

The Miner's Lamp

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On 23 February, World Polio Day, Rotarians everywhere will mark the 106th anniversary of the founding of Rotary International. In some cities, huge images of the End Polio Now logo will be projected on public buildings and mayors will proclaim the day "Rotary Day" to mark Rotary's object of advancing understanding, good will and peace throughout the world.

Liberia Project



Our guest speakers on Tuesday were Rotarians Terry Smith and Wayne Leach and Wayne Crossen of the Rotary Club of Langley Central. That's Terry on the left and Wayne Leach on the right. These Rotarians explained their proposal for a project in partnership with our club and the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise to help people in Liberia. Terry has donated \$10,000 and his club another \$15,000. They have found a club in Liberia with which to partner for a Foundation grant but, since the Langley club is not in a RFV (Rotary Future Vision) district and the Liberian club is, it is not possible to develop the connections needed. Since our district, 5020, is a RFV district, the Langley club, through Terry's connection to Paul Vroom, decided to propose that they would provide the funds for the project through our two clubs. The passion for helping Liberians, children and adults alike, began when Terry's son and daughter-in-law decided to adopt two Liberian orphans. By visiting Liberia, Terry became very aware of the need to help people who had been ravaged by the brutal Taylor regime whose troops used to hack the arms and or legs off boys and men in villages to make them "less than men". The project will help provide prosthetics for these unfortunates and medical services as well as a vehicle and other farming equipment to help the villagers become self-sufficient in agriculture. The need is great so the leveraging that will occur through the Rotary Foundation will be tremendous.

Announcements

The truth is easy to understand when it is discovered. The point is to discover the truth.~Galileo Galilei

- 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 Alan: When asked to report on Plan, PE Deb reported that Plan was moved to her new host family on Sunday.

- Linda read a letter of resignation from Casper who has had to withdraw for business reasons. He will continue to support the club through his wife Adri.



- Bob McQuillan announced that the organizers of the RYE Conference from 9 to 13 February are looking for accommodations for 8 students. Hosts will meet with their charges at the dinner meeting at the Best Western Westerly Hotel at on Wednesday evening at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, 9 February and take them home. Thursday morning the students must be at the ferry terminal in time for the 6:28 AM departure to Powell River and be picked up when the last ferry returns to Comox at 10:00 PM. Friday is ski day so the students will be taken to Mount Washington via bus. They will need breakfast and a bag or box lunch and then need to be picked up and returned to their host families' homes for dinner with their hosts. Saturday the students will attend the conference at the Florence Filberg Centre for the day. Saturday evening dinner with host families followed by a dance at the soccer club on Lerwick near the Mark R. Isfeld Secondary School. Sunday morning the students are to be delivered to the bus assembly area to return to their host club communities. These were the details provided at the meeting. For further information, please contact our RYE officer, Jon T, at: jmtoogood@yahoo.ca ~Ed.
- Jon T announced that two students have been selected for Adventures in Film in Powell River: Josh Robertson and Isabella Conrad. Tatyanna Kurucz will attend Adventures in Culinary Arts in Sooke. All three sponsored by our club.
- Sergeant-at-Arms Keith promised to fine those Cumberland Rotarians who have not "liked" our Facebook page by our next meeting. Just go to our website and you can link to our site or go to your Facebook page and link to our club's Facebook page. Our DG Bob Martin likes our site!
- **February Greeters:** Dodie and Jay with help from Kim.
- **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



International Assembly Inspires Rotary Leaders to Embrace Humanity

The next class of Rotary district governors emerged from the 2011 International Assembly in San Diego, California, with new ideas, skills, and friendships that will help them lead during the 2011-12 year.

RI President-elect Kalyan Banerjee began the week by inspiring the 530 governors-elect to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity. "In order to achieve anything in this world, a person has to use all the resources he can draw on. And the only place to start is with ourselves and within ourselves," he said. Later in the week, Banerjee announced plans for the 2011-12 Changemaker Award, which will recognize Rotary clubs that make an extraordinary impact through their work in the Avenues of Service.

In his address to the governors-elect, RI Director John C. Smarge spotlighted one of Rotary's greatest challenges: "Since 2003, we have added 2,552 Rotary clubs yet only increased our overall membership by 226 members." Smarge encouraged Rotary leaders to strengthen clubs by branding Rotary as the organization of choice for business, professional, and community leaders throughout the world. Katie Ischkin, president and founder of the Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, offered her perspective on a new approach to Rotary during the fifth plenary session. The 27-year-old change management consultant said that minor changes in the format of club meetings can go a long way in attracting busy young professionals to Rotary.

RI President Ray Klinginsmith elaborated on Rotary values during the final plenary session. "Service, fellowship, integrity, diversity, and leadership are our core values, which I prefer to call our Rotary DNA," Klinginsmith said. "Those traits are what distinguish us from other organizations. There is no doubt that we can help our club leaders to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity, and to make the world a better place, because we have been doing it for more than 100 years, and we do it better than anyone else in the world."

Attendance

20 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 1 February. We missed the company of: Catherine, Dodie, Jay, Cathe, Robb, Mac, Steve, Rob and David S. Visiting Rotarians: Terry Smith, Wayne Leach and Wayne Crossen of the Rotary Club of Langley Central and Bob McQuillan of the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Guests: Leanne Vaughan and her son Onyx and Kevin Taul, a new resident of Cumberland.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in February

Birthday: 23 Dodie Brand - Rotary's 106th birthday a birthday! No one in our club was married in February.

Parting Shots



President Alan presented a cheque for \$500 to Onyx and his mother, Leanne Vaughan, in support of Fertile Ground.



BCAA Courtenay Manager, Linda Farrell, and President Alan congratulated Courtenay Rotarian Ken Grant as the successful bidder on the hockey package organized by Jill

February Programs

8 Bruce Williams from CTV—Jeneece Place 9 RYE dinner at the Westerly at 6:00 PM
15 Club Assembly 22 Pieter Vorsters—Community Way Dollars

Chuckle Corner

My Prayer for 2011

Dear God,

All I ask for in 2011 is a big, fat bank account and a slim body...

Please don't mix these up like you did last year.
Amen.