



Newsletter # 183

October 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 *October 19th*.

Speaker's Corner

"Voices From The Sound": Margaret Horsfield

Subtitled "Chronicles of Clayoquot Sound and Tofino 1898-1928", Margaret Horsfield authored her book published in November 2008. This is a story peopled with memorable characters from the west coast of Vancouver Island and filled with a colourful sense of time and place. Margaret will share with us the highlights of her book: storekeepers and sealers, prospectors and priests, schoolchildren, settlers and native people - the lives of these people intersected in the small world and vast distances of Clayoquot Sound.

A very warm thank you to Helen Dyck for her talk, at the September meeting, regarding the Rotary Youth Exchange ("Working Towards World Peace and Understanding").

John Gunton

Presidents Message

Thanks to our Speakers Chairman, John Gunton, we are getting an excellent slate of speakers on an interesting array of topics.

Your Management Committee is forging excellent arrangements with the **Newcomers Club** and we trust this will be an important factor in recruiting new members. At the risk of being repetitious, (which I know I am), I am asking each of you to consider yourself responsible for building up our membership strength. Our Club's continuing vitality relies a great deal on a strong number of members. Please do your part.

If you are not already familiar with it, look at the website <http://www.seniors101.ca/> It is operated by Roy Summerhayes and contains a wealth of information of interest to people in our age group. It's all about Van-

couver Island and you can find just about everything from Airlines to Yacht Clubs. It encourages support for Island Farmers and Farmers' Markets, among other things. We recently invited Roy to our Management Committee meeting and at John Gunton's encouragement, our Club is now listed. We are considering placing an ad on the site to encourage people to join.

Make sure you read *Barry McGill's message* in this Newsletter, and **ACT !**

See you on the 19th !

Hugh Carter

2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	- Hugh Carter	752-4664	Historian	- Nita Looijen	248-8614
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Membership	- David Sheppard	752-3625	Greeters	- Peter Redford & Jack Greenway	
Activities	- Judy Wood (752-6809), Brenda Moore, Jim Thompson				

Probus Membership Notice

REMINDER: 2010 Membership dues are payable in October & November. Rates are as follows.

Renewal (single) – \$30.00 – Receiving Newsletter by the Post \$35.00
(couples) – \$50.00 – Newsletter by Post ----- \$55.00

B. E. McGill - Treasurer

Events Calendar

CURRENT EVENTS

ECHO THEATRE AND DINNER - Thursday, October 22

Dinner at Gary's Bistro at 550pm.

Echo Theatre \$16 (group rate for a MUSICAL). The show is called Menopositive. Three menopausal women - a fortune 500 president, a single mother and the wife of a philandering executive are rehearsing a show about menopause for their 35th class reunion. They are joined by a former Hungarian star. As they rehearse they disclose more about their past lives.

DEADLINE - Wed. Oct. 14. Please make your cheque payable to the Parksville Probus Club and drop it off to Judy (1091 Eaglecrest Drive)

The deadline has to be before our October 19 meeting because Oct. 14 is when we have to pay Echo and confirm the numbers. If you cannot meet this deadline please try to arrange your own ticket after that date (if tickets remain) by calling the theatre directly.

Judy Wood

CHRISTMAS GALA - Thursday, December 3rd

MARK THURSDAY DECEMBER THIRD ON YOUR CALENDARS ! Our annual Christmas gala has been arranged for 12 noon at the Eaglecrest Golf Club. We'll have the usual delicious meal with entertainment by the Barbershop Quartette. We expect as usual an attendance of over 100, so book early through Barry McGill or any committee member. The price is only \$25 per person.

Hugh Carter

PAST EVENTS

COURTNEY HARVEST BANQUET - Sept 26th

Pictured below are the Probus members who traveled to Courtenay for this dinner sponsored by the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society where we had appies, viewed a video showing the rescue work with birds that the society performs and had delicious deserts after the meal.





Front: Bill Stoddart, Judy wood, Brenda Moore Back: Barb Stoddart, Pete & Lyla Redford

Judy Wood