



The Miner's Lamp

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Vocational Service encourages Rotarians to serve others through their professions and to practice high ethical standards. Rotarians share skills and expertise through their vocations and inspire others in the process. Vocational Service spotlights Rotary club projects offering an opportunity for clubs to use their professional skills in service projects.

Mercy Ships



Tim Maloney, National Director of Mercy Ships Canada was our guest speaker on Tuesday. Tim's spouse Karen Morgan, is the President-Elect of the Rotary Club of Sidney By The Sea so Tim has had a long connection to Rotary and Rotarians. His visit

to the Comox Valley will allow him to speak to three of the four clubs. Since 1978, Mercy Ships volunteers have performed more than 47,000 life-changing operations, treated more than 422,120 patients in village clinics, performed more than 288,100 dental procedures, coached more than 15,300 local health-care professionals, taught 125,800 local people in basic health care, delivered more than \$80 million worth of medical and other supplies and completed more than 1,085 community development projects focusing on water and sanitation, education and agriculture, all in Western Africa and from their hospital ship, the Africa Mercy. Please spread the word. See:

www.mercyships.ca for more information.

Announcements

"The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposing ideas in mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function. One should, for example, be able to see that things are hopeless yet be determined to make them otherwise. - F. Scott Fitzgerald"



- 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 letter from Disaster Aid Canada indicating the number and destination of a disaster relief box we funded that went to Brazil.



- Linda covered the final details for the Extravaganza Italiana. Please remember that it takes all of our efforts, whatever we can give, to make our major fundraiser a success and one that people will want to attend each year. Last minute donations must be brought to the hall no later than 10 AM on Saturday and given to Debbie Lemire personally.
- **October Greeters:** Deb Nolan and Kim Sleno.
- **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



Letter From The RI Secretary General

Dear Rotarians:

We were all deeply saddened to hear of the recent floods in Pakistan, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. Rotary International is coordinating relief and recovery efforts, and I am writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

The Rotary Foundation has established the Rotary Pakistan Flooding Recovery Fund to collect cash and District Designated Fund contributions. Funds will be collected until 31 December 2010 and will be used as the Foundation's match for Matching Grant applications that are received for long-term disaster recovery efforts in affected areas. Details about the fund are available on the RI website.

As always, when organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

Sincerely, Ed Futa, General Secretary, Rotary International

Attendance

19 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 28 September. We missed the company of: Leslie, Christine, Cathe, Mac, Steve, Debbie, Rob, Kim, Adri and Casper. Visiting Rotarian: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Visitors: Courtnay Verbrugge, Bayne Mann, Derek Steinhäusser and our RYE student, Plan.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in October

Birthdays: 7 Bill Armstrong, 16 Kim Sleno, 20 Alinda Ware, 25 Catherine Bell.
Anniversaries: No one chose October to celebrate their nuptials. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



Mercy Ships International has partnered with Rotarians. Its crew represents many nations.

October Programs

5 - Extravaganza Italiana Debrief 12 - Disaster Aid Canada - Jerry Feniak 19 - Club Assembly
26 - Schoolhouse Quilters Guild - Marie Trimmer

Chuckle Corner

The following is an actual question given on a University of Arizona physics mid term, and an actual answer turned in by a student. **Bonus Question: Is Hell exothermic (gives off heat) or endothermic (absorbs heat)? One student's answer:**

First, we need to know how the mass of Hell is changing in time. So we need to know the rate at which souls are moving into Hell and the rate at which they are leaving, which is unlikely. I think that we can safely assume that once a soul gets to Hell, it will not leave. Therefore, no souls are leaving. As for how many souls are entering Hell, let's look at the different religions that exist in the world today. Most of these religions state that if you are not a member of their religion, you will go to Hell. Since there is more than one of these religions and since people do not belong to more than one religion, we can project that all souls go to Hell. With birth and death rates as they are, we can expect the number of souls in Hell to increase exponentially. Now, we look at the rate of change of the volume in Hell because Boyle's Law states that in order for the temperature and pressure in Hell to stay the same, the volume of Hell has to expand proportionately as souls are added. This gives two possibilities:

1. If Hell is expanding at a slower rate than the rate at which souls enter Hell, then the temperature and pressure in Hell will increase until all Hell breaks loose.

2. If Hell is expanding at a rate faster than the increase of souls in Hell, then the temperature and pressure will drop until Hell freezes over. So which is it?

If we accept the postulate given to me by Teresa during my Freshman year that, 'It will be a cold day in Hell before I sleep with you,' and take into account the fact that I slept with her last night, then number two must be true, and thus I am sure that Hell is exothermic and has already frozen over. The corollary of this theory is that since Hell has frozen over, it follows that it is not accepting any more souls and is therefore, extinct..... ..leaving only Heaven, thereby proving the existence of a divine being which explains why, last night, Teresa kept shouting 'Oh my God.'

THIS STUDENT RECEIVED AN A+.