



The Miner's Lamp

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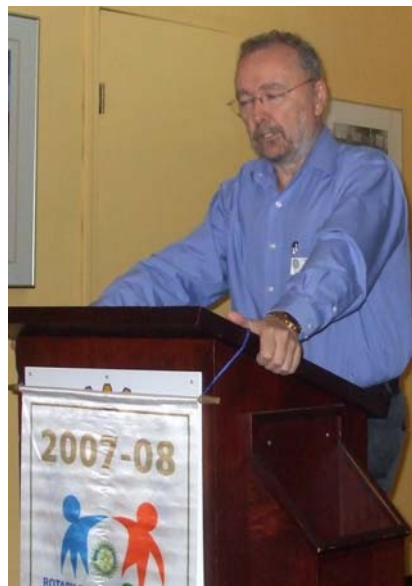
March is Rotary Literacy Month

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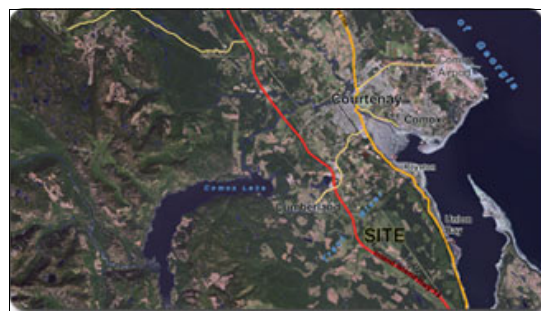
Literacy and numeracy are key to the education of children and adults. Rotary has long had a policy of promoting these programs to free people around the world from the poverty of ignorance. The joy of reading is the best gift we can give a child.

Sage Hills Project



Our guest speaker last week was David M. Russell, President of Sage Hills Developments Ltd. Sage Hills Developments, a wholly-owned subsidiary of IAC-Independent Academies Canada Inc. (IAC), is creating a state-of-the-art, sustainable community on 2,083-acres in the Comox Valley. Sage Hills is intended to help people reach their true potential in a setting that combines sports, education health, wellness and residential development. The Sage Hills vision encompasses leading-edge environmental sustainability *and* social sustainability. This innovative project is being designed to nurture bodies *and* minds. It is a community

where people can live in harmony with their surroundings, with access to the facilities, people and resources to live healthy, inspired lives. Sage Hills Developments began the community involvement and entitlement process in early 2008, as master planning is currently underway. When completed, the project will provide 2,500 residential units, a sports academy and university, a private school and a public, K-12 school. Also included will be a professional retreat centre and two golf courses with some retail services available to the residents with a low impact on the retail businesses in the surrounding communities. Promotion of the Comox Valley as a tourist



destination will form part of the project's planning. The Trent River corridor will be preserved as a natural feature and the project is designed to have minimal impact on the environment.

www.sagehills.ca

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.
- DG Norm Watts is arranging for train travel from Seattle to LA for the International Convention of Rotary International from 15 to 18 June and encourages attendees to consider joining him. www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/ridefault.aspx for more information on the convention and to register online. Visit: <http://www.rotary5020.org/riconinfo.php> for information about travel with DG Norm via AMTRAK.
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- Linda and Alan gave reports on their enjoyment of the District Leadership Training Assembly.
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. www.rotary5020.org
- 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 and to reserve seats. cvas4@shaw.ca
- Highland Interact President Emily Sunter announced the club's International Dinner to be held on Friday, 7 March. She provided tickets at \$25 for our members. Contact John C at 339-4068 if you didn't get yours. Proceeds to a library in Tanzania through ACTS (Africa Community Technical Services).
- The campaign to eradicate polio will be renewed in earnest beginning 1 March. Only four polio-endemic countries remain: Afghanistan, India, Nigeria and Pakistan.
- Dodie reminded us that the Cumberland May Queen contestants would be attending our meeting on 4 March and our judges will select the Queen for 2008.
- Steve G gave a report on our club's participation in the Cumberland Heritage Faire, which was well attended. Thanks to all who turned out. Also, Steve reminded us of Billy Strachan's **A Day for Africa** project and the Katimavik volunteers who will be working in our orchard on Saturday, 1 March. Our club will provide \$1000 to the Stephen Lewis Foundation in recognition of their work on our project.



Speaker (4 March) May Queen Contestants & Cathe Egan on Adaptive Snow Sports

March Greeters: Liz Phillipson and Jill Cornwell

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.

Rotary Moment

New Class of Peace Fellows Announced

Evanston, Ill. -- Amid daily headlines of war, suicide bombings, ethnic and religious violence, and social unrest emerges some welcome positive news: The Rotary Foundation has named a new class of Rotary World Peace Fellows to study peacemaking and conflict resolution at the six Rotary Centers for International Studies located at leading universities in England, Japan, Australia, Argentina, and the United States. Launched in 2002, this innovative approach to world peace is a master's level program aimed at equipping the next generation of global and community leaders with skills needed to reduce the threat of war and violence. The Rotary World Peace Fellows are selected every year in a globally competitive process that begins when they apply through their local Rotary clubs. Applicants must demonstrate a commitment to peace and international understanding through their personal and community service activities or academic and professional achievements. Like the member

Parting Shots



Alan introduced Courtnay Jackson, a Realtor, as our newest Rotarian. President Keith conducted the Induction. Welcome Courtnay!



Foundation Chair Judythe reminded everyone how painless it is to become a Sustaining Member.



Melodrama News

The City Slicker and Our Nell

A melodrama directed by our own Gale Wheeler and featuring many of our club



members in the cast and crew will open at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 15 May in the Cumberland United Church. A special performance for Rotarians only will be held on Friday, 16 May and the final, evening performance will be held on Monday, 19 May. Two matinee performances will be held on 17 and 19 May at 2:00 PM. Proceeds will be used to fund a community project. Only 175 seats will be available for each performance. Tickets will be available soon. Admission will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, 12 and under. Families of four will be admitted for a special family rate of \$25 and there will be a special price for Rotarians for the exclusively Rotarians-only event. Rehearsals will start on Wednesday evening, 2 April and will be held twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The director estimates 3 hours will be required for each rehearsal. A fun-filled event for the whole family and for all the participants. See Gale to volunteer.

“The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is laughter.”- Mark Twain