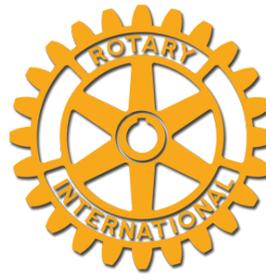


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Club of Creston Valley



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Friday, September 30, 2022

September 27, 2022

By Robert Geddes on Friday, September 30, 2022

National Anthem

Jason Truscott / Everyone

Blessing

Rick Minichiello

4 Way Test

Robert Geddes / Everyone

Greeter

None

Controllor

Casey Messinger

**Attendance/Guests
Secretary**

**12 + 4 Guest / Guests (Lorne Kay / Brenda Silkie / Brenda
Van Der Meen / Demetre Karountzos)
None**

4 Way Test

Of the things we say, think or do:

1. Is it the Truth; 2. Is it Fair to all Concerned; 3. Will it build Goodwill and better Friendships & 4. Is it Beneficial to all concerned?

District Business

- There is no new business.

Club Business

- **Bill Pfeiffer** advised that the Block Party is this Saturday – October 1st starting at 8:00am. We are in need of trucks and help. If you can help out, please come.
- **Bill Pfeiffer** needs help setting up for the Block Party on Friday @ 1:00pm. If you have time, come out and help.
- **Pres. Gin** advised that there will be an executive meeting after our meeting.
- **Rick Minichiello** auctioned several items off that were not sold on the auction website. Some items are still available (including a \$500 set of earrings). **Rick** advised that the profit for our Drive Fore Rotary event should be between \$20k and \$25k.
- Brenda Silkie advised that their club (Creston Rotary Club) will be selling flowers again. The cost is \$30/each. They will be delivered on October 5th. If you are interested in the flowers, contact Brenda Silkie or a member from the Creston Rotary Club.

Program: Casey Messinger – Member Profile

- **Casey Messinger** was one of the last babies born in the old hospital in Creston (located close to the Lutheran Church).
- His grandfather came from Ontario (Thomas Ross). Thomas died in 1928 from an infected cedar sliver in his leg. He had a small sawmill in Arrowcreek.
- His grandmother (Maude Huscroft) came to Creston from Utah in 1891. She came with her parents William and Jane. William knew of Creston because the LDS Church sent him to Creston to explore the valley as a possible Mormon settlement. William did not believe in plural marriages. **John Huscroft** advised **Casey** that that his grandfather took him to a tree where he and great Uncle Charles had carved their initials into a tree on the banks of the Kootenay River below Libby. There initials were still there.
- **Casey's** grandmother (Fannie Snyder) came from Ohio in 1907 to Carmangay, Alberta. They brought with them two steam tractors for breaking ground for farming.
- Charlie Messinger (his grandfather) was born in Amity, Oregon and came to Moyie in 1904. He was a bookkeeper then. The mine petered out so he moved to Carmangay in 1908. **Casey's** father was born there. The draught in the prairies forced his grandfather and

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Club Meeting

Creston Valley
Meets at Rotary Pavilion
(weather permitting)
Centennial Park, 905 Birch St.
Creston, BC V0B 1G0
Time: Tuesday at 07:00 AM

family to move to Creston in 1935. Charlie became the distributor for Shell Oil and International Harvester.

- **Casey's** parents Lane and Mary Messinger had 7 children, 6 girls and 1 boy (**Casey**). They lived on an acreage on Devon Road behind Piper and Christensen grain elevators.
- **Casey** graduated from PCSS in 1969 and spent 2 years at Selkirk College. He then attended U of Vic.
- **Casey** considered a military career but had to return to Creston because his father suddenly passed in 1972.
- **Casey's** mother was made an agent of Shell Canada in 1972. She was the only woman agent in all of Canada. In 1973, **Casey** became an agent of Shell Canada. He was the youngest in Canada (21 years old).
- **Casey** diversified into fertilizer, agri-chemicals, freight, crane work, dust control applications, and water tankers.
- 1996 was a busy year. He sold the wholesale fuel business to Shell. He built the A&W and converted the Creston Esso from a mechanical shop to a C-Store.
- In 2001 he sold the Creston Esso. **Casey** began to focus on financial investments, stock markets and some real estate.
- **Casey** is grateful to those who have mentored him throughout his business career.
 - Cliff Walker encouraged him to become a summer student at the brewery.
 - **Bill Piper** and **Casey** would talk often at the Swan Valley Foods plant.
 - **Ken Huscroft** wasn't much of a talker but was a keen observer. Ken told **Casey** that his mom once saved him from drowning.
 - **Jack Wigen** always had a writing pad. Jack was incredibly curious and was always developing ideas. **John Huscroft** and **Casey** spent a lot of time with Jack.
 - **John Michelson** also had an impact on **Casey**.
- **Casey** has been involved in community service as well:
 - He was on the board of the Chamber of Commerce when the log building was built across from the DQ.
 - He was a founding director of the Shell Agent's Association of BC. He negotiated contracts with big oil companies.
 - He was on the board of the Creston Museum when we raised funds for artifacts from Yahk.
 - He is one of the founding directors of the Creston Economic Development.
 - He originally was a member of the Creston Valley Rotary club in 1994 (he step away for awhile and then returned)
 - He helped create the Creston Kootenay Community Foundation from the Health Foundation.
 - He is on the board of the Mallandaine Water Users Community.
- **Casey** began travelling in high school:
 - He went to Europe in 1968 for 5 weeks
 - He went to Moscow in 1974 for the WHA-Russia series. He met Jim Paterrson and Harold Baldwin
 - He has also been to Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong, and China
 - **Casey** travelled the West USA, Mexico, and the Caribbean
 - **Casey** and Charlotte have been to Europe. They saw the cemetery where Dennis Huscroft is buried.
- **Casey's** wife Charlotte came to Creston to work for her brother (Les Michelson). **Casey** knew Charlotte from there Selkirk College days. They have 3 children:
 - Brent: is a surgical nurse in Cranbrook

- o Darin: is a dentist in Fernie
- o Chelsea: is a dental hygienist in Calgary
- o Raising them is **Casey's** greatest pleasure. They are very proud of them all
- o They have 6 grandchildren

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Birthdays: None

Anniversaries: None

Queen of Spades: Vern Lee drew the Queen of spades.

Adjournment: 7:55 am

Next Week – T.B.A.

The Term S.O.S. Explained

For a few that are older and some that are still young enough to brag about it.

An Airbus 380 is on its way across the Atlantic. It flies consistently at 800 km/h at 30,000 feet, when suddenly a Eurofighter with Tempo Mach 2 appears.

The pilot of the fighter jet slows down, flies alongside the Airbus and greets the pilot of the passenger plane by radio: "Airbus, boring flight isn't it?"

" Now have a look here. He rolls his jet on its back, accelerates, breaks through the sound barrier, rises rapidly to a dizzying height, and then swoops down almost to sea level in a breathtaking dive. He loops back next to the Airbus and asks, "Well, how was that?"

The Airbus pilot answers: "Very impressive, but now you look!" The jet pilot watches the Airbus, but nothing happens. It continues to fly stubbornly straight, with the same speed. After 15 minutes, the Airbus pilot radios, "Well, how was that?"

Confused, the jet pilot asks, "What did you do?" Airbus pilot laughs and says, "I got up, stretched my legs, walked to the back of the aircraft to use the washroom, then got a cup of coffee and a chocolate fudge pastry.

The moral of the story is: when you are young, speed and adrenaline seems to be great. But as you get older and wiser, you learn that comfort and peace are more important.

This is called S.O.S.: Slower, Older, Smarter.

Dedicated to all my friends who are like me, realizing that it is time to slow down and enjoy the rest of the trip. Dedicated to all seniors.

You know, old age comes at such a bad time. It is when you finally know everything, then you start to forget everything you know.

Events

October 4th
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 18th
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 11th
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

October 25th
[Creston Valley Weekly Club Meeting](#)

Birthdays

No Birthdays Found

Speakers