



**The Month of May
Has no Theme**

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Announcements

Old friends like old wines, don't lose their flavour. ~ Jewish Proverb.

- 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: A reminder to register for the District Conference in Tacoma 3 - 5 June. Go to: www.rotary5020.org to register. Area 1B Mini-Assembly on Monday, 9 May at 5:30 at the new Trades building at North Island College Courtenay Campus. Please let President Alan know if you plan to attend for meal planning purposes. Coal Creek Society ceremony on Saturday, 30 April from 1 - 3 PM.



- Steve announced a planned work party at the orchard beginning at 9 Am on Saturday, 30 April.
- Plant re-potting work party that turned out on Wednesday, 20 April was thanked for re-potting 800 rhodos. More work to be done so watch for an e-mail announcing next work party, likely on Wednesday, 27 April, after lunch.
- Details of arrangements for Guess Who's Coming to Dinner on 30 April will be sent out by Liz this week.
- Adri has completed all her exams in the Fine Arts program at NIC and invited us all to view her work and that of her class from 7 - 9:30 PM at the Muir Gallery on Anderton Street in Courtenay on Friday, 6 May. Attend and enjoy the fine work over a glass of wine and some cheese.
- **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



Rotary and Oikocredit Launch Strategic Partnership

The Rotary Foundation Trustees have reached an agreement with Oikocredit International, a Netherlands-based cooperative financial institution that promotes socially responsible investing, to form the first strategic partnership under the Foundation's Future Vision Plan.

Through the partnership, the Foundation will offer packaged grants for Rotary clubs and districts to work with microfinance institutions within the Oikocredit network. Together, these institutions and Rotarians will identify local needs, develop effective approaches, and structure training programs to improve entrepreneurs' business skills.

"This strategic partnership with Oikocredit enables Rotary to work with a globally recognized leader in the field of microfinance in order to make a meaningful contribution to poverty reduction," said Foundation Trustee Chair Carl-Wilhelm Stenhammar. "It allows Rotary club members to directly contribute their valuable expertise and skills without administering the loans directly."

Individual Rotary clubs have worked successfully with Oikocredit partners in the past. In 2009, clubs in Kenya and the Netherlands received Foundation funding to upgrade dairy farms and establish training farms belonging to an Oikocredit-supported milk cooperative near Nairobi. The result was an increase in the quality and quantity of milk production.

The Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial was the first Canadian Rotary Club to partner with Oikocredit, recognizing the advantages of such a partnership.

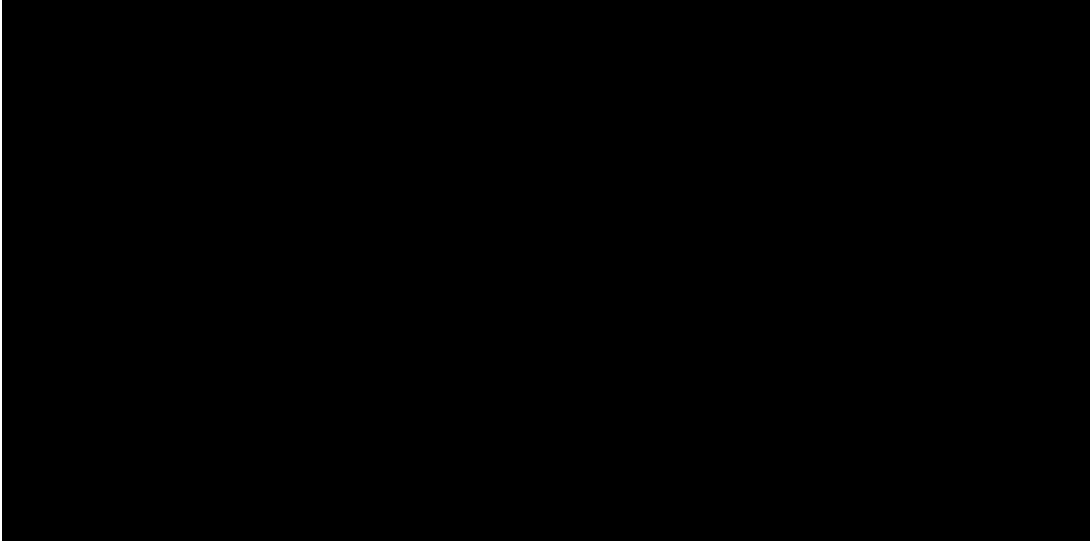
Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 26 April. We missed the company of: Leslie, Catherine, David B, Dodie, Jay, Christine, Mac, John J, Deb, Kim, Chantal and Keith. Visitors: Bill Village, Tatyanna Kurucz and Josh Robertson.

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



Mark R. Isfeld Principal Bill Village, Josh Robertson - Adventures in Film, and Tatyanna Kurucz - Adventures in Culinary Arts joined Jon Toogood for breakfast on Tuesday

May Programs

3 - Adri Pretorius on Facebook 10 - Dave Corman - What's new in Pharmacy 17 - Club Assembly
24 - John Challender on Vocational Service 31 - Dave Durrant - Update on Cumberland

Chuckle Corner

Ads From The Past

