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“His boat was all iced up and ready to go,” said Gary York. **Gerald “Gerry” Walter Burkholder** (21 June 1944 – 1 October 2014) was all about boats and fishing. As a kid he logged and fished from his putter out of his Grappler home that he shared with his mom, **Zena**, brothers, **Brian** and **Ross**, and sister **Juanita**. He attended Bamfield School where he met **Ruby** (née **Johnson**, a Grappler Romance), who was to become his partner for fifty years. He tuna fished his *Chief Wamish* and in the winter fished with his brother **Ross** for the past forty years. RIP, Jerry. *L. Druehl*, photo Burkholder family (www.bamfielder.ca for collage & family obituary)



Huu-ay-aht to join Premier Christy Clark's trade commission to India. **John Jack** and **James Edwards** will promote a Sarita transshipment hub and LNG facility in addition to other HFN assets, including lands for the Indian film industry, and cultural and natural resources. James noted, this visit would “strengthen ties with the provincial government... It would allow us to net-work with global players. *Huuayaht.org*

Cedar, Salmon and Weed, a novel by me, depicting a fictitious Bamfield in the 1970s is at the Frankfurt International Book Fair, soon to come home, to you. L. Druehl

Remembering Andrew 'Andy' Garcia. (Dec. 20, 1944 to Sept. 21, 2014). Those of us who grew up in the 40's, 50's and 60's in Bamfield spent our days in boats, bush scrambling, visiting up and down the trails and boardwalk and going to school. Birthday parties were big social events and going fishing off the float or in boats were big deals. Andrew enjoyed them all and then went on to fish as a deckhand with his brothers, own a fish boat and then later a tug. He used the tug to boom logs, tow and also work for Coulson's in the Port Alberni harbour and in the canal. He was always happy, up for fun and enjoyed his handsome 'Lord Chamberlain' role in our May Queen events in the Cable Hall [now the marine station] and on the life-boat station lawn. Andy leaves behind his wife **Cheryl**,



sons **Drew** and **Deone**, grandchildren **Steven**, **Anya** and **Adan**. Andy valued family life and occasions, his visits to Bamfield and gathering to reminisce with old friends. His siblings **Dolores**, **Dale**, **Rick**, **Jerry** and **Roseanne**, along with their families, will miss him, as do we his 'childhood' friends. *Suzanne Jennings*, photo *M. Phillips*

Catherine's November Events.

2nd: Self Defense Class
6th: Japanese Cooking Class. \$10
10th & 24th: Toastmasters @ 7pm.
10th: Community Lunch @ noon
11th: Remembrance Day Celebration
10:30am-11:30am.
17th: Community Affairs @ 7:30pm
30th: Christmas Craft Fair
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C. Thompson, BSCA

In Loving Memory of Lisa Rosanne Johnson (April 3, 1964-Sept 28, 2014). She spent the last nine months working in Spiritwood, Sk. as a Bartender. ...much of her previous work involved bartending, cooking, house-keeping & she would work where ever the jobs would take her ...her resume was like a book with interesting chapters in her life ... earlier she worked in Bamfield for HFN, the Bamfield Marine Station, Hook & Web Pub, & at the T & T Restaurant, because work was seasonal she worked at Thetis Is.. where it became a home away from home .. & she always went back if not for work it was to visit her many friends...she worked in places like Nanaimo, Victoria, Duncan, Bella Coola, Nunivut, Iquluit, also in many resorts like Sonora Lodge, ski lodges like Aspen Resort even if the only way up was by helicopter, she always tried new places and made new friends. She will be missed greatly. Lisa leaves behind her mother **Ethel (Eb) Johnson**, her daughter **Laura Johnson (Trevor)** & two grandsons **Humiis (Ethan)**, **Kwasitum (Hector)** two granddaughters **Summer** & **Autum**, twin daughters **Belinda Nookemus** & **Victoria Nookemus (Phil)**, brother **Eddie Johnson sr (Delia)**, niece **Shelley Edgar (Carl)** & family, nephew **Eddie Johnson jr (Janice)** & family .. as well as many other family members sisters, sister in law **Karen Russell** (late **Herbie Nelson jr**) & many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles & friends. *Stella Peters*



Progressive in Anacla. “Too many of our people are living on minimum wage or below the poverty line,” explained Chief Councillor **Jeff Cook**. “It is our hope that [a living wage] will offer our employees choices other than to just survive and live pay cheque to pay cheque.” A living wage is different from minimum wage in that it takes into account the amount a family needs to cover basic expenses. HFN is adopting the living wage calculated for Port Alberni: \$17.22 per hour, or \$33,579 annually. By doing so, it becomes the second community in BC to adopt a living wage policy. *Huuayaht.org*

“Girls just wanna have fun!” On October 8th the 2nd Annual Bamfield Women's Un-birthday Party/Get Together at McKay Bay Lodge was attended by close to 30 women from east, west Bamfield, Anacla, and visiting friends & family from Alberta and Ontario. The festivities centered around a potluck table laden with delectable finger foods, and an assortment of beverages, and a gift exchange game, where each woman's birthday, was mentioned, honored and gifted. Judging from the women I talked to, a good time was had by all. Thank you **Cheryl McKay** for providing the venue, **Susan Evans** for initiating and setting up the event, **Michelle VanBoven** for her leading us in the gift exchange game & to all the women who participated. *Miché Shepherd*

New blood for School Association. 23 Bamfielders learned that the Bamfield Community School Association is fiscally solid, with grants steady and any slack being picked up by income from such events as Authors, Oysters and Ale. The BCSA is working to restart the adult learning program for high school equivalency. Local volunteerism makes this possible. The board is augmenting the school lunch program to the tune of 75 cents per student per day. This is added to \$4.75 contributed by the district (actually \$5 with 25 cents withheld for taxes). **Charlie Clappis** pleaded for more Toast Masters participants: presently there are 18, 20 are needed to make “us official.” AGM election results (*new): **Charlie Clappis** (chair), **Christine Gruman*** (vice chair), **Bob Baden** (treasure), **Nicole Gerbrandt*** (secretary), **Andrea Butler**, **Ruth Holden***, **Kristen Young***, **Kate Rolheiser***, **Sheila Charles**, **Clara Clappis**. Participants were treated to sandwiches and sundaes. **Congratulations BCSA for a great year of community service; Bamfield would be a poorer place without your contributions.** *L. Druehl*

It's a Contest! Eric Geall and Keith Wyton are running for Bamfield's Regional Director. Voting at Fire Hall 8 am-8 pm, Nov. 15, (www.acrd.bc.ca/266 for advance voting & mail ballots, & eligibility)

And they deliberated. 23 Bamfielders listened to politics, considered issues, gave away money, and went home. Seven Community Affairs Directors, by way of ballots marked in the presence of all present, voted unanimously to give the Bamfield Volunteer Fire Department Auxiliary a \$5000 Grant-in-aid to complete cement work at the Fire Hall. Regional Director, **Eric Geall**, reported the pilot testing of our water quality will begin next month at a cost of one hundred thousand dollars. This study will set the scene for a 1 million dollar cure for our water system ills (various chemicals resulting from chlorination of our water). There was concern that this might not be a good use of our money, a Britta filter being a suggested option. Eric Geall and **Keith Wyton** presented themselves as candidates for Regional Director. Eric stated that he wanted to see the projects on our water system and parks and trails through to completion: “to finish what I started.” Keith outlined his connection to Bamfield and emphasized he wanted to work with Bamfield committees and volunteers to resolve problems and advance the community. Following the presentations questions were responded to in a gentlemanly manner. *L. Druehl*

Head-liner. On 17 October, **Rae Hopkins** was bonked on the head by an alder while walking to the park. Heads up, folks!

Red-faced Seaweed Harvesters rescued by Coast Guards **Don Amos** and **Andrew Copping**. Fog settled, compass not trusted, radio battery dead, cell-phoned *16, got Victoria that got Tofino, that got Bamfield that got us: **Kate Rolheiser** and **Tori Reid**, and me. Thank you, CCG. *L. Druehl*

photo Tori Reid



West Park News. Just a couple of photos past their prime, showing the bountiful beds at the West Park community gardens. The yellow boat is the latest to join the fleet of growing beds! We are looking forward to working with **Brian McKay** to address our access to the West Park issues over the winter. We thank all of the volunteers who have just taken it upon themselves to mow the huge field, this 2014 growing season. Please feel free to contact me with concerns or ideas regarding the Parks. Thanks again, *Andrea Butler*, Parks Board Member, photos too.

Port Desire's Empty Nesters. Henri and Eloise successfully fledged two eaglets and are presently busy converting the kids' room into a den. This is the third time in five years two eaglets have been fledged. Unfortunately, on one occasion only one bird survived. *L. Druehl*

A great Thanksgiving luncheon. A sold-out crowd enjoyed the first Bamfield Community School Association lunch of this school season. The cost was up to \$7 from \$5, but who is to complain: roast turkey, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables, cobbler dessert with ice cream. All this plus such a delightful bunch of kids buzzing around. Those wishing could stay for a few minutes and buddy read. Stay tuned for future lunches, RSVP early, and support the school lunch program. *L. Druehl*

Weather Report:
Origins of October fog discovered: from the freshly brushed marine station tennis court. I saw it myself!

Letters and comments are welcome. Submissions will be edited for clarity and taste, and should be brief. Classifieds should not exceed 15 words (no commercial ads). All submissions must have the author's name and telephone number. Submit to ldruehl@island.net. *The New Bamfielder* is a free paper but we encourage readers to contribute to Bamfield Community School Assoc. youth programs. *Louis Druehl*