



# The Miner's Lamp

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***This month's focus is on Rotary magazines and other publications used to inform, educate and promote Rotarians. Make some time to read the Rotarian every month. It will keep you "in the know". Reading your club newsletter regularly is also a great***

## Taiwanese Master of Glass Art



We were honoured by the presence of Taiwanese Master of Glass Art and his daughter Rita. Master Full Huang was also accompanied by Gin Lin, owner of TF Sawmill and maple Pool Campsite who acted as interpreter for Master Haung. Master Haung was in Cumberland to demonstrate his skill during the annual

Taiwanese Lantern Festival. Master Huang is also a Rotarian and member of the Rotary Club of Hsin-Chu in Taiwan. Throughout his distinguished career, Master Huang began learning his craft as a high school student when he became attracted by the brilliance of crystal-like glass and became inspired by a great glass crafter. He later served as an apprentice in a glass factory that produced household items. During this period, he earned just enough money to support himself, far from artistic, the work in the factory helped him to understand the properties of glass and he learned the skills necessary to work with glass. He then moved on to study under senior glass crafters for seven years and in 1990 gained high acclaim Hisin-Chu Arts Show and the joint Exhibit of Artists in Northern Taiwan. At the time, experts predicted that Master Haung would one day excel in his field. By 2005 he had earned national and international recognition and earned him the title: "Home of Taiwan Handicrafts" by the national Taiwanese handicrafts Institute. He now serves as the Chair of the Taiwanese Handicrafts Development Association and has devoted much of his time and efforts to promote glass art. He also teaches glass crafting skills to students at a Junior High School in an effort to develop interest among young people who some day will take his place. Master Haung demonstrates his skills at the CRI Hall at 11 AM and 2 PM every day of the Festival with an additional show at 4 PM on Saturday.

## 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.
- The Mexican GSE (Group Study Exchange) Team will visit our area. Leader- Dr. Natlio G. Solis age 44, male, internal medicine. Members: - Angel Isaac Diaz Goytortua, age 28, male, Mechanical engineer, Computer engineer. - Antonio Cantu Galvin, age 40, male, University Prof, Civil engineer - Christian Emilio Saldana Lopez, age 25, male, Computer engineer - Erika Rodriguez Garcia, age 25, female, University Administrator - Wendi Paola Alvarado Garcia, age 25, female, Coordinator.
- **Effective 1 April, our club will begin meeting at The Gatehouse Bistro and Gallery at the corner of 3rd and Penrith, one block off Dunsmuir.**
- Katimavik will work in the orchard on A Day for Africa, **Saturday**, 5 April and not on Sunday as previously announced.
- John C issued a second revision of the Club Directory. If you don't have one, you were not present so see John at the next meeting. PLEASE review your personal information and send John an e-mail with any corrections and additions. If you don't, the errors and omissions will appear in the 2008-09 Directory. [johnpegc@telus.net](mailto:johnpegc@telus.net)
- Steven Baird and his daughter Jade informed us of the phenomenal success of Street Smart Kidz and their plans to add two videos to the website: [www.streetsmartkidz.ca](http://www.streetsmartkidz.ca) One will provide guidance on what a child should do if asked for directions by someone in a vehicle and also how to do "the worm". On Sunday, 25 May, Missing Children's Day (worldwide) at Village Park School gymnasium, 200 children wearing special T Shirts will demonstrated the worm. JET FM and Guinness Book of World Records will be in attendance to highlight the largest demonstration of the worm ever in the world. Four spaces for advertisers are available at \$600 each on the back of the shirts. Contact Steven at: [baird3@shaw.ca](mailto:baird3@shaw.ca).
- The District 5020 newsletter can be found at: <http://www.rotary5020.org/newsletter.pdf>
- District Conference in Parksville 29 May to 1 June. [www.rotary5020.org](http://www.rotary5020.org)
- Our 2008 Installation dinner will be on Tuesday, 24 June at the Kingfisher. Meal will be a barbecue. \$25 per person. See Dave Stevens for tickets and to the event.



### **Program 8 April: Neil Vokey - Adventures in Film, Laramie Ferguson - RYLA and Linda and Brad Interview**

### **April Greeters:** Linda Oprica and John Challender

**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.

# Rotary Moment

## **What Paul Harris Said March 30, 2008**

[www.whatpaulharrissaid.org](http://www.whatpaulharrissaid.org)

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March 30 2008

*"Love is mightier than hate. Give it one half the advertising that hate has had and there will be no more war". The Rotarian magazine, February 1924 [http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1924\\_2opinion.htm](http://www.whatpaulharriswrote.org/rotarian/1924_2opinion.htm)*

As Paul Harris would observe if he were alive today, it is so sad that the world's media largely ignore our successful club projects that change peoples lives for the better and concentrate on the negative violence that plagues the planet.

That is why Rotary clubs ought to establish a publii8.9fcno s

## Attendance

23 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians: Al Begquist and Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise, Blaine Douglas and Bent Harder of the RC of Courtenay and Dale Roberts of the RC of Comox. Guests included Jade Baird, Gin Lin, Master Full Huang and his daughter Rita, representing the Taiwanese Lantern Festival.

## April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays: 7 - Cathe Egan, Alan deJersey 10 - John Challender

Anniversaries: 25 - Jon and Marguerite Toogood 26 - President Keith and Joanne Tatton  
Best wishes to all of you.

## Parting Shot



As a way of getting to know our new members, Linda interviewed Liz Phillipson. Liz began by explaining that her accent is from her origins in South Africa. She married Elmer and then moved to Zimbabwe. She and Elmer ended up in the Comox Valley with their three sons (7, 5 & 2), \$100 in cash because of an opportunity in the Comox Valley Animal Hospital. Liz has been designing websites for various clients for about seven years and continues to support Elmer in his practice. Liz enjoys the

challenges she faces in designing every site and the people with whom she has contact. Liz decided to become a Rotarian to put something back into the community. Liz is most proud of her sons and her husband. What she likes most about her sons is that they are genuinely nice people. Her greatest joy was in raising her sons with Elmer's help. Son William lives in Boston with his spouse and two sons and is in the computer side of travel. Son Ron and his spouse, who have two daughters, is a family physician in Toronto. Son Daniel is in the financial world and lives and works in Munich. Daniel will be married in Rome next week with his proud parents in attendance. Daniel's new wife is Italian and also works in Munich. One of Liz' greatest challenges was attending a graphic arts program at North Island College.



## Melodrama News

### The City Slicker and Our Nell

A melodrama directed by our own Gale Wheeler and featuring many of our club



members in the cast and crew will open at 7:00 PM on Thursday, 15 May in the Cumberland United Church. A special performance for Rotarians only will be held on Friday, 16 May and the final, evening performance will be held on Monday, 19 May. Two matinee performances will be held on 17 and 19 May at 2:00 PM. Proceeds will be used to fund a community project. Only 175 seats will be available for each performance. Tickets will be available soon. Admission will be \$10 per adult, \$5 per child, 12 and under. Families of four will be admitted for a special family rate of \$25 and there will be a special price for Rotarians for the exclusively Rotarians-only event. Rehearsals have started and will be held twice per week on Wednesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. The director estimates 3 hours will be required for each rehearsal. A fun-filled event for the whole family and for all the participants. See Gale to volunteer to replace Robb Flannery who has had to withdraw from his role.