



The Miner's Lamp

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June is the month that Rotarians all over the world celebrate the existence of the many fellowships that help connect people with particular interests and activities, providing an excellent avenue to learn and share.

To learn more, see: http://www.rotary.org/Rldocuments/en_html/fellowships_files/frame.htm

African Experience



The dynamic duo of Tanya Harmon and Terry Nielsen spoke to us on Tuesday about their experiences in Africa, specifically in Kenya. Both Tanya and Terry were part of two separate GSE teams and now Terry is a Rotarian in the Rotary Club of Strathcona Sunrise. Their experience occurred following their marriage and

served as their honeymoon. Tanya and Terry asked their family and friends to fund a trip to Africa in lieu of wedding gifts. During their time in Africa, they visited several project sites including some funded through matching grants through Nielsen's club and our club. Their great slide show provided us with vivid images of the faces of the people affected by the work of Rotary and funds donated by friends from providing reliable sources of potable water to building desks for schools to seeing microcredit in action. Terry, who is a fish biologist used his expertise to help landowners who were very poor to establish ponds and raise fish. In addition, they visited slums, and helped Valleyview Elementary School in the Comox Valley connect with kids in an orphanage whose money helped purchased cows, the gift that keeps on giving. Soccer balls were provided for students in a school. Terry explained some of the frustrations that providing aid to needy people create and how they had to adapt to the realities of the culture and customs of the Kenyans they encountered. A remarkable couple with big hearts!

Announcements

- 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 Linda** Reminder everyone that Keith has tickets for the Installation Dinner on 23 June. \$30 each. Reminder that the barbecue for CYMC Musical Theatre students is on Sunday 28 June. Dodie will provide more details. DG Brian sent a message indicating that a new club, the RC of Gig Harbour North will receive its charter on 30 June at 6 PM in Gig Harbour. First new club to be chartered in our district in 4 years.
- PE Steve informed us that there will be a work party at the Chinese/ Japanese cemetery 10 AM on Saturday and Sunday, 6 & 7 June. Club Board meetings for the coming year will be held at Carmie's on the first Thursday of the month at 7:15 AM. First meeting will be on 11 June, agenda will be sent via e-mail.
- Dale Roberts offered Ducky tickets for \$10.
- **Program 9 June: Shall Sinha - Teachings of Gandhi and the 4-Way Test**
- **June Greeters:** Robb Flannery and Brad McKinnon
- **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



2009 Rotary International Convention

The 2009 RI Convention in Birmingham, England, 21-24 June. Be a part of history and celebrate the 100th Rotary convention, which will take place in Birmingham, the heart of England!

If you haven't been back to Birmingham since the 1984 convention, you may not recognize this former industrial town. Now a lively canal city known for its outstanding shopping and dining, Birmingham — or Brum, as the natives call it — underwent a dramatic facelift in the 1990s. The transformation resulted in a modern, more pedestrian-friendly city that retains traces of its medieval and Industrial Age roots.

Download the convention booklet

http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdfc09_registration_booklet_en.pdf

for more reasons to go to Birmingham in 2009. This 24-page booklet also contains registration, hotel reservation, and Host Organization Committee forms.

Attendance

21 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 2 June. Visiting Rotarians: George Smyth of the RC of Courtenay and Dale Roberts of the RC of Comox, Terry Nielsen of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise part of the guest speaking team with his spouse Tanya Harmon. Guests: Colleen Clancy, guest of President Linda, and Dylan Brooks grandson of PE Steve.

Birthdays and Anniversaries in June

Birthdays: 6 Steven Baird, 24 Brad McKinnon (30th), 29 Judythe McQuillan.
Anniversaries: 8 Sheila and Kurt Nielsen, 26 Gale Wheeler and Percy Wood. Best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shot



If we are to go on
living together
on this earth,
we must all be
responsible for it.
—Kofi Annan

Chuckle Corner

A CALL TO THE POLICE

George Phillips, a senior citizen of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed, when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed, which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light, but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" He said "No." Then they said "All patrols are busy. You should lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available." George said, "Okay". He hung up the phone and counted to 30. Then he phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them" and hung up.

Within five minutes, six Police Cars, a SWAT Team, a Helicopter, two Fire Trucks, a Paramedic, and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence, and caught the burglars red-handed. One of the Policemen said to George, "I thought you said that you shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!" Don't mess with seniors!