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We receive the Rotarian every month to connect us with our fellow Rotarians around the world. Several other Rotary magazines, in many languages, are read by others in many countries. Stay informed. Read the Rotarian every month!

CVHIS and Team Terrific

Our guests speakers on Tuesday were Dean Holm a member of Team Terrific and Andréa Grigg, Office Coordinator of the Comox Valley Head Injury Society (CVHIS). Andréa provided us with an overview of CVHIS work in educating the community about head injury risks and providing support to persons who have suffered head injuries. She outlined the many aspects affecting the lives of



victims on the physical, cognitive, emotional and behavioural levels. The Comox Valley Head Injury Society provides services to individuals who have acquired brain injury, their family members and the community at large in four core areas: Advocacy, Education/Injury Groups and Community Reintegration/Recreation and Leisure Groups. Dean took the floor to explain how he, as a ten and a half month old, while a passenger in a car, was injured mainly on the left side of his body as the result of an impaired driver hitting the car. Dean underwent surgeries and rehabilitative therapies and has developed into an independent individual living on his own. His injuries have left him paralyzed on his right side. Dean attended "regular" school and following graduation, attended North island College. He is a very articulate individual who has taken many courses of English and is now employed at the Blue Heron Book Store in Courtenay. Dean, as member of Team Terrific, speaks to school kids and others about his life and the ways to avoid head injuries. A great presentation by two passionate people. See:

www.cvheadinjury.com

www.rotarycc.org

Announcements

A man does what he must - in spite of personal consequences, in spite of obstacles and dangers and pressures - and that is the basis of human morality. ~ John F Kennedy.

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 Steve: Thanks to all involved in the Biathlon Snowshoe Blast on Sunday. Thanks to Liz for organizing the GWCTD.

Linda announced that 100 rhodos will be potted up on 31 March to be sold in conjunction with the Sunrise Skyrocket sale at the Driftwood on Saturday, 3 April. Proceeds to purchase a ShelterBox.

Wendy Lewis, President of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise provided details of their second annual skyrocket sale and distributed posters. Sale starts at 9 AM on Saturday, 3 April.

Gale discussed the possibility of a fundraiser to be run in conjunction with the May Day celebrations.. Leslie Baird will champion this event, which will feature a relay race of shopping carts. More details to follow.



Cathe Egan, co-chair of the Biathlon Snowshoe Blast. She reported that close to \$15,000 were raised with half of the proceeds going to PoiloPlus and half to VIMSS. 19 teams totaling 114 participants made the event the success it was. A very successful first event that generated great

reviews. Stefan received a certificate from Jay, Blast Co-Chair for providing largest amount through individual pledges.



April Greeters: Kurt Nielsen and Jon Toogood

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

Attracting Young Members to Rotary



~ A note from a member of ROTI

I joined my Rotary Club last year at age 33 and am currently the youngest member of the club. I came to Rotary because I'd spent a number of years in Rotaract and always knew I'd move on to Rotary at some point. The gap between leaving one and joining the other was because that's when I got married and bought our first house, changed jobs along with a few other life changes.

Both Rotaract and Rotary are now facing the challenge of finding new members, as are all service clubs. Part of it is because people are much more time poor, part of it is because people have a lot more options of how to spend their time and part of it is that there is a bit more of an emphasis of self absorption in some segments of society in recent times.

One thing I have found is that you make Rotary more appealing by selling the professional development/networking/fellowship of Rotary to get people interested and the interest in community and international service pretty much inevitably follows.

I think it would also help if the makeup rules were relaxed so that makeup activities could be used any time during a Rotary year. Well, those are just a couple of thoughts, I'm sure others have many good ideas as well.

Malcolm Harper

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Attendance

24 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on Visiting Rotarians: President Wendy Lewis and Bayne Mann of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, Guests: Bayne Mann, guest of his mother, Deb Nolan, Kathy Stevens, spouse of David Stevens, Greg Ehman, GSE Team member to Germany, Andréa Grigg and Dean Holm our guest speakers.

Anniversaries and Birthdays in April

Anniversaries: 25 Marguerite and Jon Toogood, 26 Joanne and Keith Tatton. Birthdays: 7 Cathe Egan and Alan deJersey, 10 John Challender. Our best wishes to everyone.

April Programs

6 - Bob Wells CYMC

13 - Dawn to Dusk Homeless Project

20 - Club Assembly presentation from Madeline Bams

27 - Eyes Around the World Project

Board Clips - a Summary of Decisions by the Board on 11 March

Membership. Gale

Leave of absence for Wayne Giroday. A leave was requested for health reasons. **Motion** Rob/Linda to grant a six month leave beginning January 1, 2010. **Carried**

Leave of absence for Debbie Lemire. An extension was requested. **Motion** by Linda/Liz to grant an extension to April 30, 2010 and to request payment of current year's dues. **Carried**

Discussed ways to inform potential members about our club. Possible information at a public event or inviting potential new members to an information session.

Finance Committee. Keith

Committee informed we have about \$15k available for the rest of the year. Committee proposed creating a discretionary fund (Heart Fund) of \$5k to be used outside the scope of the regular committee budgets.

Members or committees would provide written proposals for review and approval by the board. Discussed ways to use excess meal and happy buck/fine moneys. Possibly to reduce per meeting breakfast cost. Linda will take to members at the next meeting.

Officer Reports

Treasurer. John J.

Monthly financial statement was presented. **Motion** by Rob/Liz to accept. **Carried.**

President. Steve

Snowshoe Blast. Discussed the progress of the event. **Motion** Steve/Rob to provide a loan to VIMMS of \$1,000 for pre event costs to be repaid from the proceeds of the event and is not part of our donation to Polio Plus. **Carried.**

Coca-Cola classic for the adaptive sports society. **Motion** Steve/Linda to donate \$250 to the Adaptive Sports Society. **Carried.**

Brush clearing at the Chinese / Japanese cemetery continues.

Discussed potential involvement with Strathcona Sunrise club and City of Courtenay on a playground project that would be used by children of all physical abilities.

New Business

Sponsorships. Rob. Discussed reviewing costs and possible funding of expenses when sponsoring individuals to different activities. Work Project. Gale. Discussed possible work project of clear coating the historic mural scene on the side of the Big Store. Gale will determine material cost and bring to the club for volunteers.