



The Miner's Lamp

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Rotarians are encouraged to raise awareness about Rotary in their communities through their family members, friends and associates and through the media.

Diane Maxted, CYMC



At our meeting today, Diane Maxted, past President of Courtenay Youth Music Center updated us on the 2010 summer program.

This year CYMC will be housed at Mark Isfeld School, which will enable the students to have all their classes and food and accommodation in one location.

Last year's Musical Theatre tour was so successful that this year's production of 'Sweeny Todd!' will go on tour to Duncan and Victoria after their performances at the Sid. The classical students have a two week program from 4th -18th July, the Jazz program from 18th -31st July, while the Musical Theatre runs from July 3rd to July 25th.

Diane has just returned from the Envision Jazz Festival, a youth music festival in Vancouver where she presented one full scholarship of \$800 and four half scholarships (\$400) to CYMC, as part of the awards ceremony.

CYMC is working to find ways in which they can support 'The Adventures in Music', a hosting program for students who have been sponsored by their local rotary club. The 'Adventures in Music' was started by Strathcona Sunrise Rotarian Alan Webster. Diane mentioned that it has become evident that they will be receiving many requests for bursaries and scholarships for this year. Another way in which we can help CYMC is by providing housing for facility members, many of who offer their expertise at a fraction of their normal stipend, because they enjoy staying in our beautiful Comox Valley.

"Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value." - Albert Einstein

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 Steve:



- You can register your team on line for the Snowshoe Blast. The organizers have signed up several more sponsors. There are four weeks left to go!
- Billy Strathan needs support for his expenses to attend the Outbound Scholars Orientation for the Ambassadorial Scholarship. A motion was approved to pay his expenses.



- Al reported on the 2010 District Leadership Training Assembly in Port Angeles, Washington. He brought us a banner with the 2010/2011 theme "Building Communities and Bridging Continents". Al also mentioned that they announced that Cumberland RC member John Challender is the incoming district PR officer. Chantal, who also attended the meeting, remarked on how impressed she is by the power of the Rotary organisation which does so much locally and internationally, and yet everyone is so welcoming and kind, and down to earth.
- The March meeting will be held at "The Wandering Moose" in the old Cumberland Post Office Building.
- Apologies from our speaker, Bob Wells of CYMC. He was up all night with his young daughter who is suffering from flu and he overslept this morning.

Did you know?

In the 1400's a law was set forth in England that a man was allowed to beat his wife with a stick no thicker than his thumb. Hence we have 'the rule of thumb'

March Greeters: Keith and Linda

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

The Founders



The first four Rotarians:

(from left) Gustavus Loehr,
Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey,
and Paul P. Harris

Courtesy of Rotary Images

On the evening of 23 February, 1905, lawyer Paul Percy Harris and his friend, Silvester Schiele, a coal merchant, dined at Madame Galli's Restaurant and walked to the office of mining engineer, Gustave Loehr at Room 711 of Chicago's Unity Building, across the corridor from Paul Harris' office, where they met with Loehr and manufacturing tailor, Hiram Shorey to discuss the formation of a club to promote friendship and matters of mutual interest.

There are several accounts of how Harris came to have the idea of such a club. One is that it grew from an evening walk he had with another lawyer who was well-known and greeted many people as they passed. Another is that it was suggested to him a year before by Gus Loehr.

The four decided in favour of the proposal and agreed to meet again two weeks later at Loehr's office when they were joined by Harry Ruggles, a printer. On March 23 the group met again at the coal yard of Silvester Schiele on 12th and State streets where they were joined by organ builder, William Jenson and Real Estate dealer A.W.White. Paul Harris was offered the presidency of the new club but declined and Schiele was elected. The tempestuous and unpredictable Loehr only attended three meetings and Shorey moved to his native Maine for a time before returning to Chicago, where he took no further active part. In spite of this both remain forever members of Rotary's First Four.

Courtesy Norm Winterbottom RC of Milford

Attendance

17 Cumberland Rotarians attended our meeting on 2nd February.

Visiting Rotarians: Blaine Douglas from the RC of Courtenay.

Guests: Diane Maxted, CYMC

Anniversaries & Birthdays in February

Anniversaries: none this month.

Birthdays: 8th Wayne Girody, 23rd Dodie Brand.

Our best wishes to everyone.

Parting Shots



Our March Venue!

In the month of March, Gary and Carmie will be away on vacation. We will be meeting at :

"The Wandering Moose Café"

2680 Dunsmuir Avenue, Cumberland.



March Programs

- 2 – Kathryn Chung & Tom Patterson re plans for the ILO ILO theatre
- 9 – Glen Wildes – VI Community Connections
- 16 – TBA
- 23 – Murray McRae & kids from Vanier re garden project
- 30 – Andrea Grieg re Team Terrific

Chuckle Corner

Young Gordy lived in Vancouver and bought a donkey from a farmer for \$100. The farmer agreed to deliver the donkey the next day. The next day he drove up saying, "Sorry son, but I have bad news, the donkey died!"

Gordy replied, "Well, then just give me my money back!"

The farmer said, "Can't do that. I went and spent it already!"

Gordy said, "Okay then, just bring me the dead donkey!"

The farmer asked, "What ya gonna do with a dead donkey?"

Gordy said, "I'm going to raffle him off!"

The farmer said, "You can't raffle off a dead donkey."

Gordy said, "Sure I can, I just won't tell anybody he's dead."

A month later the farmer met up with Gordy and asked, "What happened with that dead donkey?"

Gordy said, "I raffled him off. I sold 500 tickets at \$2 each and I made a profit of \$898."

The farmer asked, "Didn't anyone complain?"

Gordy said, "Just the guy who won, so I gave him is \$2 back."

Gordy now works for the government.

