



The Miner's Lamp

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Club Assembly

October is Vocational Service Month in Rotary

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October is the month that Rotarians focus on ways to use their vocations as a means of serving others. We can all find ways to contribute to our clubs and communities by using our talents and resources to promote the ideals of Rotary and we should engage members of our families, our friends and the public in discussions.



Following a presentation of a perfect attendance certificate to Steven, President Linda led us through the many details of the planning and execution of our Extravaganza Italiana. Reports were provided by the various area coordinators. Overriding the whole was a report from Debbie indicating that we are still 70 donations short of our target of 200 auction items. With only 18 days left and only 17 of our members providing items to date, it is time for all of us to make a final effort to get the job done. Fewer items means less revenue and less money to complete our planned projects for the coming year. The items we have for our auction this year so far are of great quality according to Debbie but we do need more and everyone was strongly urged to get our asks in gear and tell Debbie if we have items we haven't reported to her. All items are to be in Debbie's hands by 11 October. Very few tickets are left to be sold. Several people have tickets but have not submitted payment. Please look after this by next week. If you have tickets to return, let John C know today 250-339-4068 After 7 October, you will be invoiced for all unreturned tickets.. Chantal has volunteered to orient and oversee servers who will be recruited because the Rebekahs will not be available to serve this year. Steve has the bar in hand with help from Deb and Debbie, Roomscape will be handled by Dave B and his sister-in-law has designed and will create unique centrepieces. Brad and Pierre, in their best red serge, will welcome.

Announcements—What's Happening in our Club—Please Read

- Jill Cornwell continues to be interested in suggestions for speakers: jcornwell@shaw.ca She is also accepting donations of good books for the Cumberland Lodge Library we have helped establish.
- 200 donations is our target for our Extravaganza Italiana. President Linda has set a deadline of 11 October for all donations to be "in hand". 100 received so far - excellent quality donations. Please get your ask in gear! Very few tickets remain to be sold.
- If your dues are still due then you didn't pay by the end of September. Speak to treasurer John to make arrangements.
- District 5020 World Community Service (WCS) Workshop in Nanaimo, at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church on Saturday, Oct 4th. Registration: www.rotary5020.org/service
- An anonymous family has offered \$600 toward the purchase of a Rotary ShelterBox (total cost \$1,200). Individuals will receive a tax receipt from ShelterBox Canada for their personal donations.
- Weekly meeting fee will increase to \$10.00 effective 7 October.
- 3 Paul Harris ties available from President Linda (blue, green and burgundy) for a donation to foundation.
- Cumberland Ready Mix's decorated truck will help us raise funds for the Paramedic Volunteer Bike Squad. Included will be a pancake breakfast on 13 December at Comox Centre Mall. More details to follow. Santa will be delivered in the truck twice and we'll be involved seeking donations.
- The world's financial situation has been the hottest topic in the news in the past few days. To read the address by RI's Secretary General, Ed Futa, on Rotary's position: <http://www.rotary.org>
- **Steven Baird and Street Smart Kidz have organized a Day of Pink across the province on 1 October so encouraged everyone to wear pink to give a pink eye to bullying.**
- **Program 7 October:** Steve Brunyeel and Franklin Shoop - Timber West
- **October Greeters:** Courtney Jackson and Debbie Lemire
- **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.

On 7 October, 1975, the BC government enacted back-to-work legislation, ending a series of labour disputes in the province's forestry, pulp, food and propane industries.

Rotary Moment



Canada Boosts Global Commitment to End Polio -By Dan Nixon

Rotary International News -- 22 September 2008



Past RI President Wilfrid J. Wilkinson (far left) and International PolioPlus Committee Chair Robert S. Scott join Beverley J. Oda, Canada's Minister of International Cooperation, in Ottawa, where Oda announced Canada's \$30 million contribution to help end polio in sub-Saharan Africa. Wilkinson and Scott are both Canadian Rotarians.

The Canadian government has announced it is contributing \$30 million toward eradicating polio in sub-Saharan Africa. The funding follows \$60 million earmarked in June to help end the disease in Afghanistan. "Canada's contribution will ensure that millions of children in sub-Saharan Africa and Afghanistan are protected against polio," said Oda, on 4 September. "Our innovative partnership with Rotary International, along with the World Health Organization and UNICEF, will help ensure that we move toward destroying this crippling disease."

Canada's latest contribution will help launch national immunization campaigns in sub-Saharan Africa, and at least \$15 million will support disease surveillance and training for medical professionals in Nigeria. The funding comes at a critical time for Nigeria, according to WHO. A polio outbreak in the northern part of the country is putting the sub-Saharan region at risk, and stepped-up immunization activities are essential to prevent the disease from spreading. In Afghanistan, Canada's support is helping to immunize seven million children under age five against polio. The effort includes mapping nomadic migration routes and establishing vaccination points at major border crossings to synchronize immunization schedules between Afghanistan and Pakistan. So far, Canada has contributed almost \$331 million to the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, making it one of the top five government donors.

"Canada has led the way in the fight to eradicate polio from the face of the world," said Past RI President Wilfrid Wilkinson. "As chair of Rotary's polio eradication advocacy for Canada, I congratulate the government for its generosity, which is strategically directed to Nigeria and Afghanistan, two of the four remaining polio-endemic countries in the world."

Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarian: Bayne Mann of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise. Guest: Kathy Stevens, guest of husband, Dave

October Birthdays

Birthdays: 7 October: Bill Armstrong, 20 October: Alinda Ware. No one in our club is celebrating an anniversary in October. Best wishes Bill and Alinda from all of us.

Parting Shots—Tour de Rock 2008

