

The Miner's Lamp



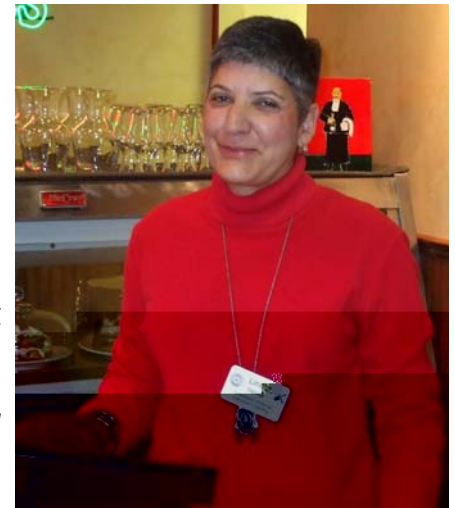
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November is the month we focus on learning more about our foundation and ways we can participate to positively affect the lives of people less fortunate than we. Our foundation is our "bank" that allows us to fund the eradication of polio, for example.

President Linda announced that our Extravaganza Italiana 2008 had a gross revenue of \$45,000, which will realize a profit of at least: \$30,000; \$5,000 more than last year. Well done everyone! Using her flip chart, President Linda listed all the positive features that our members thought made the event a great success, which included: Mounties at the door, roomscape, décor, food service, food, silent auction, number of donations, their high quality and organization and coordination, pictures with the Mounties, perfection of tickety-boo table place settings, bar wall with mural, centrepieces, auctioneer and cashier services, good mix and flow of activities, theme, timing of evening, great turnout—300 people bought tickets, smaller stage made for more room on the floor, table layout, table number signs and names on reserved tables made seating easy peasy, lighting and photographs, ability to overcome shortcoming of the facility's electrical wiring, antipasto plates, nothing to do with the kitchen, fun for us so we were probably more engaged with our guests and allowed us to spend time with other Rotarians, donation of \$500 to Orca Swim Club and defibrillator to Paramedic Volunteer Bike Team, Toonie Table on a cart, photo booth, deck of cards sale, 50/50, number and quality of pieces of art, baskets of homemade goodies in silent auction, donated soft drinks for designated drivers. We then wrote down things that we could improve for future events. Kathy Stevens and President Linda will put together a book. Only two chairs have submitted reports to President Linda. Please submit yours ASAP.

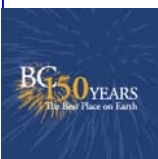


- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: _____ She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- An anonymous family has offered \$600 toward the purchase of a Rotary ShelterBox (total cost \$1,200). Individuals will receive a tax receipt from ShelterBox Canada for their personal donations. Editor knows of two of our members have provided \$100 each to be added to the \$600 offered.
- Cumberland Ready Mix's decorated truck will help us raise funds for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Squad. Santa will be delivered in the truck twice and we'll be involved seeking donations.
- Rotarians who are planning donations to ShelterBox or the Hospice Society must give their money to John Jones prior to 1 December in order to be eligible for a 2008 tax receipt.
- Gwyne Mack announced that the Comox Rotary Auction on November 6 at d'Esterre House in Comox. 6:00 pm cocktails, 7:00 pm dinner. This auction helps to support International projects - \$4500 to Rotaplast, \$6000 to school desks in Honduras, \$3500 for container of school supplies to Zimbabwe to name a few! Cost: \$35.00 includes cocktails, wine, dinner, live jazz and the auction!
- Friday, 31 October, is Hallowe'en and the Village will be holding its downtown merchants' Trick or Treat event between 4 and 5:30 PM and we have been asked to provide crossing guards for the children at 4 intersections. John C will have reflective vests available. Come out if you can.
- John C provided details of the Ninth Street Project, a 35-unit, three-storey building. Ted Brooks, CV Commissioner to End Homelessness suggests that we could become at no cost to manage the project.
- With the Canadian dollar losing value, anyone interested in donating to the rotary Foundation, should do so before 31 October to get a very favourable, \$1.04 rate.
- Rotary International convention in Birmingham England June 21 to 24. See president Linda for details.
- Cumberland Elementary will be holding a Christmas concert on 18 December at 1 and 7 PM and we are invited to attend.
- Fundraising for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Team _____ begins with a pancake breakfast at the Comox Mall on 13 December from 10 AM until 2 PM.

• _____ Bent Harder will speak about his trip to Beijing during the Summer Olympic Games. Students of Sandwich School will also speak about their activities.

• _____ Rob Neal and Brad McKinnon

• _____ 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.



Haida artist, Robert Davidson, who carved the first totem pole to be erected on the Queen Charlotte Islands in living memory of Haida elders, was born on 4 November 1946 at Hydaburg, Alaska.



Dear Family of Rotary,

November is a very special month on my personal Rotary calendar and I hope that you share my enthusiasm. All Rotarians can take great pride in the achievements of our Foundation, from our work for polio eradication to our Rotary Centres for International Studies to projects that improve lives every day. And now, we are building on those efforts through our Future Vision Plan.

As a Nigerian, I have seen how The Rotary Foundation is making a difference in my homeland. As Rotary Foundation chair, I have the opportunity to see our Foundation in action throughout the world. I can assure you that your generous contributions to the Annual Programs Fund and Permanent Fund are doing good in myriad ways.

But our contributions to the Foundation go beyond financial support. Rotarian doctors and dentists are serving as volunteers to bring health care to remote, underserved areas. Rotarian families are welcoming Ambassadorial Scholars and Group Study Exchange teams into their homes, establishing lasting international friendships. And millions of children are receiving the precious polio vaccine during National Immunization Days that Rotarians help organize, promote, and carry out with an eye on good stewardship practices.

As you observe Rotary Foundation Month, keep in mind the many ways that you can contribute. Through our combined support, the Foundation will continue to do good in the world for decades to come.

Jonathan Majiyagbe

Foundation Trustee Chair (Past President Rotary International and first African to hold the position—Ed) Source: The Rotary Foundation / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

17 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: Gwyne Mack of the RC of Comox, George Smyth, Al Dafoe, Laurie Haines and Rick Geiga of the RC of Courtenay. Guest:s of the club: Peg Challenger and Kathy Stevens.

Birthdays: 24 November: Liz Phillipson, 25 November: Stefan Pletscher. Anniversaries: 18 November: Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann, 19 November: John and Peg Challenger
Best wishes to everyone from all of us.

How the ladies loved the Mounties!

I had worked late, and my Labrador was so overjoyed to see me arrive home that he jumped up just as I leaned down. Our heads collided, and I sported an impressive shiner for several weeks. I had to repeat frequently to co-workers and friends how I came by it, and one day on the elevator, a secretary whom I hadn't seen for some time looked at my black eye and exclaimed, "My goodness, what happened to you?"

"The dog did it," I wearily replied.

A man standing next to us looked over at me and said knowingly, "Ahh, you must own a boxer."

When I was a child, I remember my Mom telling me, "Son, when you grow up, you can marry any girl you please."

When I became a young man, I learned the sad fact was that I couldn't please any of them.
