



The Miner's Lamp

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Regional Transit

Jennifer Brunn, Regional District Operations Manager returned to our club to speak about her responsibilities regarding the transit system. Jennifer has been selected to be part of the District 5020 Group Study Exchange team to Mexico in April of next year. Jennifer provided some background on the history of public transit and the inter-relationships among the communities, BC Transit (Provincial Government) contractors, and the Regional District. Transit use has more than doubled (137%) in the past five years in the Comox Valley and serves more than

50,000 riders per month. There are three types of transit in the Comox Valley: conventional (big buses), custom (Handi-Dart), and community buses (serving areas as demand dictates). Fares account for 25% of the cost of the system, The regional district through taxes covers 38% and BC Transit covers the remaining 37%. Public transit reduces energy use, requirements for expanded infrastructure by taking automobiles off the road. Students makeup the largest percentage of transit ridership (48%), adults account for 30%, bus pass users (persons with a need for supplementary support) 14% and seniors only 7%. All conventional buses are wheelchair accessible but rely on stops that are constructed at the right level. The Regional District promotes its use, deals with infrastructure issues and develops plans for future growth. <http://www.rdcs.bc.ca/>

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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.
- 2007 Extrava4 T0fub—Ple5(v)lub—Ple5(v)lub—Ple5(v)lub—Ple5(v)lub—liana97 0 TD

Rotary Moment



Why I am a Rotarian: Federico Compean III SEPTEMBER 30, 2007

www.whyiam.org

I'm a Rotarian because of very fond memories. Rotary reminds me of my grandfather who was a charter member of the San Luis Potosi RC in 1925 and District Governor in 1943/1944 and was a role model for me.

The first time I spoke in public, was to my father's Rotary Club at our return from the International Convention on November 13th, 1957, I was seven. My Father was also District Governor, 50 years after my Grandfather in 1993/1994

I'm a Rotarian, because most of my friends are Rotarians, because Rotary has been a University for me. It has taught me to listen instead of just hearing, to communicate instead of just talking, to coordinate instead of leading, it has taught me the greatness of some and the humility of others. It has taught me to be a good person.

I'm a Rotarian because I like to serve and help people, and Rotary gives me the opportunity to do so in an organized and international manner.

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Attendance

Eighteen Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting last week. Visiting Rotarians included: Chip Ross of the RC of Strathcona Sunrise and Laurie Baird of the RC of Courtenay. John Dickson of the Comox Bay Yacht Club

October Birthdays—No Anniversaries this month

Please wish Bill Armstrong (barmstro@shaw.ca) a Happy Birthday on 7 October and Alinda Ware (alinda@island.net) the very best on 20 October.

Parting Shot



John Dickson of the Comox Bay Sailing Club thanked Rotary for supporting their underprivileged children sailing program this past summer.

Chuckle Corner

A Child's Prayer

