

Campbell River Daybreak Rotary

THE SPINNING REEL

January 14, 2020, MHC.



Rotary Four Way Test

1. Is it the truth?
2. Is it fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build goodwill and better friendships?
4. Will it be beneficial to all?

Attendance:

Daybreak Members Present:	33
Number of Makeups:	35
Total:	68
Current Membership:	54
Attendance Percentage:	126%

♦ Meeting Officially Called to Order: Ron Fisher

- ♦ Oh Canada led by Noon Club import Larry Chen...how come it sounded better?

♦ Secretary Report: Kelly Fisher (Fish's "left hand woman")

- ♦ Sandra R presented the thank-you Christmas tree from the Single Parents Christmas Lunch.
- ♦ Guests: Ian Baike, Tracy Baranyai, Kye Fawkes, Lisa Etter, Gerry Beltgens, Tara Jordan, Mike Rushton, Larry Chen, Marie Winkel, Mitch Kearnes, Steve Daigle.
- ♦ Birthdays/Ann: Soon to be member Mitch's ANN, Terry J BD.



♦ Fining Sargent: Sandra Parkes

- ♦ Sandra took the idea from Taylor Paddington's class calendar to ask each table what notables should be mentioned "If you're from Campbell River". Some of the responses were:
 - ♦ Fishing, Big Rock, Thong's Jewelers, Ripple Rock Trail, Tidemark Theatre, the ocean.
- ♦ Sandra then fined anyone who didn't notice she wasn't wearing her name tag.

♦ Happy/Sad Bucks:

- ♦ Shawn C was happy to be leaving to Mexico for 8 weeks but knew Norm would be sad to have to do the bulletin for a while...sorry Norm ;)
- ♦ Norm was happy to give anyone interested a boat ride today to help him move his boat.

◆ **Announcements:**

- ◆ Larry Chen announced that it's Lunar New Year Fundraiser time again. The meal will be at the Driftwood on February 3rd at 6pm. The cost will be \$40 per person and funds raised will go toward World Community Service. Fun and fellowship will be had by all.
- ◆ Doug P let us know that last week's presenter Kyle was found eligible for the District Scholarship. We then formally passed a motion to support him so that Doug can be his mentor and Fish can sign the support document. Good luck Kyle!

◆ **New Member Inductions: Barry Watchorn**

- ◆ Barry welcomed our new candidates to the 1.2 million Rotarians in 35 countries that are part of 35000 clubs.

◆ **Kevin S for Mitch Kearnes:**

- ◆ Kevin met Mitch through his children and wife. It's special when the spouse of a friend of your wife's ends up being cool.
- ◆ Mitch has been a CR resident for 5 years and is the senior manager of United Rentals.
- ◆ His wife is Liz and children Olivia (7) and Lucas (5).
- ◆ Mitch was raised in Vanderhoof, worked in his dad's tire business and then kicked around the North for many years where he survived -55° C in Fort Nelson.
- ◆ His decision to come to CR has been a good one as he is an avid outdoorsman and snowboarder. He also is involved in his children's schooling, most recently building an 8 foot Angry Bird catapult for the school fair that Kevin was glad didn't lead to disaster.
- ◆ It finally dawned on Kevin, during fishing in the chum derby, that when Mitch told him how he'd like to give back to the community that Mitch might be an excellent Rotarian. We know he will be and are happy to welcome him into our Rotary family!

◆ **Yvonne P-P for Steve Daigle:**

- ◆ Steve was born in Toronto where his father was a Rotary President. Steve has always been interested in Rotary but had been too busy running Daigle Marine to join. Now that he's semi-retired he has the time to give back.
 - ◆ Steve moved to CR in 1985 when he started Daigle Marine and then worked to make it a very successful business.
 - ◆ Steve loves the water and wildlife and shared an incredible experience grizzly bear spotting with Yvonne (the whales, eagles etc were just a bonus).
 - ◆ He is also an avid traveler and motorcyclist. He combined these two passions with a 3 week motorcycle tour through Viet Nam which would be an adventure indeed.
 - ◆ Steve is looking forward to finding his niche in our Rotary Club and we're very happy to welcome him into our Club!
- ◆ We then welcomed our new members into our club with a standing ovation and the presentation of our Rotary Certificates and riveting reading material.
- ◆ Congratulations and Welcome from us all!



◆ **Feature Speaker: Gerry Beltgens, Disaster Aid Canada**

- ◆ Gerry is the executive director of Disaster Aid Canada and a member, and past president, of the Ladysmith Rotary Club.
- ◆ Of course Rotarians can't travel without tickets to sell so I'm glad to tell you all I have the winning ticket of the Rotary Dream Vacation Raffle for the Cowichan Hospice Society!
- ◆ On Gerry's first day as executive director the hurricane hit the Bahamas so his learning curve was very steep.
- ◆ His experience has shown him that no one is truly prepared for disaster. The Bahamas storm devastated the community even though they knew it was coming for days. 13000 homes were destroyed with hundreds dead and 9 billion dollars in damage.
- ◆ Gerry's first step was to get 101 tents and hygiene equipment sent from Victoria to the Bahamas as shelter and water are always the first necessity. They were fortunate to be paired with Disaster Aid International and Rotary clubs in Bahama as they could bypass government red tape and bureaucracy.
- ◆ Once the tents were in the Bahamas they worked with the local Boy Scouts to erect tent cities for the short term. As residents moved back to work on their homes the tents moved with the families and are now still being used more than 4 months later.
- ◆ Gerry has helped raise over \$40000 towards aid in the Bahamas and many volunteers (including some Ladysmith Interact students) have gone to help rebuild.
- ◆ The mission of Disaster Aid Canada is to help with housing and humanitarian aid in international disasters. They also work with local emergency groups to improve emergency preparedness. Disaster Aid Canada are not first responders but help in rebuilding.
- ◆ Disaster Aid Canada is currently involved in both the Australian fires, the Philippine's, and in Puerto Rico.
- ◆ Thanks Gerry for an amazing presentation and for all the great work you, and Disaster Aid Canada, do!



Next Meeting: January 21, 2020 at MHC

- Speaker: Mark Wunsch, Sandra Parrish; Elk Falls App
- Greeters: Craig Cormier & Dan Wickham
- Foundation Desk: David Free
- Fining Sgt: Norm Facey

◆ Reminders:

- Planning a meeting, email details to: meetings@duckdip.ca
- Want to see the roster schedule, go to: <http://duckdip.ca/member/>