



The Miner's Lamp

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Vocational Service, in Rotary, means that we are committed to honest business and unassailable ethics, and that we are equally committed to using our vocational skills and advantages to help others. The idea is simple enough – but it is unique to Rotary.

~John Kenny President, Rotary International 2009-2010.

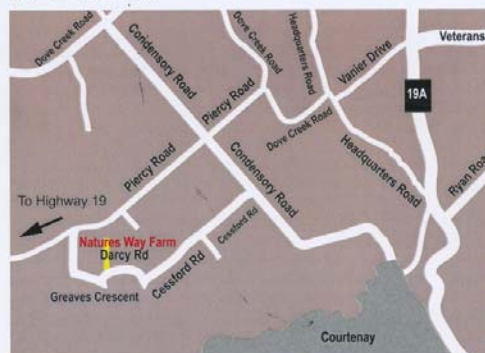
Farming, Food and Wine



Our Guest speakers on Tuesday were George Ehrler, Kathy Jerritt and Marla Limousin who have formed a partnership of an organic farm, a fruit winery and a culinary studio. Each gave us some background about

how they came together and the progress they have made in realizing their dreams. The first fruit wines have been releases to the public and have been well received; the blueberry has sold out, the apple wine and the dessert blueberry/blackberry wines are going quickly. Marla is the farmer of the certified organic property, George the winemaker and Kathy the chef. Natures Way Farm provides organic fruit and vegetable to consumers and several restaurants in the area. Using Marla's blueberries and organic apples from Denman Island, George crafts the wine. Kathy, using local sources, including Natures Way Farm, created wonderful slow food for everyone's enjoyment. The full-moon dinners have been a great success and the trio is planning a Christmas at the Farm event so the public can get to know the venture better and enjoy some of their wares. A tasting of their wines was a hit!

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Announcements

If raising children were going to be easy, it never would have started with something called "labour"!

- 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:** Next Board meeting, Thursday, 1 October at 7:15 AM at Carmie's Café, agenda to follow. Thanks to those who helped with the Tour de Rock on 23 September. Next meeting, 6 October, in the Smith's Garden 1717 Glen Urquhart Drive, Courtenay. Kim will send out a map.

- Chip Ross reported that his club's Skyrocket fundraiser was a great success and thanked Keith for providing his mixer trucks to transport the compost to the Mall. They sold 1700 bags on Saturday. There are about 100 bags left at \$6 per bag. Check with Chip at: chip.ross@shaw.ca if you'd like to make arrangements to get some.
- Linda reported that we need another 35 donations to meet our target. John C reminded everyone to settle their ticket accounts by 6 October. If you have items for the Toonie Table, please take them to Keith's business. Leslie will work up a roster for silent auction runners. The Rickson's window looks great. Please bring a cheque for the tickets you reserved. Those who have not reserved tickets, please contact John and please talk up the event with your friends and neighbours.
- Brad informed the club that there is a need for funds to cover the cost of hot breakfasts at Vanier. The cost will be around \$500. The proposal will be considered at the next Board meeting. Dodie will follow up with Brad's contact since it is in line with the project she is exploring with the Cumberland schools.
- Kim has received another \$55 of Canadian Tire money to be used as an item in the silent auction so check your glove compartments and desk drawers and donate.
- Mac announced that The Interact in Austrian led by Isabel Gudenas, Anatol's sister, has raised 260 Euros for Polio Plus and have challenged our club to beat or match their achievement. He further mentioned that the iron lung will be present at our Extravaganza Italiana to raise public awareness about Rotary's campaign to end polio now.
- **October Greeters:** Dodie Brand and Stefan Pletscher
- **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

Pedaling Health Care



Namibians are getting an opportunity to reach clinics from the most isolated places -- and a better chance at survival -- because of bicycle ambulances. The Bicycling Empowerment Network (BEN) Namibia is a nonprofit organization that started out providing bicycles as transportation. It launched a bicycle ambulance project after noticing that health care workers used their bikes' luggage racks to transport patients to hospitals and clinics. To bring bike ambulances to the country, the organization looked to the Rotary Club of Windhoek, Namibia, for support and adopted a design from Canadian Niki Dun. Dun, cofounder and director of Design for Development, a Vancouver-based charity, had come up with an innovative concept: a bicycle that could tow an adjustable stretcher, already being used in Malawi, South Africa, and Zambia. Chris Offer, a member of the Rotary Club of Vancouver Chinatown, B.C., became involved after he read a newspaper article about an award Dun had received from the Canadian government for her design work. Offer wanted to learn more and to see if he could help. They were in sync: Dun needed funds to support the project in Namibia, and he could help

raise them. Now, more than 70 bicycle ambulances are serving remote villages with support from the Vancouver Chinatown and Windhoek clubs and the Rotary Club of Port Moody, B.C., in partnership with Design for Development. The ambulances are often the only option for transporting impoverished people with afflictions ranging from HIV/AIDS-related illnesses to scorpion bites. BEN Namibia has found that the bikes usually best serve areas within 10 kilometres of a health clinic. "It means the difference between getting to a clinic and a hospital or not," Offer said. "It means being carried on someone's back when you're injured or pregnant or, being carried in a stretcher by a group, verses one person being able to transport somebody on a bicycle ambulance. That's the difference."

Attendance

18 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 29 September. Visiting Rotarians: bent harder of the RC of Courtenay and Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Christine Dickinson, guest of the club, Margaret, Cathe's mom and George Ehrler, Kathy Jerritt and Marla Limousin our guest speakers.

Birthdays in October

7 Bill Armstrong, 16 Kim Sleno and 20 October, Alinda Ware. No one has an anniversary in October. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



John Jones was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow at our Installation Dinner in June and was presented with the certificate by President Steve at our meeting on Tuesday.

October Programs

- 6 October: Meeting in the Smith's Garden 1717 Glen Urquhart Drive, Courtenay
- 13 October: Alison Roberts - Creative Employment Access Society
- 20 October: Debbie Palzat - Trip to the Dominican Republic
- 27 October: Stew Ludtke - CV Mood Society

Chuckle Corner

Philosophy

I hate sex in the movies. Tried it once, the seat folded up, the drink spilled and that ice, well, it really chilled the mood. It used to be only death and taxes, now, of course, there's shipping and handling, too. A husband is someone who, after taking the trash out, gives the impression that he just cleaned the whole house. My next house will have no kitchen - just vending machines and a large trash can. Definition of a teenager? God's punishment...for enjoying sex. As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point the wrong way.

