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June is Rotary Fellowships Month!

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Rotarians all over the world belong to a variety of fellowships covering many areas of interest. Your editor is an active member of Rotarians On The Internet (ROTI), the largest fellowship and ICUFR, the International Computer Users Fellowship of Rotarians.

At the Orchard



Starbucks coffee and freshly baked muffins from Cumberland Bakery were served up for our meeting at the orchard last week. President-Elect Linda wanted us to gather there to introduce new members to what is our oldest community project, having begun while we were still a provisional club in 2005. Steve Galbraith, the project's champion briefed us on the progress made and community involvement that has resulted since we began clearing broom, cutting weeds and pruning the century-old orchard. The property is privately-owned by a generous developer who has submitted plans for a residential development that includes the orchard as a public park. While the approval process is underway, we will limit our involvement to keeping the restored area tidy but will not build any permanent structures such as a proposed picnic pavillion on the portion above Camp Road. Plans are to hold meetings at the orchard once a month beginning in July to keep us focused on the project and to stimulate more involvement by our members in work parties. During DG Brian Beagle's official visit to our club on 15 July, our meeting will be at the orchard so the DG can learn about our great project that provides so much opportunity for fellowship.

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.
- Our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets. A celebration of another year of great service with recognition being paid to several of our Rotary family so make it a “can’t miss” event in your life.
- **Club Assembly at 5:00 PM at Linda’s on Thursday, 5 June. Important that everyone attend if possible. Decision will be made on the proposed hospice project so everyone will have the opportunity to vote. Please advise Linda of your intentions to attend or not.**
- Linda mentioned some of the details about the planning that has begun for our Extravaganza Italiana on Saturday, 18 October. The Music has been booked and Linda and Rob have been working with chef Dawn McRae on the menu. Tickets will be \$30 this year after three years at \$25. Food costs have increased so we are sure the public will understand. Our plans are to be more hand-on with the operation of the bar and with Deb’s experience from past years, one of our members will look after the special event licence. Following our Club Assembly on 8 June, form letters for potential donors will be available containing details of our community project along with the three-part form for each item donated. Debbie Lemire has agreed to keep track of all donations.
- Liz Phillipson, who has designed and will host our new website and John C will provide a look at the site at our meeting on 8 July as the program for that meeting.
- **Program 3 June:** Carole Clark - Relay for Life
- **June Greeters:** John Challender and Donna Walsh
- **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

Rotary Disburses First US\$40 Million From Gates Foundation Grant - By

Dan Nixon

Nine countries and two World Health Organization regions have received The Rotary Foundation's first distribution from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. Made in January, the US\$40 million disbursement is being used by WHO and UNICEF to carry out immunization activities in the four remaining polio-endemic countries — Afghanistan, India, Nigeria, and Pakistan — plus five others where "imported" polio cases have been reported. Surveillance and technical support are also being funded in WHO's African and Eastern Mediterranean regions.

Salim Habayeb, WHO's representative in India, calls Rotary International "a cherished partner" and says the funding "will ensure the continuation of high-quality surveillance and the sustainability of technical assistance." "This tremendous support comes at a crucial time for the polio eradication effort," says Gianni Murzi, UNICEF's representative in India. Since the grant distribution, Rotarians have continued their hands-on support to maximize the push to end polio. A team of 54 Rotarians and friends from Australia, Canada, France, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and the United States helped promote and carry out India's National Immunization Days (NIDs) in February, which reached more than 170 million children.

Joined by members of the Rotary Club of Delhi-West and nearly 100 students from a local Rotary club-sponsored school, the team took part in a rally in Sohna to promote the NIDs. Among the students, who all wore PolioPlus caps, were many polio victims, as was one of the Delhi-West Rotarians. The team worked hand in hand with community members throughout the NIDs. "Along with us was a young girl, a Muslim, of about 17 years," Elias Thomas, of the Rotary Club of Sanford-Springvale, Maine, USA, reports on the team's blog :

<http://rotarydreamteam-india2008.blogspot.com>. "She was a member of the Interact club in her town and served as our translator. There were always local volunteers who were dispensing the vaccine, but they were so pleased to have us assist them." "It is the most amazingly exhilarating and dramatically humbling experience," reports Mark Brown, of the Rotary Club of St. John's Northwest, Newfoundland, Canada. "Immediately

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Parting Shots

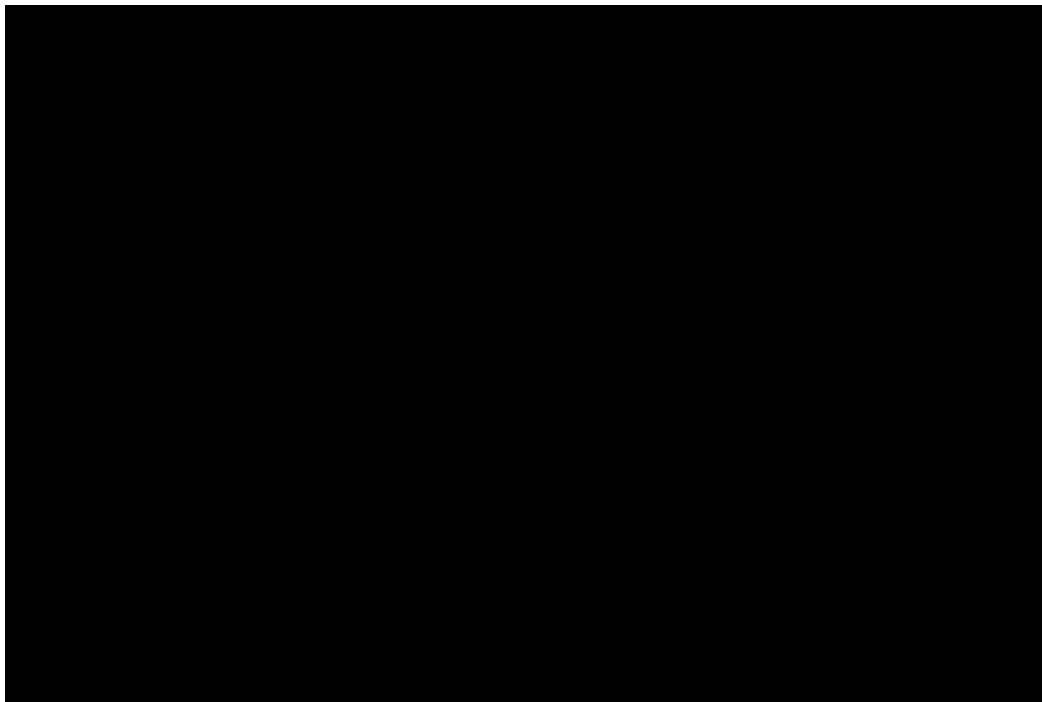


We sang O Canada while Deb held the flag



Bright, early morning smiles as we enjoyed coffee and muffins on Camp Road, which cuts through the orchard

Chuckle Corner



The happiness in my life depends on the quality of my thoughts.

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Cumberland Centennial Rocks!