

## Tuesday September 27, 2016 AGM Letter from the President

I cannot believe it is this time of year again!! It has been a busy year for the photo club. I would like to take this time to say thank you to the Executive of 2015/2016:

Sandra Hay our Past President, Dana Schwehr our Vice President, Michelle Sims our Secretary, Tanya Stewart our Treasurer and our Directors at Large: Derek Besham, Joann Kennedy, Selena Laing, Kathy Norby and Mike Kohut. I would also like to give a big thank you to Bob Steventon even thou he was not technically on our executive he was always working on the sidelines, as he is the one that takes great care in sending us our emails. Now many of you might not be aware but at the end of this year we will be saying goodbye to a very valued member Mike Kohut. Mike Kohut has been a member with our club since 2005, he has been on our Executive for as long as he has been a member, holding positions such as President, Directors and our Webmaster. Even after his stroke in 2008, Mike has continued to contribute to our club. Mike will be retiring soon, moving back to his home province of Ontario. Mike we appreciate your many years of hard work, service and dedication to our Club. You have given US so much, so from the bottom of our hearts...thank you, we appreciate everything you have done. You will be missed, we wish you all the best in your new adventures, you will always be an honorary member of this club. As a club we will celebrate Mike and give him the farewell he so deserves...plans are in the works....TBA at a later date.

I want to thank everyone that contributed to our education this past year, sharing your expertise, slide shows, organizing our field trips etc...all you have done in the name of Photography and for your fellow members is very much appreciate. Thank you Kevin Gagel for taking over our POM and BOM for the coming year, we appreciate all your time and hard work in doing this, as this is a very valued and important part of our club meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be your President, it has been an honour and privilege. 2016 / 2017 is going to be another amazing year for this club...as we start off ... with Marc Koegel this week, Chris Harris in November, plans are also in the works to reschedule our weekend Tumbler Ridge field trip in June 2017. So like I have mentioned many times before this is your club and we need YOU!! So please take a moment to consider being part of the Executive Team for this coming year, many of us have been on it for years, some come on board for a short time, others for longer periods. New people give us fresh and new ideas, TOGETHER we can make a difference to OUR Club and to explore new directions for the benefit of our members. So with that being said....let's elect a new executive.

Sincerely your President Debbie Malm