



The Miner's Lamp

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September is New Generations Month With an Emphasis on Youth

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EVERY ROTARIAN EVERY YEAR

Recycling Guide for the Regional District

We were delighted to welcome the dynamic, well-spoken Jennifer Brunn, Manager of Operations for the Comox Strathcona Regional District's Recycling Program to our meeting last Tuesday. Jennifer explained that her duties also include transportation issues and she expressed her strong support for our initiative to erect transit shelters in the Village. Using the Re-use and Recycle Guide for the Comox Valley as her main reference, Jennifer took us through the inventory of items that can be recycled, how they should be handled and prepared in readiness for



their final destinations. Her main point was that 90% of our landfill does not need to be landfill. Without a sustainable re-use and recycling program, the 90% that shouldn't enter our landfill is made up as follows: 38% fibres (paper, cardboard & boxboard), 8-12% plastics, 5-8% metals, 5-8% glass and 34% organics. The last category can return to our gardens through backyard composting. Jennifer also reminded us that the BC Government has created a new program to help us keep all electronic components like computers, TV sets, etc out of the landfill. There is no charge to return



these components but since 1 August, a surcharge is added to the cost when any electronic component is purchased to pay for the program. All Return-it locations will accept electronic materials. The Power of R: **R**ethink, **R**educe, **R**euse and **R**ecycle. www.comoxstrathcona.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.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** We are aiming for a target of 200 live and silent auction items so, **please, find sponsors, services and articles ASAP.** Linda has challenged us all to bring in 10 items each—those who do will be entered in a draw for a \$50 gift certificate. John C has **tickets available** for the Extravaganza Italiana. Reserve yours NOW! \$25 per person. Make sure you have some extras to sell to people in our community who will ask you for some. johnpegc@telus.net or 339-4068. The Home and Garden Gate in Cumberland and the CV Visitors' Centre on Cliffe also have tickets for sale. If you sell a table of eight, please make sure you pass a name to John so a table can be reserved for the party.
- President Keith encourages all of us to **bring a guest to breakfast** who might be a potential Rotarian. The club will pick up the tab for breakfast. August is the month we emphasize the importance of membership development in Rotary. Nurture existing members and recruit new ones. Because of our club's small size, 2/3 of our total membership currently serves as members of the Executive, Board and on committees. "*More Hands Make Light Work*"...President Keith will make the first member who brings two new members into our club this year, a Paul Harris Fellow. Don't forget to complete the DG's form for points distributed by President Keith. Those who inadvertently left their form on their table when they were passed out can get a new one from our Sgt-at-Arms in exchange for a small contribution.
- Meeting of all Extravaganza Italiana committee members at Linda's house at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 5 September. Tickets are now available for sale at The Home and Garden Gate Cumberland and the Comox Valley Chamber of Commerce Visitors' Centre. Linda thanked Gale for producing the posters for the event. oprica@ascentcoaching.com or **336-2646**
- Blaine Douglas reminded us that the Comox Valley Community Foundation's annual Gala will be held at Crown Isle on 20 September. Tickets from Rickson's Men's Wear at \$200 per couple.
- Stefan will be developing an application for a Foundation grant to help us fund the micro credit project in partnership with the RC of Chennai Kilpauk.
- Bent Harder will be off to Bolivia on a Rotaplast mission soon and will speak to us in more detail soon. President Keith mentioned his strong support for these missions.
- Past President Dave reminded us that Cops for Cancer Tour de Rock will arrive in our community on 26 September and that we will provide food and drinks for a donation. All proceeds to the campaign.
- Don't forget the melodrama that Gale is coordinating for Empire Days 2008.

Today's Speaker (4 September): Verna Mumby - Arborist

September **Cathe Egan and Debbie Lemire**

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



Why I Am A Rotarian

Little do we know when we are leaving a lasting impression on a young person! Years later that same child, turned busy adult, parent, career person, and volunteer, was asked to join Rotary. Without hesitation the answer was "Yes"!

Who was that original Rotarian who made such an impression? It was my dear friend's father, Joe (Mr. G to me then). Rotary was, oh, so important to him! Even as an elementary student where my world seemed to revolve around recess, piano practice, spelling sit-downs, and riding my bicycle within the allowed perimeters of our neighbourhood, I was unknowingly impressed. When Joe couldn't pick us up at noon from school and take my friend and I home for lunch, it was because "this is Rotary Day".

I soon learned Rotary must be something very important in his life. Joe was a busy business owner but everything seemed to step aside that special hour each week. He was a man of great character. Move ahead 40 years: I was proud and honoured to be asked to be among the first wave of women Rotarians.

What an impact this wonderful organization has had on my life! Service Above Self! Service acts that I cannot do alone can be accomplished because I am a part of this powerful, caring, successful, and highly respected organization. I can hold my head high and say...

"I helped to" ...

- eliminate Polio,
- educate thousands of students,
- build numerous houses, schools, medical clinics,
- I am helping promote peace and global understanding.
- I am doing all of this because I am a Rotarian!

Rotary cares for others. Rotary is a leader in our community and worldwide. Rotary allowed me to develop new leadership skills and responsibilities. Rotary broadened my circle of friends. Rotary doesn't just talk about doing good work...Rotary does the work! Rotary Shares! Rotary Leads The Way! I am proud of this organization and my membership.

This is why I am a Rotarian!

*Mary Q. Garrison, PDG
Wilber Rotary Club District 5650 (NE/IA)*


Attendance

Eighteen Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, and Bob Thiesburger and Blaine Douglas of the RC of Courtenay. Ryan Thorburn was our guest speaker. Jamie Edwards was a guest of President Keith, Robb Flannery was a guest of Al deJersey and Jennifer Brunn was our guest speaker.

Anniversary and Birthday Congratulations to Dave and Jane Bossom who celebrated their wedding anniversary on 1 September and Gale Wheeler who blew out her birthday candles on 3 September!



Parting Shot



ROTARY SHARES

The Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial
Third Annual Extravaganza Italiana
A Family-Style Italian Dinner and Auction
Raising Funds for Bus Shelters in Cumberland

Saturday, 13 October 2007

Cumberland Recreation Hall

Cocktails at 6:00 PM Dinner at 7:00 PM

\$25.00 Per Person Ticket No: ~~sample~~

www.rotarycc.org

Ticket contact:
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Do You Have Any of These? If Not, Please see John C.

Chuckle Corner

Ten Things Dad Might Never Say

- 10.) Well, how about that! I'm lost. Looks like we'll have to stop and ask for directions.
- 9.) You know, pumpkin. Now that you're thirteen, you'll be ready for un-chaperoned car dates. Won't that be fun?
- 8.) I noticed that all your friends have a certain negative attitude. I like that!
- 7.) Here's a credit card and the keys to my new car. Go crazy!
- 6.) What do you mean you want to play football? Figure skating not good enough for you, son?
- 5.) Your Mother and I are going away for the weekend. You might want to consider throwing a party.
- 4.) Well, I don't know what's wrong with your car. Probably one of those doo-hickey thingies. You know, that makes it run or something. Just have it towed to a mechanic and pay whatever he asks.
- 3.) No son of mine is going to live under this roof without an earring. Now, quit your belly aching and let's go to the mall.
- 2.) What do you want to go and get a job for? I make plenty of money for you to spend.
- 1.) Father's Day? Ah, don't worry about that. It's no big deal!