



Newsletter # 184

November 2009

Meetings are held at the Bayside Inn and normally on the third Monday of the Month at 9:00 am.
This month's meeting will be held on *November 16th*.

[Speaker's Corner](#)

"Live Your Life!"



On November 16th, our guest speaker will be *Dorothy Wignall* of Dorothy Wignall & Associates, Private Client Care Coordinator in the Oceanside area.

By 2015 the central Vancouver Island population is predicted to increase by over a third. The over-85 group will grow by about 59%. Most of this growth will be in the Nanaimo/Oceanside corridor.

Dorothy will present practical information that one should implement to plan for one's advanced age. We all wish to live our final years with relative independence, dignity and loving care, but what are we doing now to increase the probability that this actually happens?

At the October meeting we were treated to a talk given by Margret Horsefield describing the history of Clayquot Sound as chronicled in her book, "Voices From the Sound". In addition to giving a very fascinating account, Margret generously donated an autographed book to the club. We will decide by the next meeting how the book will be made available to members. Many thanks to Margret for making the trip up from Mill Bay to speak to us.

John Gunton

Presidents Message

Astonishing, isn't it, how quickly a year flashes by! It's November already, already! It's time for our **Annual General Meeting**. Be sure to attend on November 16th. We'll elect the Management Committee for the year 2010 (Yes, 2010!). A full slate will be offered and if that slate wins your approval, it's my opinion that your club will be very capably steered and managed for the coming year.

Here is the list for your approval at the meeting:

President – Andy Pickard; Past President – Hugh Carter; Vice President – John Gunton; Treasurer – Russ Morrison; Speakers – John Gunton; Membership – David Sheppard; Activities – Judy Wood; Historian – Nita Looijen; Sunshine – Alice Westaway; Secretary – Jean Cotter; Publicity – Bob Urganhart; Newsletter – Mike Bluett; Singles Club – Jim Thompson; Greeter – Peter Redford; Member at Large – Brenda Moore.

Also, please remember that further **nominations can be made from the floor**. If you would like to nominate someone, and have his or her agreement, please be ready when nominations are called for.

Hugh Carter

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	752-1519
Member at Large	- Brenda Moore	752-5931	Comm/Publicity	- Bob Urganhart	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				

MEMBERSHIP-2010

There are 58 unpaid to date.

Rates are as follows:

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

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

Please pay at the next meeting or mail to me at 1215 Midiron Close, Qualicum Beach V9K 1C6.

Barry McGill



Events Calendar



CURRENT EVENTS

LUNCH & COURTENAY THEATRE - Thursday, November 21st

52 people have paid for the Sid Williams Theatre production of the Musical - Fiddler on the Roof (2 pm) - put on by Light Fantastic Productions. I am listing those who have paid so that you can arrange car pools as you wish. Judy Wood, Alice Westaway, Andy & Charlene Pickard, John & Patricia Gunton, Barry & Esther McGill, Tom & Meg Dewar, Hugh & Nonie Carter, Richard & Sharon Sillery, Gerry & Phyllis Schofield, Gordon & Margaret Robinson, Doug & Marilyn Slater, George & Natalie Beher, Doug & Beryl Hamilton, Ken & Marlene Leaney, Lorne & Doreen Anderson, Ernie & Edith Jackson, Marge Kreye, Marg Harris, Margaret Norris Jones, Pamela Watler, Nita Looijen, Pete & Lila Redford, John & Serena House, Bill & Barb Stoddart, Mac & Merle Taylor, Jim & Coral Bell, Dale Marshall, Bob Urquhart, Tony & Elizabeth Marsland, Jean Temple (new member), Nessie Bayley, Boo Laurin.

I discovered when I ordered tickets that there is a \$2 charge per ticket order (regardless of number of tickets) - so there will be no additional ticket orders. If you decide later that you want to go please order your own tickets on-line at www.sidwilliamstheatre.com or call the theatre at 1 (866) 898-8499 (if tickets remain). If you do this and want to go to lunch please let me know. The theatre is at 442 Cliffe Avenue, Courtenay. It is always difficult to know how popular a show will be and how quickly the tickets will sell, and therefore how quickly I need to order. Since 42 people had paid prior to or at the meeting I did the initial order then.

The lunch reservation is at the Crown Isle pub for 11:45am. I will be giving out the theatre tickets at lunch time.

Those who wish to car pool please meet at the Qualicum Beach Civic Centre at 10:20am. If you are able to take some others in your car please let me know in advance. A few people have asked for rides. I will be in Thailand Nov.2-16 so if you have any questions please call after that (752-6809)

SEATING AT THEATRES

Generally I assign seats in the order in which people pay for their tickets since this seems to be the fairest policy. Thus I would humbly request that if you want to be seated next to a particular person or couple that you pay at the same time (perhaps one could pay for another). It is very difficult to accommodate last minute requests for "sitting together" when the seats have already been assigned. In connection with this I realize that there are some of you who have a hearing problem and if you make me aware of the fact that you would like to be seated near the front I will attempt to do so. HOWEVER if you have paid later than most of the people that will not likely be possible. Thank you.

Dining with the group - I assume that if you have paid for the theatre you will be eating lunch or dinner with the group. You are free to make other arrangements but if you do PLEASE tell me. I spent a lot of time phoning one couple (while having dinner at Gary's) to be sure they had not forgotten Echo theatre only to find they had eaten elsewhere. (It has happened that people have missed a theatre date by forgetting). Thank you

Judy Wood

CHRISTMAS GALA - Thursday, December 3rd

A reminder to mark Thursday December 3rd in your calendars. 'Tis the time for our **FLAGSHIP SOCIAL** – a delicious Christmas luncheon. I have devoted a separate page of this Newsletter to the program. Tickets are \$25 per person. Your Probus friends will be there. Why not bring guests and introduce them to Probus?

We must give the Eaglecrest Golf Club the numbers to attend several days before the event so book early. Give your cheque to Jim Thompson who is masterminding the affair, or to Barry McGill our treasurer, or to any member of the Management Committee. Our coming meeting on November 16th is the best bet to ensure your place at the table.

Hugh Carter

TRIP to GREECE

I am considering organizing a Probus trip to Greece in mid to late April. This would likely involve a 4-7 day cruise, a land tour on the mainland and possible 2 island short stay. If this is of interest to you please let me know and I will keep you informed. (judy.wood@shaw.ca, 752-6809). Once the itinerary and costs are set you can then decide whether you would like to go. When I planned the tours to Mexico two years ago for Probus I opened the trip to non Probus friends after our deadline passed. It may also be offered to other mid island Probus groups.

Judy Wood

PAST EVENTS

DINNER & ECHO THEATER - October 22nd

Forty one members enjoyed dinner at Gary's bistro prior to watching the entertaining musical "Menopositive" on October 22. The cast of four played and sang their parts very well. The following members & spouses attended - Judy Wood, Fred Collins, Gloria Stevenson, Doug & Beryl Hamilton, Barry & Esther McGill, Mac and Merle Taylor, Shona Hookings, Brenda Moore, Lorne & Doreen Anderson, Gerry & Phyllis Schofield, Maureen & Ludwig Weilmeir, Stan & Shirley Harry, Margaret Norris Jones, Nessie Bayley, Jean Cotter, Pete & Lyla Redford, Joyce & Tony Russell, Marg Harris, George & Natalie Beher, Doug & Marilyn Slater, John & Serena House, Alice & Shari Westaway, Gene & Marlene Wakaruk, Dale Marshall.

Judy Wood



SOCIAL OUTINGS SUMMARY - 2009

Excursions are generally not planned for July (barbecue), August (golf tournament and dinner) and December (Christmas lunch)

Jan	Chemainus Theatre matinee - Letter from Wingfield Farm. Saltair Pub lunch.
Feb	Echo Theatre - All My Sons, dinner at Gary's bistro.
Mar	Victoria - Be a Tourist in Your Own Town, 2 nights hotel, dinner Spaghetti Factory, visiting many attractions.
Apr	Snowbirds aerobatic practice, Comox air base. Lunch all ranks mess.
May-Jun	Lund hotel, Desolation Sound cruise. Savary Island excursion.
June	Fairburn Farm- Water Buffalo Tour. Lunch Genoa Bay cafe, Maple Bay.
Sept	Courtenay Harvest Dinner - Filberg Cente.
Oct	Echo Theatre - Menopositive the Musical, dinner at Gary's bistro.
Nov	Sid Williams Theatre - Musical - Fiddler on the Roof, lunch at Crown Isle pub.

Judy Wood



The Humour Corner

Two men were walking home after a Halloween party and decided to take a shortcut through the cemetery just for laughs. Right in the middle of the graveyard they were startled by a tap-tap-tapping noise coming from the misty shadows

Trembling with fear, they found an old man with a hammer and chisel, chipping away at one of the headstones.

"Holy cow, mister", one of them said after catching his breath, "you scared us half to death - we thought at first you were a ghost! What are you doing here so late at night?"

"Those fools!" the old man grumbled, "they misspelled my name!"

From "What Women Say About Men"

- 1 Women want mediocre men, and men are working very hard to be mediocre. (Margaret Mead)
- 2 Behind every great man there is a surprised woman. (Maryon Pearson)
- 3 If you want anything said, ask a man. If you want anything done, ask a woman. (Margaret Thatcher)
- 4 A gentleman is a patient wolf (Henriett Tiarks)

PROBUS CLUB OF PARKSVILLE
16th ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION



DATE: Monday, December 3, 2009

PLACE: Eaglecrest Golf Club

TIME: Social: 12:00 p.m.

Luncheon Buffet: 12:30 p.m.

Presentations and Entertainment to Follow

LUNCHEON BUFFET MENU

- * Oven Roasted Turkey
served with Cranberry Sauce & Gravy
- * Honey & Dijon Glazed Ham
served with Dijon mustard
- * Sauteed Vegetable Medley
- * Roasted Seasoned Potatoes
- * Tossed Green Salad w/ assorted Dressings
- * Classic Caesar Salad

- * Assorted Dessert Squares
- * Christmas Pudding

- * Coffee & Tea



COST: \$25.00/PER PERSON...Tax & Gratuity included

Payment may be made by CHEQUE ONLY, please – payable to the Probus Club of Parksville and given to Jim Thompson.

DEADLINE - November 16th monthly meeting, or call Jim, Barry or Hugh prior.

ENTERTAINMENT:

The Shindigs

