

Rotary



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09/29/20-Caven Pfeiffer-Sara Parsons

By Gene Klco on Thursday, October 1, 2020

General Discussion:

- Attendance: Members=12, Associate/Honorary Members=2, Guests=2
- Met at Williamston Township Hall Pavilion & via Zoom



- We started with the Pledge of Allegiance and Happy Dollars
- Wanda ran the meeting in Kay's absence

Guest Speakers (via Zoom) were **Caven Pfeiffer & Sara Parsons**



- Caven is a fisherman in Sitka, Alaska

Speakers

October 06, 2020

[Andy Smith](#)

Williamston Schools

October 06, 2020

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Board meeting

October 13, 2020

[Neil Sheridan](#) -

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The Township structure

in Michigan and the role

it plays in Michigan's

governance hierarchy

- He catches ocean fish off the Southern leg of Alaska
- Both he & Sara are originally from Midland
- Caven has a boat, named Sword
 - He runs his small business, Sword Seafood Company from Sitka
 - They catch fish on hook & line
- Sara is an Elementary school teacher in Williamston
 - She acts as his distributor in Williamston
 - She gets orders from local people who want his fresh frozen fish and a few times per year the fish are sent to her for distribution
- Caven started this business a couple years ago
 - There is a lot of seafood fraud
 - 40% of fish is mislabeled
 - Not wild caught - but farm raised
 - Looks like halibut, but isn't
 - He wanted to provide the freshest seafood to friends
 - Started a website so people could order fish
- How he does it?
 - They catch on hook & line - no nets
 - They take care of the fish - one at a time
 - Provides the highest quality
 - Then they put the fish on ice until it can be taken to shore to be filleted and flash frozen
 - Although the boat that catches the fish may be out many days at a time
 - They have tender boats that take the fish to shore regularly for processing
- He has just one boat now - the Sword
 - Sword is a 47' wooden boat built in 1927
 - It was made for rough seas
 - It has been a fishing boat its whole life
 - The captain sits 12-15' over the water for good view of the sea
 - Thinking of buying another boat - the Carabou
- Q/A:
 - What do you do if you catch something you weren't trying for?
 - Sometimes get fish not targeted - release
 - If dead, will eat
 - The season just ended, are you limited to the same season as the big companies?
 - Big companies have huge boats with 100 people on board
 - They work with nets primarily
 - The season is from July through September
 - In SE Alaska waters, they have a marine reserve
 - No large fishing companies can fish there
 - Saved for the small fishing boats
 - Helps to maintain sustainability of the fish
 - They have to sell fish differently than the big players
 - There are 4-5 big players as some have merged
 - How many pounds per year do you catch?
 - About 2000 salmon/year at about 6 pounds each
 - Equals 12,000 pounds of salmon
 - After filleting that is about 5000 pounds of fish to sell
 - You have 3 distributions / year in Williamston. Is that seasonal?
 - Have some seasonal specials
 - Like now - have smoked salmon
 - Spot (?) prawns (flavorful shrimp) are great
 - Cod specials too
 - Mainstay are halibut and coho
 - Halibut caught in June & coho in September
 - Also yellow eye
 - Has an open cell structure and takes marinade very well
 - How is it packaged?
 - A 5 pound share is like a big grocery bag
 - In it are many 1/2 pound packages - frozen and sealed
 - The frozen fish will last a long time in your freezer and maintain its freshness
 - Ship it in bulk to Sara to distribute
 - She does a curb side pickup on one day for a couple hours
 - For those who purchased the fish
 - How deep do you fish?
 - Halibut at 100 fathoms (600')
 - Salmon at 30 fathoms (180')
 - Where do you store the boat?
 - Harbor in Sitka - near his home
 - The harbor is a large harbor with 2300 boats
 - Most are wooden boats and commercial fishing boats
 - How do you get the fish?
 - Order through the website
 - Pickup from Sara when the shipment comes in
 - November 12th is the next pickup
 - Curb side in a 2 hour interval at Sara's house
 - Prices?
 - Coho runs at \$19/pound
 - Halibut at \$24/pound

- Tries to price better than grocery store prices
 - And provided highest quality fish
- Website: <https://swordseafood.com> - to find the Williamston Fish Club
 - Caven@swordseafood.com
 - Sara@swordseafood.com
 - parsons@gowcs.net

October Birthdays

By Gene Klco on Thursday, October 1, 2020
 Wishes for a Happy Birthday in **October** go out to:

Norm Shinkle October 4

Fred Campbell October 31

Thought for the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020
 ♦Blessed is the person who is too busy to worry in the day and too sleepy to worry in the night.♦

Joke of the Week

By Gene Klco on Tuesday, January 7, 2020

**A woman in labor suddenly shouted, ♦Shouldn♦t! Wouldn♦t! Couldn♦t! Didn♦t! Can♦t!♦
 ♦Don♦t worry,♦ said the doc. ♦Those are just contractions.♦**

**A bear walks into a bar and says, ♦Give me a whiskey and ♦ cola.♦
 ♦Why the big pause?♦ asks the bartender. The bear shrugged.
 ♦I♦m not sure; I was born with them.♦**

**Did you hear about the actor who fell through the floorboards?
 He was just going through a stage.**

**Did you hear about the claustrophobic astronaut?
 He just needed a little space.**

**Why don♦ scientists trust atoms?
 Because they make up everything.**

**Why did the chicken go to the s♦ance?
 To get to the other side.**

**Where are average things manufactured?
 The satisfactory.**

**What sits at the bottom of the sea and twitches?
 A nervous wreck.**

Why can't you explain puns to kleptomaniacs?
They always take things literally.

A man tells his doctor, "Doc, help me. I'm addicted to
Twitter!"

The doctor replies, "Sorry, I don't follow you."