

TRIBUTE TO ROB, OUR PARK MANAGER

ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE INVOLVED IN THE PARK, OUR CONDOLANCES GO OUT TO DONA, JOHN, KENDY, DANIELLE AND THEIR EXTENDED FAMILIES.

ROB SHOWED MANY CHARACTERS OF HIMSELF WHILE BEING THE PARK MANAGER.

ROB WAS CARING AS HE TOOK THE TIME TO LISTEN TO ANYONE WHO WANTED TO DISCUSS THINGS WITH HIM. HE WOULD THEN TAKE THE DISCUSSION TO WHATEVER HE FELT WAS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE THE ANSWER. NO ONE WAS EVER IGNORED.

WHENEVER SOMEONE CAME AND ASKED ROB FOR HELP WHETHER IT BE WITH THEIR BROKEN BOAT, STEREO OR THEIR INTERNET, HE WOULD GLADLY GO AND OFFER HIS ASSISTANCE IN WHATEVER WAY HE COULD.

ROB HAD A LOT OF PRIDE IN THE POSITION HE WAS IN. HE WAS ALWAYS TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO MAKE THE PARK THE BEST IT COULD BE. HE ALWAYS CAME TO THE BOARD MEETINGS WITH THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ON HOW TO ENHANCE THE PARK'S IMAGE. HE MADE SURE THE PARK WAS AT IT'S FINEST WHEN WE HELD OUR ANNUAL BAR-B-Q FOR THE COUNTY & SMRID BOARD MEMBERS.

ROB WAS ALWAYS PREPARED WHICH HE FIRST SHOWED US AT THE INTERVIEW FOR THE MANAGER'S

POSITION. ROB CAME TO THE INTERVIEW FULLY PREPARED TO ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS WE HAD PREPARED BEFOREHAND. NOT ONLY DID HE ANSWER THE QUESTIONS HE ALSO PROVIDED SUGGESTIONS HOW THE PARK WOULD BE BETTER SERVED BY MODIFYING WHAT WE WERE ALREADY DOING TO MAKE THINGS BETTER OR EASIER FOR THE PARK TO OPERATE.

ROB & I ATTENDED RON RENNWICK'S RETIREMENT AND AT THE PARTY WE WERE GIVEN A HISTORY BOOK ON SMRID. A WEEK LATER ROB TOLD ME THAT HE HAD READ THE BOOK AND IT WAS INTERESTING. WHEN I ASKED WHY HE WOULD HAVE READ IT SO FAST – HE SOON REPLIED "IF I AM GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH SMRID KNOWING THE HISTORY WILL HAVE ME BETTER PREPARED."

ROB WAS VERY FRIENDLY. THIS WAS MOST EVIDENT TO EVERYONE IN THAT THE FIRST PERSON ROB HIRED WAS ARNIE, OUR CARETAKER. AT THE START THEY WERE JUST 2 WORKERS DOING A JOB. AS SUMMER PROGRESSED THEY SPENT A LOT OF THEIR SPARE TIME TOGETHER ON ROB'S BOAT OR JUST COOKING A HOT DOG IN THE BACK YARD. IF YOU DIDN'T KNOW IT, YOU WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THEY HAVE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOREVER.

ROB'S LOVE FOR MUSIC – I THINK EVERYONE KNEW THIS AS EVERYTHING THAT HAPPENED IN THE PARK – HE MADE SURE MUSIC ACCOMPANIED IT. IT WAS A GREAT ADD ON TO OUR ALREADY WONDERFUL

FIREWORKS. FOR ME – IT REALLY SHOWED ON THE SEPTEMBER LONG CABERET – ROB WANTED TO PUT ON THE CABERET AND I TOLD HIM NO – THE PARK COMMITTEE IS BURNED OUT AND DO NOT WANT TO HAVE ONE. ROB THEN ASKED IF HE COULD HAVE ONE – IF HE ASSURED ME THAT HE WOULD MAKE MONEY AND NOT BURDEN THE BOARD, AS WE HAD NOTHING TO LOSE I SAID OKAY. AFTER ROB CAME TO ME HAPPY HE HAD PUT THE CABARET ON AND MADE MONEY. WHEN I LOOK BACK AFTER IT WAS OVER – THE REAL REASON ROB WANTED THE CABARET WAS SO HE COULD GIVE A BAND HE WAS HELPING SOME STAGE TIME. HE CARED ENOUGH ABOUT THAT BAND THAT HE WAS WILLING TO TAKE A RISK TO HELP THEM GET STARTED.

WILL WE WILL MISS ROB AS THE PARK MANAGER WE WILL NEVER KNOW.

WHAT WE WILL MISS HIS FRIENDLY & CARING PERSONALITY THAT HE EXTENDED TO EVERYONE.

ON BEHALF OF THE PARK THANKS FOR THE TIME WE HAD TOGETHER ROB

THANK YOU

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