



Newsletter # 182

September 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 *September 21st*.

Speaker's Corner

"Working Towards World Peace and Understanding": Helen Dyck

This talk is about Rotary Youth Exchange which is a program dedicated "To have world peace and understanding" (motto). Helen Dyck is a long time Rotarian as well as the Manager of Parksville's Marlin Travel and has run the program in the Oceanside area for several years. Helen prepares these young adults ages 16 -18 for their travel experiences to the four corners of the globe. This is a year round task of preparing them for their exchange, dealing with coming home early due to illness (sometimes home sickness), sometimes helping parents to make the trip over to visit with their children and then convincing these young people that yes, they must come home at the end of their year away. She has offered to share some of the stories and situations with us and to tell us about this worthwhile project in the community.

"John Gunton was the speaker at the August Meeting describing Georgia Basin Geohazards. The scope of the topic is such that it was decided to present only the first half of the talk (earthquakes and tsunamis) at the August Meeting and that at a future meeting (date TBD), John will present the second half of the talk dealing with the effects of volcanoes and flooding-erosional events."

John Gunton

Presidents Message

This is a period of many positive happenings.

- *Our annual golf tournament was a great success, (reported separately). Many thanks to Tony Marsland, Jim Thompson, and Brenda Moore.*
- *At the August meeting we sat on the edge of our seats waiting for John Gunton to give us the date of the big earthquake, which he didn't reveal, but perhaps in Part II of his talk (yet to be scheduled) he will draw us into the inner circle of confidantes.*
- *Elsewhere, you will find news of our speaker for September.*
- *One more reminder about the **Computer Group**. It's now meeting twice monthly and still has the door open for new members - those who like most of us know a little about what can be done with a computer, but would like to know more. It's a very collegial meeting, quite informal, with Mike Bluett as the guiding hand, and it's largely a question-and-answer approach.*
- *Separately, you will read a message from Nita Looijen about a proposed **Dinner club**. A very attractive idea! In fact, with our membership, there's probably room for more than one such club. I expect many members will show their interest.*
- *Congratulations and thanks to John Gunton for bringing a vigorous approach to lining up speakers.*

See you on the 21st, and I'll try to find another limerick!

Hugh Carter

2008 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	- Hugh Carter	752-4664	Historian	- Nita Looijen	248-8614
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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				

Sunshine Club

Sadly, Irven Norris-Jones died. A sympathy card was sent to Margaret and her family.

Jack Greenway and his wife Hazel are now at Sanford Place.

Congratulations were sent to Bob and Gloria Miller on their 60th wedding anniversary!



Alice Westaway

BRIDGE CLUB

Due to declining numbers and the fact that I seem to be busy enough with my work and organizing a monthly outing for Probus I have decided not to organize the Probus bridge this coming year.

Judy Wood

Hello Parksville Probus Members

At the last meeting, Hugh Carter mentioned that I was interested in forming a Gourmet Dinner Club. Since we are approaching the fall and winter seasons, we will be spending more time indoors. What is nicer and cozier than having friends over and enjoying a lovely home-cooked dinner?!

How I imagine the club being: it would be made up of 4- 5 couples - whether it be husband/wife, friends (2 males, or 2 females, or male/female). That would be 8 or 10 people in total, which is a number that most of us can accommodate. If there would be more than 5 couples, then we could form another group. The dinner would be a sit-down-at-the-table affair.

The couple who does the cooking at their house would be responsible for making the meal. We would switch from house to house, once a month. The guests would be in charge of bringing the beverages, such as wine, liqueur, or non-alcoholic drinks.

The best days would be on the weekend, Saturday or Sunday. The evening would begin with beverages and hors-d'oeuvres and with the meal following leisurely afterwards, the whole occasion lasting perhaps 3 to 4 hours.

Please don't think, "Oh, I can never cook a meal like that!" We have lots of scope to cook international style, Julia Child style, comfort food, or whatever you prefer to do. I'm open to suggestions.

Once we have 4-5 interested couples, we'll get together for a chat to dot the i's and cross the t's. If you are interested, please let me know by phone at (250) 248-8614, or email, nitalooque@shaw.ca.

I hope to hear from you!

Nita Laaijen

Events Calendar

CURRENT EVENTS

COURTENAY HARVEST BANQUET - Saturday, Sep. 26

The 16th Annual Harvest Banquet and Live auction fundraiser for the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society is at 5 pm Saturday, Sep 26 at the Florence Filberg Centre in COURTENAY (411 Anderton Ave.) View the auction items while sampling appetizers. The cash bar will have local wines and beers (along with others). The buffet dinner is all locally produced foods (donated by local farms) and beautifully prepared by Custom Gourmet Catering with special desserts from local bakeries. Todd Butler, well known from CBC radio, will entertain with music and humor. A new video on the wildlife centre will be shown. Finish off with a live auction on a wide assortment of art, carvings, goods (garden packages) and services (heli-tour). There is also a silent auction. People come from as far away as Victoria for this annual event which sells out each year since it is considered the best meal in the Comox Valley. Past menu's have included beef, bison, ham, turkey, smoked salmon and endless vegetables. This dinner stays well within the "100 mile diet" Dress for the occasion is smart casual.

TICKETS cost \$50 (slight reduction for tables of 8). We plan to car pool and I will attempt to arrange a few visits to local farms prior to the dinner. (participants will be notified by e-mail of this possibility as well as meeting times). The deadline (the earlier the better) for getting tickets through

me is Thursday, Sept.10 (Cheque payable to Parksville Probus Club in my mailbox by that date). If you are not able to meet this deadline you can order your tickets by Visa directly from the Mountaineer Avian Rescue Society at (250) 337-2021 if tickets remain.

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Judy Wood

PAST EVENTS

14th ANNUAL PROBUS GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 14th Annual Probus Golf Scramble took place on Friday 28 August at the Qualicum Beach Memorial course. This year the Qualicum Probus group was invited to send representatives and six of their golfers joined us, and with their wives stayed for dinner.

There was full field of 28 golfers and 46 diners. The weather cooperated and the evening meal of roast beef and roast ham, with all the trimmings, went down well. Although this event is primarily a social occasion, there were a few golf-skill prizes and several draw prizes to spread among the attendees.

Specifically, Leila Redford won the KP (closest to the pin) prize on hole 5 and Margaret Norris-Jones the KP (second shot) on hole 8. For the men, Gene Wakaruk had the hole 5 KP and Ian MacGregor (Qualicum Probus) the second shot on hole 8. The overall winners of the scramble were the team of Alan Clift (QP), Tony Marsland and Alice Westaway who were considerably strengthened by the late addition of Ian Pickett (son of a Qualicum Probus member). To give the illusion that they were leveling the playing field for the other teams they played off the blue tees, but really it was the awesome putting by Alice and Alan that secured their 1 under par victory. We congratulate them (and hope they enjoy their prize of another round of 9-hole golf at the Memorial course!), and thank all participants for making this event enjoyable.

Jim Thompson, Brenda Moore and Tony Marsland

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A DIPLOMAT AND A LADY

When a diplomat says “yes” he means maybe;

When he says “maybe” he means no;

When he says “no he’s no diplomat.

When a lady says “no” she means maybe;

When she says “maybe” she means yes;

When she says “yes” she’s no lady!

Hugh Carter