



Newsletter # 210

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February 2012

Meetings are held at the Quality Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.

This month's meeting will be held on *February 20th*.

Speaker's Corner

Our speaker on February 20 is Dianne Anderson, member of the Qualicum Beach Probud Club. I met Dianne last December when I attended a Qualicum Probud meeting to hear Dianne's presentation. I thoroughly enjoyed her interesting description of her climb up Mount Kilimanjaro and am confident the Parksville club members will enjoy it too.

Dianne was originally from Victoria, earning her Bachelor of Arts at the University of Victoria. She lived in Ontario for many years where she worked in the field of human relations. She and her husband, Brian, now live in Qualicum Beach. It won't surprise anyone to hear Dianne is fond of skiing and hiking.

Gerry Addy

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By the time that you read this, I hope to be in Rio De Janeiro waiting to board our cruise which will go through the Strait of Magellan and take us to Santiago, Chile after several stops along the way. From there, we proceed on a different ship and cruise line through the Panama Canal, and we end our cruise in Ft. Lauderdale. It is a tough life, but someone has to do it. I got Helen to agree, and we volunteered. We will arrive back on Vancouver Island near the end of March.

I will give you a brief notice of one change which is taking place. There is a Regional Probud group that has been formed, and it will be meeting quarterly. The first meeting was held on 27, January.

It is made up of the presidents and vice-presidents of the region – Duncan to Comox. We will exchange information, share our newsletters, and keep each other informed about outings where members of the other clubs can participate when there is space and they are interested. The next meeting of that group will be sometime in April.

Some of you may already know this, but April this year will be the 25th anniversary of Probus. I am not sure what will be done to celebrate that occasion, but we may want to do something to recognize the anniversary. Maybe we could all do a pun. Speaking of which ...

A truck driver was going through the Arizona desert when he felt a “call of nature.” He pulled off the road and went out into the sagebrush. As he was heading back to his truck, he noticed a lever sticking up out of the ground. He walked up to it, and started to reach out his hand. A voice said, “Don't touch that lever.” The driver jumped and looked around, but he didn't see anybody. He started to reach out again, and again, a voice said, “Don't touch that lever.” He looked around again, and then he looked down and saw a snake which was by the lever. The driver said, “Did you say that?” The snake replied, “Yes, if you move that lever it will end the world.” The driver said, “You can talk? Do you have a name?” The snake said, “Yes, I can talk, and my name is Nate.” The driver said “If I got all of the news organizations to come out here would you be willing to tell them about the lever?” Nate said, “Certainly, bring them on.” It took a bit of convincing, but the driver was able to convince the news organizations, and they all went out and interviewed Nate, who became widely known. A few weeks later another trucker was driving through the area and hit an oil slick. The truck slid off the highway and was headed directly for the lever. The driver fought for control, and finally, at the last minute was able to swerve, miss the lever, but he ran over Nate. The driver, sad but breathing a sigh of relief, said, “Oh, well, better Nate than lever.”

Cheers, (You will have forgiven me by the time I get back.)

George Shaw

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Christmas Party	Ken Leaney	250-752-2192	leaney@shaw.ca
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50-50 draw			

SUNSHINE REPORT

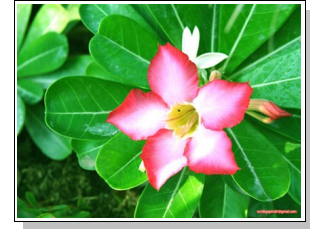
A sympathy card was sent to Bobbi Winch expressing our sympathy on the sad loss of her daughter.

Get well cards were sent to Barry McGill who is in hospital and to Doug Slater who is not very well.

A card was sent to Nita Looijen who lost her house, her belongings and sadly her pet cat in a fire.

Congratulations to John House on his 90th birthday.

Alice Westaway



GENERAL MEETING - January 16th



**Gene Wakaruk presenting the Probus pen to Agriculture minister
Honorable Don McRae**



Judy Wood

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING – January 16th

The meeting was called to order by President George Shaw.

1. Seven guests were introduced: Brent Redford, Eldon Davis, Jack Greenway, Rob Irle, Alice & Jack Gibson (Probus members from Saskatoon).
2. Financial – Bob Urquhart reported a balance of \$6200.00
3. Speakers – Gerry Addy has Diane Anderson for February
4. Social – Judy Wood and June Atkinson substituting for Fred Collins, both Jan and February outings were circulated. Judy also working on a Members Gallery Booklet and had a list of people who had their pictures taken so that she and Mike Bluett could work on this booklet.
5. Membership – David Sheppard reported that we have 105 members but that a few people had yet to sign up. We have 1 honorary member and 1 life member.
6. Social – Alice Westaway send cards to a few members. Also please bring in books for the exchange and remember to take one home.
7. Attendance – Pete Redford reported we had 58 total, 51 members and 7 guests
8. George Shaw thanked our greeters Ralph Bunker and Gene Wakaruk. Also a big thank you to Ken Leaney for a great job on the Christmas Party and for volunteering to do it again this year. George will be away for the Feb and March meeting and Vice President Tony Marsland will be chairing those meetings.
9. Ken Leaney inducted Mr. Bob Loudon, our newest member.
10. Gerry Addy introduced our guest speaker the Minister of Agriculture Honorable Don McRae who then in turn introduced his assistant Don Smokowitch and the Honorable Ron Cantelon.

Jeanne Bunker, Secretary

BOOK EXCHANGE

Remember your books. It was suggested by George Shaw that if you enjoyed the book write a note about it and insert behind the front cover. Good idea.

Alice Westaway

MEMBER PHOTO GALLERY

The member photo gallery is posted on the website at parksvilleprobus.ca. Please sign on and check out your picture. If you have a problem signing on e-mail Mike Bluett at mbluett@shaw.ca with your sign on name and your password. He will fix it up so you can access from then on. While on the website you could check out the pictures in the main menu as they have been updated to include mainly 2011 pictures- but also a few flashbacks to earlier years.

The next phase of this project will be to e-mail a photo gallery to members. If you would prefer a different picture to be in that please e-mail it to me judy.wood@shaw.ca or have a new picture taken at the February 20 meeting.

A few of you submitted pictures after the website was set up & they will be included in the e-mail gallery, and later put on the web site.

I am missing pictures from the following members- Bill Barnes, Anne Collie, Doug Poole, Blair Porter, Jim Prenevost, Tony Russell. If you will be at the February meeting we can take one then, otherwise please call me 752-6809 to make other arrangements.

Thank you, Judy Wood

CURRENT EVENTS

CHEMAINUS THEATRE - "All Shook Up" - Sunday February 26th @ 2pm

The following 18 people have signed up for this excursion - Judy Wood, Jill Gooden, Stan & Shirley Harry, Alice Westaway, Gloria Stevenson, Bill & Margaret Clow, Janet Mattis, Kenda Taylor, Lila and Pete Redford, Margaret Norris Jones, Marge Kreye, Mac & Merle Taylor, Barry McGill, Nita Looijen.

Please arrange your own car pool or meet at Wembley Mall- near Ken Dor at 9:45am.

Lunch- 11:15am. We have a reservation at the Willow Street Cafe in Chemainus. 9749 Willow Street, phone 246-2434.

Directions- left off Island Hwy on River Road, left onto Chemainus Road, first right onto Victoria St., left onto Willow St. (cafe on the right).

Parking is less available at the Cafe so it would be wise to park near the theatre and walk around the next corner (Willow St.) to the cafe.

If you have ordered tickets to the theatre and are NOT going to lunch or if you arranged your own tickets after the deadline and would like to be included in the lunch reservation please contact Judy (752-6809).

Judy Wood

PAST EVENTS

DINNER AND MOVIE AT EAGLECREST (Beach Flicks) - Friday, January 27th

18 people attended the outing to the Eaglecrest Golf Club to have dinner and then see the enjoyable "Beach Flick" movie "5 dollars a day"- full of both humour and pathos. Thanks to June Atkinson for organizing this evening.

Judy Wood

SINGLES CLUB - February 9th

Sixteen members enjoyed a dinner at the Oste Ria restaurant . The food, atmosphere and companionship was enjoyed by all.

Alice and Jim

WHO AM I (OR ARE WE)?

We were both born in Calgary as were our two children our daughter Leslie (Brampton) and our son Grant (Vancouver). We both graduated from Western Canada High School, and after graduation we worked in the construction and the oil industry in various positions. We were married in Calgary 55 years ago this March and stayed there until 1964.

We were very involved with the Jaycees and Jaycettes; Junior Achievement, Calgary Grey Cup Committee and The Calgary Stampede and also found time to play Major Men's Fastball and Hockey with Calgary Buffalo Assoc. and the Oil League. Working as a Sales Representative for Domtar, a position came up with Fiberglas Canada but it was in Vancouver so we made the big move. Since that time we have lived in Victoria, Coquitlam, Kelowna, North Delta and finally ending up in Qualicum Beach where we retired after 30 years with Owens Corning (Fiberglas Canada).

In the times we spent in these various locations we were involved with Coaching Babe Ruth Baseball, Saanich Minor Hockey, Saanich Lacross, Coquitlam Lacross, Coquitlam Minor Hockey, Junior "B" Hockey and very involved with Job's Daughters in Port Coquitlam. We also enjoyed a few new sports in our lives and learned how to downhill ski and play golf, which we still participate in being members of Arrowsmith Golf. We have had a range of travel vehicles starting with tenting, trailers, mini motorhomes, class "A" motorhome and campers which we still have. We went south (Palm Dessert) for many years and have traveled across Canada twice and our latest adventure took us to Alaska and Northern B.C. We enjoy hiking, fishing, cycling and know that we picked the best place to do these things. We certainly picked the best place to retire.

We are Jeanne & Ralph Bunker.



PROBUS CLUB OF PARKSVILLE

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2011

Bank balance as of Dec 31st, 2010 \$ 6,620.23

RECEIPTS

Membership Dues	\$ 3,520.00	
Monthly meetings	3,203.00	
Newsletter	115.00	
Administration (Badges)	70.00	
Golf Tournament	1,310.00	
BBQ Boccee Rotary Park	1,182.74	
Deep Bay Marine Station	558.00	
Chemainus Theatre	255.36	
Beach Flicks	132.00	
Christmas Luncheon	2,640.00	
Bank Interest	2.54	
		\$ 12,988.64
		\$ 19,608.87

DISBURSEMENTS

Dues refunds	\$ 170.00	
Monthly meetings	3,834.44	
Newsletters	1,026.00	
Website	350.00	
Administration (supplies, postage, etc)	1,818.46	
Golf Tournament	1,310.88	
BBQ Boccee	1,225.12	
Deep Bay Marine Stn	594.00	
Chemainus Theatre	255.36	
Beach Flicks	132.00	
Christmas Luncheon	3,295.36	
		\$ 14,011.62
		\$ 5,597.25

Bank Balance Reconciliation

Bank Balance	\$ 5,993.13	
less outstanding cheques	<u>395.88</u>	\$ <u>5,597.25</u>

Door Crew Have \$30.00 float

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