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Rotary Clubs of Campbell River

ROTARY CORNER



ROTCY STUDENTS of the MONTH

ECOLE PHOENIX MIDDLE SCHOOL, CODY DESPINS, GRADE 9, Teacher Dan Jackson

Rotarians heard about Cody's focus and motivation, work habits and quality of work produced, his straight "A's" in Grades 7 and 8 and high standards. Cody is keenly interested in the community and is very active in school leadership. He supplements his academic achievements in sports, including baseball, soccer, volleyball and surfing.

eBLEND, DISTRIBUTED LEARNING PROGRAM, S.D. 72, JONAH KRUESEL, GRADE 8, Teacher June Hinshaw

The eBlend may stand for exceptional academics. Jonah is "an avid volunteer and a positive and influential role model for younger students; a positive attitude and a joy for learning". He vibrates with excitement in math, physics and computers. Jonah won a B.C. Technology Scholarship for a web page layout. He is tops in his Grade 10 geometry class. He teaches animation to enrichment students. Jonah helps in science workshops and tutoring students in computer programming. In his Church he teaches Sunday school, handles audiovisual and serves as recreation director. Jonah was selected to represent Campbell River as a young ambassador in the Ishikari, Japan Twinning Program. Jonah is an exceptional Grade 8 student.

ELM ALTERNATE, ROBRON CENTRE, CONTINUING EDUCATION, SD #72, AMANDA TRAA, Teacher Shelley Hollingshead

Amanda is "stunningly focused with a true sense of purpose to achieve meaningful educational and work goals". The alternate learning program drew her to Elm School where she demonstrates an independent learning style and self motivation. She is thoughtful and mature beyond her years, supportive of others and always has a kind word and attentive ear. Amanda will complete her adult Dogwood graduation this December. Her goal is to secure a future in the Early Childhood Education field.

TIMBERLINE SECONDARY SCHOOL, KRISTINA VALLANCE, GRADE 12, Counselor Lori Kobciak

Kristina is a steady "Honour Roll" student who happens to be outstanding in the field of citizenship. She is part of the Interact Club at Timberline, serves on the grad committee and is intensely involved in student leadership. Kristina leads by example and looks after the details to ensure things run smoothly and, as planned. She is always "lending a hand". Outside of school Kristina volunteers at the SPCA and plays hockey. Next fall she plans to pursue a university degree in the sciences.

PROGRAM of the MONTH - IAN ROBERTS, MARINE HARVEST CANADA

Ian is the marketing manager for Marine Harvest. They produce 45,000 tonnes of farmed Atlantic salmon in B.C. every year, representing over 50% of the B.C. exports. They have 550 employees on the north island, 7,500 worldwide in facilities in Norway, Chile, Scotland, Canada, Ireland and the Shetland Islands. The number of support or contractor staff is also significant. Salmon are hatched and grown to smolts (12 - 18 months) in freshwater facilities and then moved to any one of 35 coastal production sites and grown to a harvest size of 6 kilograms. The product is fresh marketed in Canada, USA and Asia. Demand for this good tasting, nutritious protein is rapidly expanding, thanks in part to the recognition of the health benefits of Omega 3 fatty acids.



The fish farming industry is under the watchful eye of many government agencies. It is the most scrutinized farm producer on the planet. Salmon are not given unnecessary antibiotics (only as prescribed by veterinarians) nor do they contain added hormones or steroids. The rich orange flesh colour comes from feed additive, carotenoid pigments. This is the same natural property that wild salmon get by eating shrimp and krill. No dyes have been added to farmed fish since early 2000. The fish farm industry is doing well on North Vancouver Island.

ROTARY STUDENT EXCHANGE PROGRAM

This year the noon club hosted Vojtech Cerny from Pisek, Czech Republic. Vojta, a tall 17 year old red head, attended Carihi and never tired of telling stories about his new nation, its long history, attractions and bright future.

Our exchange is Hannah Keiver from Timberline who is our young ambassador to Croatia. Hanna is in the town of Verazdin that she says is smaller in size but greater in population than Campbell River. She can walk anywhere in no time flat. Croatia is a difficult language to learn but she has excelled at listening and understanding; it is the responding that is the challenge. She is one of six exchange students in Croatia. They will join with students from Austria and Hungary for a 3 week tour of Europe. She has spent some time in Budapest and toured about recently when her parents and sister visited for two weeks. Hannah says things are going great, she loves Croatia, her friends, families, food, the people and the life is just wonderful!

INTERACT CLUBS at CARIHI and TIMBERLINE

The Rotary clubs sponsor student "Interact" Rotary clubs at both secondary schools. Carihi has 30 members; Dale McLoughlin is the teacher and Jerry Dennison the noon club contact for Carihi. The Timberline membership numbers 20, Barb Izard is the teacher rep and club co-Presidents are Meghan Smith and Kailee Kotilla. The clubs are independent of each other but both raised funds to provide Shelter Boxes for humanitarian relief around the world. Each club bought two at a cost of \$1,200 each. These boxes are strategically placed around the world for immediate deployment to natural disaster sites; earthquake, tsunamis, flood, fire, war, etc. People are left homeless. The shelter boxes contains a tent, bedding and supplies for 10 and emergency rations and are designed for six months or more of service. Interact students are often selected for the various Rotary Adventure programs and often work side by side with Rotarians in the latter's community and club activities. The clubs joined in sending a container of school supplies to Liberia.

The Timberline crew published a cookbook (400 copies) and raised \$1,900, worked with Children's Day, made, decorated and sold Christmas cookies, raised funds for the Women's Shelter, JADE and the Food Bank. The Carihi club aided the C.F. in marketing "frightlites", worked the beach cleanup, aided the Sally Ann Kettle drive, sang Christmas carols around town and sent 30 shoe box size containers of aid to third world countries. The two Interact clubs jointly raise upwards of \$10,000 a year cash and donate time and materials to making the community and the world a better place. Thanks gang!

ROTARY BITS and PIECES

WHEELCHAIRS, INTERNATIONAL SERVICE

Last year the two Rotary clubs joined in sending a container of wheelchairs (sanctioned by the Wheelchair Foundation of Canada) to Peru. This year another container was shipped, this one to San Cristobal, Venezuela. A container holds 280 wheelchairs which cost \$150 each or \$42,000. The fundraising was by private donations with the central event being the Tapas Dinner at North Island College on April 4. Rotarians Hanzi Zihlmann and Tom Robinson of the morning club just returned from participating in the delivery of chairs to grateful recipients in six different cities. The Tapas evening is now an annual event.

YOUTH ASSISTING SENIORS PROJECT, DAYBREAK ROTARY and JOHN HOWARD SOCIETY, - ODD JOB ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS

The John Howard Society of North Island and Daybreak Rotary have partnered to assist local seniors in getting "odd jobs" done while helping youths to gain useful employment skills doing yardwork, light housekeeping, chores and other tasks for residents over 60 and without means to direct hire. The JHS of NI will supervise. For further information on Youth for Seniors call 250-286-0611. Funding is capped at \$7,000 from Duck Race proceeds.

42ND ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST, COMMUNITY CENTER, JUNE 21

The noon Rotary club has hosted this traditional Father's Day Sunday breakfast since the mid 60's and probably 50,000 or more meals prepared. Serving starts at 8:00 AM and runs til 12:00 noon. Entertainment, all you can eat and complimentary for seniors. Tickets at the door. Come one, come all!

RELAY FOR LIFE, CANADIAN CANCER SOCIETY, EARLY JUNE 13

The Campbell River chapter of the Canadian Cancer Society is or has hosted their annual Relay for Life run/walk at the Phoenix field, Dogwood and 7th starting early on Saturday, June 13. The noon Rotary club is hosting a pancake and sausage breakfast and is looking to serve/ donate upwards of 700 breakfasts to participants and volunteers.

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