



The Miner's Lamp

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February is World Understanding Month

Rotary's exchange programs provide a great way to better understand others.

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World Community Development



Our guest speakers last week were Andrew Black and Roger Kishi. The two men outlined how the organization raises funds through the promotion of the sale of fair trade commodities such as coffee, tea and chocolate that are grown organically in developing countries. The funds then allow the society to operate medical clinics that provide free or low-cost care and medicines, train community health-care workers in rural areas, supply health kits and provide upgrade training to these workers. The society sponsors an extensive film festival in the Comox Valley at many central locations in Courtenay. Tickets available through the Sid. The festival has become so well known that they now have a travelling festival to several BC and Yukon communities. Members can borrow films throughout the year at Zen Zero.

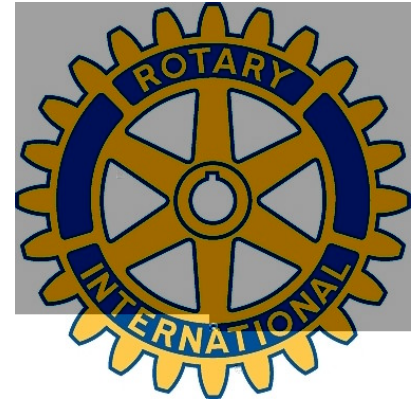
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Announcements

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca
- A reminder that the **club will pay the registration** fees for anyone wishing to attend the **District Leadership Training Assembly in Victoria on 24 & 25 February 2007**. Register on line <http://www.rotary5020.org/assembly/> for the DLTA and book your room.
- The **Youthact** club is spearheading a **fundraiser** to hire a teacher for an orphanage (Chip's project) in India by collecting refundable drink containers. Please see if you can help.
- **Mt Washington Rotary Ski Day** on Friday, 2 March. Check-in starts at 8 AM, lunch at noon. There will be a fun ski race with team and individual prizes. Dinner at 5:30 PM. Contact Alan Hampshire at: 338-5495 or ahampshire@mcelhanney.com
- President Dave reminded us that our **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** need to occupy our thoughts. Find sponsors, services and articles for the auction, etc. The hall will be booked for **13 October**.
- President Dave announced that **March** will be polio awareness month in the district and every Rotarian is asked to pay the equivalent of an **extra breakfast (\$6.00) toward the cost of eradicating polio**
- **Heritage Week** in Cumberland 17-24 February. We'll set up a **booth from 10 AM to 3 PM on Saturday, 17 February** in the Cultural Centre. Mac is developing a PowerPoint presentation.
- **District Conference 1-3 June** Tacoma Sheraton.
- **Rotarian at Work** Tee Shirts have been ordered—one colour only available—ash
- **Orchard Work Party** on Sunday, 28 January from Noon until 2 PM. Lot's of work was done.
- **Coca-Cola Classic** needs skiers to help. Contact Cathie: cegan10@telus.net
- Saturday, 3 March is the date of **Strathcona Sunrise Dinner Theatre** at Courtenay Fish and Game Club on Comox Lake. Theme is roaring twenties. Costumes are encouraged. \$45 or \$89 per couple.
- President Dave announced that the **five defibrillators** we ordered will arrive shortly. The supplier has provided the "Cadillac" model. We will receive five \$2900 defibrillators, with shipping and taxes included for \$8,480Cdn or \$1616 each. These machines are the simplest to operate and will be installed in locations where large numbers congregate: the Cumberland Legion, the Cumberland Recreation Hall, the Auction hall, the Seniors' Home and the Sid Williams Theatre. District 5020 has approved our request for a simplified grant of \$2500US or about \$2900Cdn and the rest will be paid from the funds we raised at our Extravaganza Italiana in October.
- Judythe reminded us of the **RYE conference beginning on 7 February** with dinner for all four clubs and the 50+ students at the Westerly Hotel at 6 PM. We will still hold our regular breakfast meeting at The Miner's Café on Tuesday, 6 February, at 7 AM.

February Greeters: Debbie Lemire and Judythe McQuillan

Rotary Moment



*Has Rotary a meaning for you? No? Possibly you haven't the right perspective. You have worried yourself so much over the little unimportant things that you haven't even given yourself a momentary glimpse of the tout ensemble. Stand back, a few paces, for a moment, far enough away from the picture so that the details may assume their proper proportions and disclose their true relationship toward each other. It will profit you to get the distance sense.—Paul P Harris 'The Distant Sense' published in *The Rotarian*, February 1914*



Mr Rotaplast, Bent Hardy, was presented a cheque by Keith to cover the cost of one child's operation, an annual commitment Keith made to Bent at our charter event two years ago. Bent will be off to Peru in May for a ten-day Rotaplast mission that has a goal to operate on 100 children and bring a normal smile to their faces. What a couple of great guys!

Attendance Treasurer John reported that 20 of 25 Cumberland Rotarians were present on 23 January. Visiting Rotarians: Bent Harder from the RC of Courtenay and Jerry Feniak and Chip Ross from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise.. Bayne Mann Junior, guest of his mom, Deb Nolan.

Anniversary Rob and Margaret Neal celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on 30 January.

Aloha

Rotary Club of Cumberland Centennial
presents the First Annual

 **Escape to Paradise** 
Beach Party

Saturday, February 10, 6:30 pm
Linda Oprisa's Hula Hut
2517 Dunsmuir Avenue (Camp Road)

Island Food & Drinkies Provided
Hula Hoop & Dance Contests
Cost - TBA

Authentic Beach or Hawaiian Apparel Required

RSVP: Dodie 336-2710

