



**Newsletter # 185**

**December 2009**

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Meetings are held at the Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.  
There will be no meeting this month.

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### **Speaker's Corner**



*The Club was treated to a very thought provoking talk at the November Meeting given by Dorothy Wignall of Dorothy Wignall and Associates. Dorothy reminded us of the importance of making sure plans are in place as we all approach the sunset years of our lives. She capably outlined the services that are available to help us particularly if friends and family are not close at hand. For those seeking follow-up advice, she can be reached at 250-951-9660, ([dorothy.wignall@gmail.com](mailto:dorothy.wignall@gmail.com)). We thank Dorothy for speaking to us at our meeting.*

*At our first meeting of the New Year on January 18, we will welcome Dr. Gerry Redmond who will provide us with a historical perspective of the Olympics. Gerry is the author of several books on the Olympics and is an internationally renowned expert on the subject. Gerry has prepared a short Probus Fun Quiz and at the end of his talk he will designate "table teams": so be sure to sit with those who excel at trivia and perhaps being a retired jock wouldn't hurt your chances of winning a medal and prizes!! I will give more details in our January Newsletter but this will be a meeting that you should not miss as it leads us in to the Winter Olympics games themselves which will start in February. At future meetings we will have a talk from a Para-Olympic athlete and then of course Judy Woods is organizing a club visit to Greece in the late Spring. Enjoy our Olympic theme!*

*Don't forget if you have an idea for a particular topic or a speaker in the New Year, please contact me.*

*John Gunton*

## Presidents Message

Incredibly, we're approaching the end of 2009. For most of us the year has added to **life's rich pattern**, unfolding something new each day. To some, it has been a year when someone dear has been lost, and our hearts reach out to them.

Our Club is most fortunate in arranging a variety of social occasions during the year to mingle with, and get to know, fellow members. The finale was our **annual festive get-together** at the Eagleside Golf Club which brought well over one hundred of us together. It was joyous, and thoroughly enjoyable.

To all members and their dear ones:



**A WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS AND A BOUNTIFUL NEW YEAR !**

**SEE YOU IN 2010 !**

*Hugh Carter*

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### 2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	- Hugh Carter	752-4664	Historian	- Nita Looijen	248-8614
Vice President	- Andy Pickard	752-3364	Sunshine	- Alice Westaway	752-3701
Past President	- Gene Wakaruk	752-2866	Secretary	- Jean Cotter	752-9519
Member at Large	- Brenda Moore	752-5931	Comm/Publicity	- Bob Urquhart	468-7861
Treasurer	- Barry McGill	752-2978	Newsletter	- Mike Bluett	951-0618
Speakers	- John Gunton	468-1553	Singles Club	- Jim Thompson	752-8462
Membership	- David Sheppard	752-3625	Greeters	- Peter Redford & Jack Greenway	
Activities	- Judy Wood (752-6809),	Brenda Moore,	Jim Thompson		

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### MEMBERSHIP-2010



There remain 15 still unpaid.

Rates are as follows:

Renewals : Single- \$30.00 (Receiving Newsletter by the Post \$35.00)

Couples- \$50.00 (Newsletter by Post- \$55.00)

To avoid telephone calls please mail to me at 1215 Midiron Close,Qualicum Beach V9K 1C6.

Barry McGill

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### POINT OF INTEREST

The following may be of interest to members as the introduction of the HST will have wide ranging effects for Seniors. The latest Seniors 101 Newsletter has been written by Bill Vander Zalm regarding the proposed HST and can be viewed by visiting the following link: - <http://www.seniors101.ca/newsletter.html>.

*Best regards, Roy Summerhayes*

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING - HIGHLIGHTS**



*President Huge Carter welcomes new member George Lovatt and presents him with his Probus pin*



*Our Guest speaker was Dorothy Wignall, who spoke on advanced planning for seniors*



*Dorothy was commended on her presentation by Dr. Pat Gunton, with her husband John*



Events Calendar

Our social committee now takes a break in December because of the Christmas party but will plan something for January (possibly a pub lunch). Remember- we are always open to suggestion.

## CURRENT EVENTS

### TRIP to GREECE

Please let me know if you are interested in a trip to Greece in mid April. Since the air will be booked separately from the tour it would be possible to visit another place in Europe en-route if desired.



### ROCKING HORSE PUB - Wednesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon

Deadline January 8 - please e-mail Judy ([judy.wood@shaw.ca](mailto:judy.wood@shaw.ca)) by then if you intend to come. No pre-payment required.

### BAILEY'S STUDIO - Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2pm \$15

The Nanaimo Theatre Group are presenting the musical GODSPELL. "This joyous and uplifting musical presents a whimsical view of the gospel story of Jesus. Jesus greets the people of the city who join with Him to re-enact His parables and teachings in memorable song and dance." The theatre is located at 2373 Rosstown Road (off Bowen Rd).

LUNCH - We will be having lunch at noon at a location to be announced in the January newsletter.

DEADLINE - The January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. However if you would like to drop off your cheque prior please do so. It is payable to the Parksville Probus Club. I live at 1091 Eaglecrest Drive (mail slot beside the front door), phone 752-6809 I am away Dec 17-29 so please drop it off prior to or after those dates. Since there are only two matinee performances there is a possibility Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> may sell out.

*Judy Wood*



## PAST EVENTS

### SINGLES CLUB

Nineteen Probus singles met at the Creek house Restaurant for dinner on November 17<sup>th</sup>. The event was hastily convened, but was well attended & enjoyed by the group. No outing is planned for December, of course, because of the many seasonal conflicts. We will probably try to get together again in January. The group meets from time-to-time for dinner or lunch at nearby restaurants, but further afield in good weather.

All single members are invited to join us. Ladies can phone Alice at (250) 752-3701. Men should contact Jim at (250) 752-8462. There are no obligations. However, we would welcome suggestions and/or recommendations for possible venues.

Also there is a need of competent & confident drivers ( preferably licensed ) to assist others who might not otherwise be able to attend.

## LUNCH & COURTENAY THEATRE

A record 51 people enjoyed lunch at Crown Isle Pub (in a lovely room surrounded by glass on three sides) on Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. This was followed by the matinee performance of "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Sid Williams Theatre put on by Light Fantastic Productions. The huge cast of 62 received a well deserved standing ovation at the end of the show. The lead (Tevye) was played to perfection by Brian Kruse, who also did triple duty - as director, choreographer and set design. This sold out performance had people enjoying such familiar tunes as "Matchmaker", "If I Were A Rich Man", and "Sunrise, Sunset". Because everyone paid for tickets quickly all of our group enjoyed good seats. I will try to keep track of when this group performs again - for a possible future outing.

**Rides to Social outings**- thank you to all of you who organize your own car pools - I really appreciate that. The reason I put the names in the newsletter ahead of time (where time permits) is so that this can happen. I would really appreciate it if everyone would take the initiative to arrange their own rides. I feel I have enough to do with organizing the lunch, and theatre tickets without some people relying on me to get them a ride. I would rather not be responsible for this in the future. It has come to my attention that some people who are getting rides from others are not contributing to the driver to help pay for gas. please do so in future. At least \$5 per person seems an appropriate amount for a trip to Comox or Nanaimo & vicinity.

*Judy Wood*

