

The Miner's Lamp

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The Month of September is New generations Month

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We should conduct youth-related activities throughout September. We have recruited a Rotary scholarship applicant — Jerod Hendry of Comox.

RI Convention in New Orleans

Our speakers on Tuesday were our own David Stevens and our great friend Chip Ross, who helped organize our club. David and Chip attended the Rotary International Convention in New Orleans from 22 to 25



May 2011. Chip and David, their wives Karen and Kathy, and other Rotarians from the Comox Valley clubs met Rotarians from all over the world at daily “happy hours” organized among members of the largest fellowship in Rotary: Rotarians On The Internet or ROTI. We were taken on a tour of the fascinating French Quarter and other parts of the city of New Orleans. We saw pictures of the devastation left behind by Hurricane Katrina and learned that some 400,000 residents left the city following the storm and about 100,000 have not returned. David described the convention centre that has a front four city blocks wide and is one mile deep with three levels. The main auditorium, where all the plenary sessions were held sat 18,000 people. The message we were all left with is that each of us should try to attend a convention for the fellowship and heightened awareness of the work Rotarians do in the world.

Announcements

Be yourself. Everyone else is taken!

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 Deb: President Deb is on holiday so PP Alan presided over the meeting. Alan reminded the board that its next meeting will be at 7 AM on Monday, 12 September at Carmie's. Anyone interested in getting together with other Rotarians to tidy Simms Park, should report at 9 AM on Saturday, 3 September and/or 10 September.

Liz talked about a number of options for possible social events and reminded us of the Croquet Tournament to be held at Cathe and Jeremy's on Sunday, 18 September.

Debbie reminded us that there are only three weeks left to get the paperwork to her about donation for the Extravaganza Italiana. Linda has not received everyone's \$40 for the balloons and gift bags. Only 50 tickets remain unreserved.

David Stevens announced that there will be a "tweaking" work party for the coal cart bench project at the Public Works yard on Wednesday, 31 August at 9 AM.

Linda reminded us that our fall plant sale will take place on Sunday, 11 September at the new home of Andrew Sheret at 29th Street and Kilpatrick Avenue from 9 AM until noon. Setup will begin at 8 AM. Trailers and tables were requested.

September Greeters: Cathe Egan and John Challender.

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



New RI General Secretary Shows his Support for the Foundation's Work

John Hewko, Rotary International's new general secretary, recently took on another leadership role: that of a Paul Harris Fellow. Hewko also has facilitated his continuing Foundation support by signing up for TRF-Direct. The online recurring gifts program sends contributions electronically on a regular basis from a checking or credit card account directly to the Foundation. "The Rotary Foundation has a long history of financial strength and stability and is one of the world's top-rated charities," says Hewko. "I'm proud to lead this organization and to wear my Paul Harris Fellow pin. I hope the 75 percent of Rotarians who don't currently give to the Foundation will join me in supporting our humanitarian work and in utilizing TRF-Direct when giving."

It's through donations to the Foundation that Rotary is able to fulfill its promise to create a polio-free world, and its mission to "advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty."

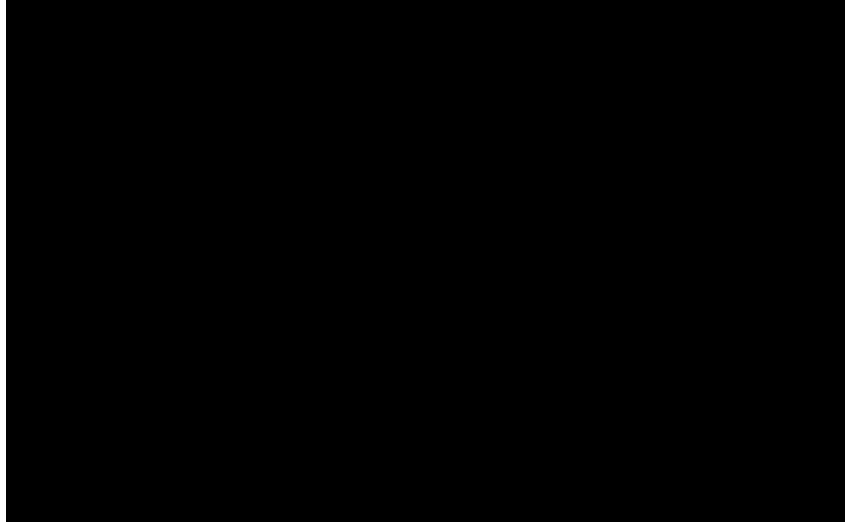
Source : Rotary International News Courtesy : eFlash_Rotary For more videos and photos, visit www.eflashonline.org

Attendance: 22 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 30 August. We missed the company of: Jill, Robb, Steve, Judythe, President Deb, Kim, Jon and Alinda Visiting Rotarians: Laurie Haines and Bent Harder of the Rotary Club of Courtenay and Chip Ross of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in September

Birthdays: 13 Paul Vroom. Anniversaries: 1 David and Jane Bossom, 14 John and Judy Jones. Best wishes to all from our club.

Parting Shot



September Programs

6 - Rob Neal - Solar Lighting and Cooking Project in Peru 13 - Club Assembly 20 - Alan Burgess - Ceramics and Pottery 27 Richard Clarke on Shelterbox

Chuckle Corner

Be Polite

A customer was really hassling an airline agent at the ticket counter — yelling and using foul language. However, the agent was polite, pleasant and smiled while the customer continued to abuse her.

When the man finally left, the next person in line said to the agent, “Does that happen often? I can’t believe how nice you were to him.”

The agent smiled and said, “No problem, I took care of it. He’s going to Detroit. His bags are going to Bangkok.”