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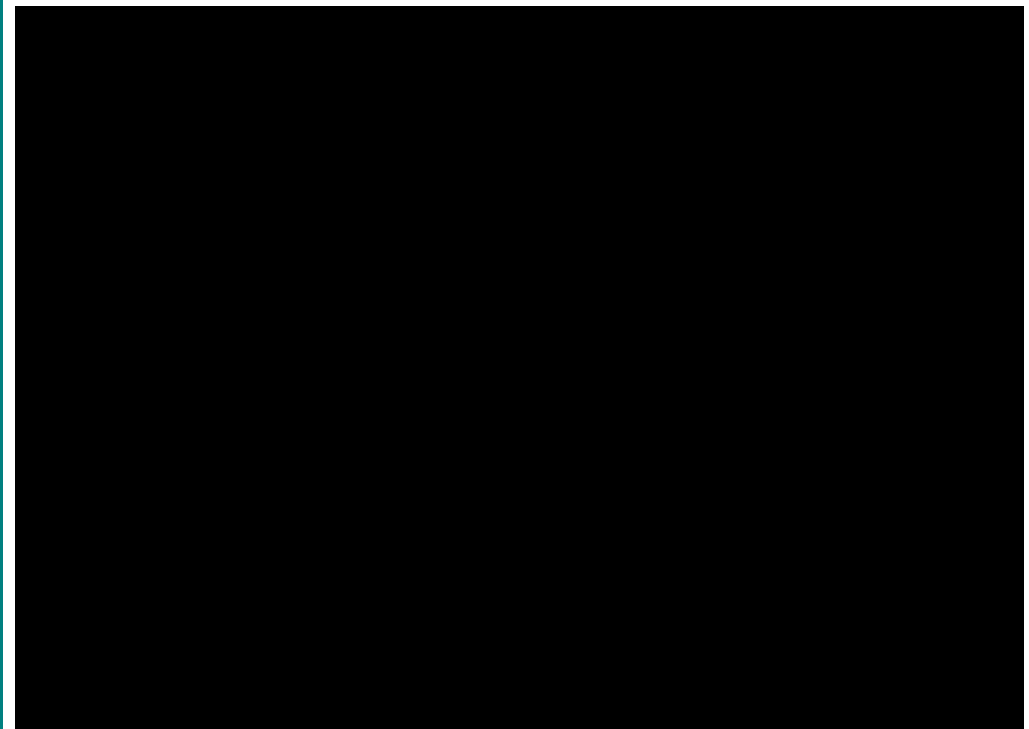
July has no Designated Rotary Theme

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Although July has no specific theme in the World of Rotary, it is an important month as we begin a new year. It's a good time to think about inviting prospective Rotarians to our meetings and to share Rotary with them, something that is every Rotarian's duty.

Club Assembly



The last meeting of the 2008-2009 Rotary year was held on a beautiful in the heritage orchard on 30 June. We had a great turnout of members, spouses, visiting Rotarians and guests who enjoyed orange juice (with sparkling wine), muffins and coffee. Members recounted incidents that were memorable during the past year. Much fellowship and laughing. AG Kim Sleno, on her last day in the job, joined us and thanked us for being who and what we are.

Announcements

"There is no better exercise for the heart than reaching down and lifting people up." - John Andrew Holmes

- 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.
- Outgoing president Linda thanked those who helped clean up the orchard on Saturday and those involved with the CYMC BBQ on Sunday. Thanks to those who worked on the organization of the installation Dinner. Bike racks have been approved and will be installed in the Village.
- Keith thanked Gale for her work on the Installation Dinner program and donated \$100US in Gale's name to the Rotary Foundation.
- Alan presented Leslie Baird with her certificate of 100% attendance for the past year.
- John C distributed 2009-2010 directories. If you don't have yours, see John.
- Liz announced that there will be a club assembly on 19 July in the CRI. Details to follow.



- **From President Steve:** There will be a Board meeting on Thursday, 2 July at 7:15 AM. Details to follow with the agenda.
- **Program 7 July: Andy Everson—Comox Band Member, Artist and Anthropologist.**
- **July Greeters:** Wayne Giroday and Judythe McQuillan
- **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

Farrow Speaks out on Polio, Darfur ~By Arnold R. Grahl



Actress Mia Farrow, UNICEF goodwill ambassador, gave the keynote address 23 June during the third plenary session at the 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England. Farrow said she understands the devastation of polio and the importance of eradicating the virus. Farrow survived polio as a child and adopted a son from India who had contracted the disease. "Polio is a terrible, terrible disease. We are right to be pushing for the end of it," Farrow said. "We are almost there, we just have to push a little further." She focused the second half of her address on promoting the health and safety of children -- a message that dovetails with RI President Dong Kurn Lee's

emphasis on reducing child mortality -- and the need to protect the people of Darfur, Sudan. She recounted how in 2004 a woman in Darfur gave her a protective amulet to wear around her neck and asked her to tell the world about what was happening there. The woman said, "Please go out and tell the world. Tell them we will all be slaughtered." Farrow said meeting that woman changed her life. "That's the whole of what I do now. I try to fulfill my promise." Toward that promise, Farrow showed Rotarians slide after slide of victims of the atrocities in Darfur -- men who had had their eyes cut out by marauders; a woman who had been shot through the back, which killed the child she was carrying; an infant dying of malnutrition; and entire villages burned to the ground. "After six years, what message have we sent to Darfur?" Farrow asked. "Only that they are dispensable. If we look back and realize we failed the people of Darfur, we will not only have failed them, but we will have failed ourselves."

In a press conference after the plenary session, Farrow said it will take the will of the people to move governments to act. "There is undeniably genocide that has occurred and will occur," she said. "The defining moment for all of us is what are we going to do about it?"

Farrow talked about the good work of Rotarians and how they are an amazing group of people who are capable of doing whatever they set their mind to accomplishing. She urged Rotarians not to give up fighting against polio. "Yes, it costs money," she said. "But we won't have to do that once we have eradicated polio, then all that money can go to something else". "I do think Rotarians are unusual in that they are so galvanized to action," she said. "All of them are committed to helping other people, and they are able to galvanize other people to help. "I love Rotary," she added. "It is the best thing that has ever happened. Source: Rotary International News / Courtesy: eFlash_Rotary

Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 30 June. Visiting Rotarians: AG Kim Sleno of the RC of Comox, Bent Harder of the RC of Courtenay and Gail Winslow of the RC of Whistler. Guests: Colleen Clancy, guest of President Linda, Kathy Stevens, spouse of David Stevens, Mike Stefan, spouse of Chantal Stefan and Heather McKinnon, spouse of Brad McKinnon.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in July

Birthdays: 8 David Stevens, 13 Jon Toogood. Anniversaries: 3 Linda Oprica and David Muir, 14 Chantal and Mike Stefan, and 28 Brad and Heather McKinnon. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



One of the members of this team is a noted and respected Cumberland Rotarian. The first Cumberland Rotarian, other than that Rotarian, who sends me an e-mail identifying him, will have any fines levied, paid by me for the meetings in July ~ Ed. johnpegc@telus.net

Chuckle Corner

No Show!

Outside the Bristol, England Zoo is the car park, with spaces for 150 cars and 8 coaches. It has been manned 6 days a week for 23 years by the same charming and very polite car park attendant with the ticket machine. The charges are \$1.00 per car and \$5.00 per coach. On Monday 1 June, he did not turn up for work.

Bristol Zoo management phoned Bristol City Council to ask them to send a replacement parking attendant. The Council said "That car park is your responsibility."

The Zoo said "The attendant was employed by the City Council... wasn't he?"

The Council said: "What attendant?"

Gone missing from his home is a man who has been taking daily the car park fees amounting to about \$400.00 per day for the last 23 years...!