

ROTARY CLUBS OF CAMPBELL RIVER

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DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR is BOB GOWRYLUK, our secretary who is taking a break after five years at the paper helm. Consensus is that the job of secretary is the most demanding / under appreciated duty in a Rotary club. Bob is a new retiree from Investors Group locally. **ROTARY OLD TIMER**, SAM RAINALDI. Sam was born in rural Italy, the farming village of Pagio Perenze which was in the center of a recent, devastating earthquake. Sam arrived in Victoria in 1950, trained as a stone mason (spent 5 years working on Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria) and later spread out into general construction work. Campbell River has been home since the mid 70's. Sam and his wife, Betty, have 3 sons and a tremendous work ethic. This is the worker who organized the Seawalk stones, the Seawalk Centre, 50th Parallel marker, pitched in with bridge and trail building, buildings and generally left his mark on virtually every noon Rotary project in town over the last 25 years. Sam has been fighting cancer, bringing abundant energy and determination to the job just as if it were another community service. We need more Sam Rainaldi's!

DAYBREAK CLUB RECENT NEW MEMBERS:

- Jeff Ackinlose, store manager, Thrifty Foods • Brian Dybwad, articled student with the Attorney General of B.C.
- Don Huestis, manager, Campbell River Optometry Centre • Terry Jacques, paralegal
- Alex Ratson, photographer and cinematographer • Tom Robinson, general manager, Storey Creek Golf Club
- Leah Tremain, owner, Tremain Media Inc • Larry Samson, retired • Jim Voth, business manager, BC Timber Sales
- Cathy Voth, senior manager, Myers Norris Penny

ROTARY COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS UPDATE

NOON CLUB:
 42nd Annual PANCAKE BREAKFAST, Fathers Day, 2009. This year the club served 754 breakfasts and grossed \$2,500, including raffle proceeds of \$650.

RELAY FOR LIFE, Marlene Wright, Pieter Koeleman, Jim Forsythe, Chelsea Marshall, Lyssa Marcil, Amber Wilson, Denise and Josh Hollinger and Lana Eagle comprised the team that raised \$5,135 for cancer research this year. Another team of Rotarians prepared a pancake breakfast for participants.

TIDEMARK THEATRE SOUND SYSTEM. The noon club was delighted to see this task completed by the theatre group. The sound system was original equipment, like 20 years plus old, and in desperate need of an upgrade. Overall costs were about \$125,000, some grants and community fund raising was involved to complement the \$50,000 contributed from T.V. Auction proceeds courtesy of the generous people of Campbell River. You can "hear the difference a good sound system makes".

WORLD COMMUNITY SERVICE. The preschool project in San Pedro Sula, Honduras is now complete. It consists of 4 buildings, houses up to 120 students (\$75,000) In Bolivia, 11 pieces of carpentry shop equipment was supplied for secondary school student teaching (\$25,000). Honduras again, 6 pieces of hospital equipment and a second floor expansion of a vocational school. Our key organizer is Pieter Koeleman. Our WCS team has been active since undertaking a water project in Kivi, Kenya in 1990. The club contribution totals about \$33,000 as a share of the \$450,000 overall costs. These funds are raised from Rotarians or through advertised special fundraising such as the salmon burgers, hot dogs, hamburgers and other goodies at the recent 4th Annual Boat Rodeo that raised about \$1,500. Their motto is "lend a helping hand".

DAYBREAK CLUB:

KENYA WATER AND SANITATION. The Daybreak Rotary Club supported by the Noon Club and a citizens group in Campbell River are working with a Rotary Club in Naivasha, Kenya to develop a water and sanitation project for schools in the community of about 30,000 located north west of Nairobi. The area is arid and much of the water that does exist is high in salinity and not fit for regular use. It is not uncommon for people to have to manually carry clean water for many kilometers to reach schools or homes. The proposed project will see water storage facilities built, latrines replaced with flush toilets, and trees planted, all in and around a number of schools in the community. Water and sanitation projects are a top priority for Rotary International. We are very excited to be able to help people in a community much less fortunate than ours to receive what we consider basic and taken for granted. For communities such as Naivasha such improvements are received gratefully as marvelous gifts.

ANNUAL QUACKER 5000 DUCK RACE. Once again the citizens of Campbell River have shown their support for Rotary and all its contributions to the community. 2009 is our third sell out in a row and we couldn't be more proud of our members whose tenacity in the selling department is legendary. We would like to especially thank Les Lengyel and Erwin Portmann, our two top sellers. The business community also came through with over \$14,000 in corporate sponsorships. On the Duck Dance we made close to \$1,000. All these funds are used for the betterment of our community from supporting local clubs with a new piece of equipment to paying for the renovations for a residence soon to be purchased by the Campbell River Head Injury Society. On behalf of Daybreak Rotary, thank you Campbell River!! We could not do it without you.

DAYBREAK ROTARIANS AT WORK

- Tapas Dance Night fundraiser for the Wheelchair Foundation.
- Installation of lights on the Discovery Pier
- Worked BBQs for the Bike to Work Week, Relay For Life, Children's Festival and the Annual Show and Shine
- Outdoor Shed Construction project - our shed sold for \$3,500 with all proceeds going towards the Head Recovery Society
- Cheque presentation to the John Howard Society and to the North Island College Foundation for a bursary in the Culinary Arts Program
- Watch out for Rotarians at St. Peters Church repairing the CR Community Garden on Saturday October 17th at 10:30am.

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ROTARY BITS & BITES

GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE - VICTORIA STATE, SOUTHERN AUSTRALIA. Our Rotary District 5020 participated in an exchange visit with young professionals from "down under" earlier this year. The team makeup was forestry oriented with the noon club sponsoring Ben Curtis from Interfor locally and the Daybreak club sponsoring Jill Werk of the Ministry of Forests, both of whom are professional foresters. They enjoyed six weeks of intensive familiarization, learned that it was "dam hot" down below, saw the bushfire activity that claimed 210 lives and pondered on the ramifications of growth in the eucalyptus plantations which is five times more rapid than coastal B.C. growth. You can follow the adventures at <http://gse-5020-d9780.blogspot.com/>

ROTARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP AWARDS (RYLA). This annual youth event is a leadership retreat held at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington. 120 students in our Vancouver Island / Olympic Peninsula district got together to mingle and hear speakers talk about leadership and inclusion. The message was that every individual can make a difference to their family, friends, school, community and

their world. The comment was that we should be more inclined to reach out of our comfort zone, meet new people, do random acts of kindness and these small things can make a big difference in another person's life. Daybreak sponsored Timberline students Nadine Hoyt and Marisa Gorjeu while the noon club sent Catalina Kennedy and Mackenzie Roth from Carihi.

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