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## Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: [jcornwell@shaw.ca](mailto: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 and encourages attendees to consider joining him.
- The Rotary Youth Exchange students in District 5020 will be hosted by Valley club, arriving on 6 February and leaving on 10 February. **There will be no regular meeting of our club on Tuesday, 5 February** On Wednesday evening, 6 February, all four clubs and spouses will gather at the Westerly to host the visitors and meet the students. \$25 per person. Billets are required for four nights. The students' program is full. Anyone interested in hosting a student or two, please contact Mac Fraser: [moon.shadow@shaw.ca](mailto:moon.shadow@shaw.ca) . Check with Jon Toogood: [jmtoogood@yahoo.ca](mailto:jmtoogood@yahoo.ca) to obtain the necessary forms for background screening if you haven't already done so.
- Cumberland will hold its Heritage Faire on 23 February and we'll set up a table.
- District Leadership Training Assembly 23 & 24 February in Victoria. [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)
- Wheelchair Foundation forms are available in the club cabinet. See John C for details.
- 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](mailto:cvas4@shaw.ca)
- Acting president Linda read a thank-you letter and a card from the Salvation Army Christmas Hamper organizers. She also read a thank-you card from one of the 2 families who received a hamper from us.
- Linda also read a letter of thanks from the Canadian Cancer Society acknowledging our donation of \$423.86 to the Cops for Cancer campaign. The money was raised at our concession at the CRI Hall.
- Linda read a letter from the staff of Royston Elementary School and a happy buck to thank us for our donation of \$1338.82 for their literacy program.
- DG Norm Watts has announced that our DG for 2010-2011 will be Bob Martin from the RC of Gig Harbour, WA.
- Katimavik will work in our orchard on 1 March to raise money for A Day for Africa.
- **Speaker (12 February): Oliver Watson—EMCON**

## February Greeters: John Challender and Jamie Edwards

**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



## Rotarian to Donate \$2 Million to Help End Polio - By Tiffany Woods

Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio has received a US\$2 million boost from a Rotarian diamond and jewellery magnate.

Harshad Mehta, a native of India who is a senior partner in the Belgium-based Rosy Blue diamond and jewellery company, has pledged to donate the money to Rotary's polio eradication efforts over the next three years .

Mehta, the largest Indian donor to The Rotary Foundation, was inspired to make the commitment after learning about the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation's \$100 million challenge grant for polio eradication. Rotary must match the grant dollar for dollar over a three-year period.

Foundation Trustee Chair Robert S. Scott recalls a conversation with him in December, when Mehta suddenly said, "I will give \$2 million toward the match." It was "a very exciting development and an extremely generous" commitment, says Scott.

Mehta, 60, joined the Rotary Club of Bombay Metropolitan in 1986 as a charter member. His previous contributions to The Rotary Foundation have totalled more than \$1 million. Some of the money has been used to endow an Ambassadorial Scholarship that finances recipients' studies at universities.

Mehta serves as chair of the United Arab Emirates operations of Rosy Blue, a family business that employs more than 15,000 people around the world. He's also Armenia's honorary consul in Mumbai and the vice chair of the Dubai Diamond Exchange. He is a past chair of the Gem and Jewellery Export Promotion Council and a past vice president of the Federation of Indian Export Organizations.

In his spare time, he enjoys reading, listening to music, walking, swimming, playing cricket, and spending time with his wife, three children, and five grandchildren.

In the final push to stop polio, Mehta urges Rotarians not to give up. "We must further strengthen our resolve as we are so close to the ultimate goal," he says. "Any slackening at this point will result in a total loss of all the time, effort, and money put in over the past years." Source: Rotary International News Courtesy: eFlash\_Rotary

## Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 29 January. Visiting Rotarians: PDG Joan Firkins, our guest speaker and member of the Rotary Club of Oak Bay and Chip Ross from the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise  
Guests included: David Muir, Linda's partner, Bayne Mann, guest of his mom, Deb.

## February Birthdays (no one in our club was married in this month)

8—Wayne Giroday, 23 Dodie Brand, 25 Jamie Edwards. Best wishes to all of you. Also, Rotary will be 103 on 23 February.

## Parting Shot



**Cathe, representing the Adaptive Snow Sports Association, accepted a cheque for \$250 from Acting President Linda to support the Coca-Cola Classic this year.**

## Chuckle Corner

### Technology Triumph

Having dug to a depth of 10 meters, Scottish scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and came to the conclusion that their ancestors already had a telephone network more than 200 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the Scots, English scientists dug to a depth of 20 meters. Shortly after, headlines in the UK newspapers read: "English archaeologists have found traces of 300 year old copper wire and have concluded that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network a hundred years earlier than the Scots."

One week later, "The Kerryman," (an Irish newspaper) reported: "After digging as deep as 30 meters in peat bog near Tralee, Paddy O'Dighe, a self-taught archaeologist, reported that he found absolutely nothing. Paddy concluded that 400 years ago Ireland had already gone wireless.

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

## Cumberland Centennial Rocks!