



# The Miner's Lamp

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## November is Rotary Foundation Month

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### WEAR A POPPY



*They shall grow not old as we  
who are left grow old;*

*Age shall not weary them nor the  
years condemn.*

*At the going down of the sun and  
in the morning,*

*We will remember them.*

## Dodie's Ethiopian Adventure



Our own Dodie Brand left for Ethiopia on 12 October and returned on 24 October. She provided us with a great slide show of 142 photos of the things she saw, the places she visited and, in particular, the beautiful children she met and helped to vaccinate against the crippling scourge of polio. Ethiopia has had two years without a reported case of polio.

Dodie was particularly struck by the abject poverty of the country contrasted by the beauty of the people and the happy, smiling faces of the children. Schools she visited had no books or pencils and she will be promoting a project in partnership with some of the 8 Rotary clubs in Addis Abba to build a secondary school for the children of the area.



### Funds for Coal Hills BMX

Acting President, Linda, presented a cheque for \$3,400 to Rick Grinham of the Coal Hills BMX Society so the group can purchase a steel storage container to safeguard their equipment against theft and vandalism. Rick thanked the club for our support.

## 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.
- **2007 Extravaganza Italiana** Last meeting at Linda's 1 November 7:00 PM for final wrap-up of the event. All concerned should plan to attend. Linda asked that all involved in the organization of the event to please e-mail her their summaries of their activities including budget information and expenses incurred ASAP. Deb Nolan announced that the silent auction had earned us \$7,554.00! Bayne N Mann raised \$86, which he has donated to his school library. President Keith won the \$50 gift certificate for obtaining ten or more donations for the auction. 186 donations were obtained this year.
- World Interact Week 5 to 11 November. Deb has been talking to the school principal about Interact when they become a secondary school.
- We've received a request, which was circulated to everyone via e-mail, that we have been asked to help with providing crossing guards for the safety of young trick-or-treaters on Wednesday, 31 October on Dunsmuir Avenue at 4:00 PM. Safety vests were issued to those who responded.
- Steve is looking for someone to represent our club on the Taiwanese Festival Committee.

**Speaker (6 November): Doug Ante—Rotary Projects in Bulawayo**

**November Greeters: Kurt Nielsen and Rob Neal**

**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



## Participants Selected for Rotary Peace Studies Program at Chulalongkorn

Rotary International has selected 23 professionals from 14 countries to study in a unique program that teaches the practical skills needed to succeed in jobs involving peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and mediation.

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program, a three-month curriculum taught at Chulalongkorn University, is aimed at mid- to upper-level professionals who work in government, non-governmental organizations, private corporations, academia, media agencies and other settings where a working knowledge of peacebuilding, conflict resolution, and mediation is important.

The 23 participants who will begin studies in January 2008 are a diverse group representing a wide array of professional backgrounds. Their interests and areas of expertise include journalism, human rights, public policy, economic development, law and social justice. For example:

Gina Donoso, Ecuador, president and co-founder of the Alianza Por la Justicia Foundation in Ecuador and Costa Rica; Francois Kabongo, Democratic Republic of Congo, a logistics operations assistant for the United Nations Peace Keeping Mission in Kinshana, Democratic Republic of Congo; Susan Carew, Australia, manager of the NGO One World Network in Australia; Brian Farr, United States, division chief of the State Agency Counsel Division of the Office of the Attorney General in Salt Lake City, Utah; Assabah ul Arjamad Khan, India, a journalist with the J&K People's Welfare Institute & Research Centre in Kashmir; Nancy Ross, Canada, women's services coordinator for Addiction Services in Lunenburg, Nova Scotia; Individuals interested in future sessions should contact their local Rotary clubs or email [Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org](mailto:Bangkok.PeaceStudies@rotary.org) for more information. Applications are currently being accepted for the July 2008 session and beyond. Participants are selected twice a year in a globally competitive selection process based on professional and academic achievements.

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-Courtesy: eFlash\_Rotary

## Attendance

There were eighteen Cumberland Rotarians at our meeting last week. Visiting from the RC of Strathcona Sunrise was Rotarian Chip Ross. Liz Phillipson and Bayne N. Mann were a guests of Deb Nolan, Robb Flannery was a guest of Alan deJersey and Steve Baird a guest of John C. Rick Grinham was a guest of the club.

## November Anniversaries and Birthday

Deb Nolan and Bayne Mann will celebrate their anniversary on 18 November and John And Peg Challender will celebrate theirs on 19 November. Stefan Pletscher will celebrate his birthday with family and friends on 25 November. We wish you all the very best on your special days.

## Parting Shot



Good turnout last week!

## Chuckle Corner

### THE OBEDIENT WIFE

There was a man who had worked all his life, had saved all of his money, and was a real miser. Just before he died, he said to his wife, "When I die, I want you to take all my money and put it in the casket with me. I want to take my money to the afterlife with me." And so he got his wife to promise him, with all of her heart, that when he died, she would put all of the money into the casket with him.

Well, he died. He was stretched out in the casket, his widow was sitting there - dressed in black, and her friend was sitting next to her. When they finished the ceremony, and just before the undertakers got ready to close the casket, the wife said, "Wait just a moment!" She had a small metal box with her; she came over with the box and put it in the casket. Then the undertakers locked the casket down and they rolled it away.

Her friend said, "Girl, I know you were not foolish enough to put all that money in there with your husband!"

She replied, "Listen, I'm an honest person; I cannot go back on my word. I promised him that I was going to put that money into the casket with him."

"You mean to tell me you put that money in the casket with him?" "I sure did," said the widow. "I got it all together, put it into my account, and wrote him a cheque. If he can cash it, then he can spend it."