the word. And Rotary sets an example as one of the "finest organizations on the planet," he said. "You are an army of activists who place Service Above Self."

Gates, an honorary member of the Rotary Club of Seattle, said as the world shrinks, Rotarians are turning their attention to what he called the global neighbourhood. "You understand that in our century, you are called to serve new neighbours in countries that once seemed far away — people who once seemed so different from us."

Source: Rotary International News Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Birthdays and an Anniversary

Gale and Percy celebrated their anniversary on 26 June, Judy the her birthday on 29 June and Linda her birthday on 3 July. Please pass on your best wishes.

Attendance

Twenty-one Cumberland Rotarians plus spouses and partners signed up for our celebration last week. Visiting Rotarians included: President 2007-2008 Lori Carpenter and Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay, AG Kim Sleno, Charlie Sallis, President 2007-2008 Jeff Hamilton from the RC of Comox, President-Elect 2008-09 Tom Gray and Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, all were accompanied by their partners. Devon and Ashley Tatton were guests of their father, President Keith Tatton. In all, forty-three people attended.

Parting Shots



A Beautiful Bouquet for a Beautiful Lady.



Charlie Sallis Get a Rubber Chicken!



Someone's Locked in the Ladies' Room!