



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

March

2023

Presidents Podium

Weather seems to have become a global issue with its variations and destructive events. Just arrived New Zealand and had to hunker down near Auckland and wait out cyclone Gabrielle. Many areas in the north and East coasts were devastated, flooded with no power and no road access. Repair and rebuilding these communities will be a difficult task. Most of the central island escaped serious damage so we had a nice tour down to



Wellington and through the Wine country and rural countryside. The people and hosts in B and Bs have been most friendly and helpful, with directions and advice. Hope to head over to West coast, though my navigator has been threatening job action!

Cheers, Neil

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Club News

Dates to Remember

Walking: Every Monday
Bowling: 2nd Wednesday of the month
Singing: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Dining Out: 3rd Tuesday of the month
Quilting: 3rd Tuesday of the month
BookWorms: Last Friday of the month

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:
Tues. March 14, 2023

March's Speaker

Our speaker at the March meeting will be James Mackenzie. James is the coordinator for volunteering and communications at MARS wildlife rescue. He is an avid birder and photographer. Many of you may remember him as he gave us an excellent presentation last fall about the role of MARS.

This month James will talk to us about Humming Birds. A subject that should be of interest to all of us,

Probus Milestone Anniversary

10th Anniversary: Rod and Evelyn Keith, joined March 1, 2013

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March Birthdays

Art Rees

Joan Mumby

Linda Taylor

Cheryl Cooper

Gail Embury

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Angus Mumby

Pat Verschoor

Sadie Brodie

Margo Ellegood

Newest Probus Members receiving their name badges

Stan and Nancy Gooch; Gus and Joan Mumby



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Club Announcements

****Dining In****

We would like to offer a spring session of Dining In.

If you like relaxed, small group dining at home, this is the venue for you. The premise of 'Dining In' is for groups of three couples (or any mix of six people) to gather together to share a meal and an evening of conversation with all contributing toward the meal.

Please contact Lynnette Lynch if you are interested.

"SAILING TO THE SYMPHONY"

Saturday, June 24, 2023

PRISMA (Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy)

Those of you who attended the last concert in June 2022, will remember what a great time we had. Again, we have good news:

- Last time we were able to reserve the **best seats in the house**. This year we have been granted the same privilege. This means: no stairs, no bleachers, far enough up audience to have an excellent view of everything onstage, yet close enough to have a truly intimate musical experience.
- We are informed that both the **dining arrangements** and excellent food preparation will also be repeated. The last menu included salmon, chicken, and vegetarian options, etc.
- The same **transportation** situation - discounted ferry rates and a free shuttle to the Evergreen Theatre are as before.

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Club Announcements

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- The package cost is \$95.00 per person. However, PRISMA is offering a 10% discount on the packages for groups like ours, if we book by March 22 - which means the cost will be \$85.50 (no increase from last year).
- We have asked PRISMA to hold 50 packages at the discounted rate: however, these will only be held for us until **April 30, 2023**, at which time final payment is required. After that date any tickets remaining will be sold at the full amount or returned to PRISMA.
- This year's matinee performance includes music by Mahler and others (TBC) as well the Concerto Competition - Final Round.

Lawrence and I will have a table set up at the March 14, 2023 in person meeting where you can reserve your tickets for the event.

NOTE: At the April 11, 2023 general meeting final payment for all tickets will be required. There will be no refunds after payment.

As always we thank you all very much for your continued support of PRISMA. We love organizing this for you and look forward to another successful event.

Marie Knowles and Lawrence Petkus
PRISMA 2023 Co-Chairs

New group being planned

A new BBQ activity group is being considered. Information will be announced at the March meeting with sign up sheets in April.

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February's Meeting Clips



Debbie Olson thanking February's speakers Daphne Crowther, the Board President of L'Arche Comox Valley and Mark Richardson who is the building and governance member of the board.



ANGRY WIFE'S NOTE TO HUSBAND:

"Your dinner is in the recipe book on page 34 and the ingredients are at the store"

Oldtimers9.com

Club Activity News

Bowling



Due to vacations or slight injuries the number of players was low this time around. However, 7 die hard players came out and some great results ensued.

Our "super bowlers" totals for two games are:

Georgia McLellan (283); Louise Casson (257); Mike Wilson (234) and Barbara Wilson (227).

Congratulations to all of you.

Afterwards we gathered for coffee at Rodos Café in Courtenay.



Please email if you wish to be added to the distribution list. There is space for more and you would be very welcome.

We meet the 2nd Wednesday of every month.

Details for March's game are as follows:

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MARCH 8, 2023
TIME: 1:00 PM (please arrive by 12:45 pm)
PLACE: CODES COUNTRY LANES
(307 - 6th Street, Courtenay)
COST: \$13.85 per/person - **CASH ONLY PLEASE**
(Price includes two games; shoe rental and taxes)

We will arrange to go for coffee afterwards for those who are interested at the time.

Marie Knowles

Club Activity News

Dining Out



Eleven members of the Orca Probus Dining Out group visited Kinaree Thai in February.

With a powerhouse menu, diners chose from a wide variety of authentic Thai dishes - see their menu at <https://restaurantguru.com/Kinaree-Thai-Courtenay/menu>.

As the meal progressed an astute observer detected a chorus of yums running around the table (google "the reluctant cannibal" for the reference!).

Next month we plan to enjoy another oriental lunch. Details will be announced shortly.

Yours in Fellowship, Chip Ross



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Dining In



Attending was Stan and Alice Strilchuk, Gene and Marilyn Morris and Art and Mary Jane



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Another great meeting in which we discussed the book "The Promise". This was a dark read and the members were of two opinions - loved it vs. did not like at all but it sure got us talking! We have 3 new members this month, so



due to space restrictions in some homes, we will not be able to accept any more to the group.



Walking



This photo is from a walk that starts at Lazo Marsh, goes around Sand Pines Crescent and back to the marsh.

snowy walk at the airpark!

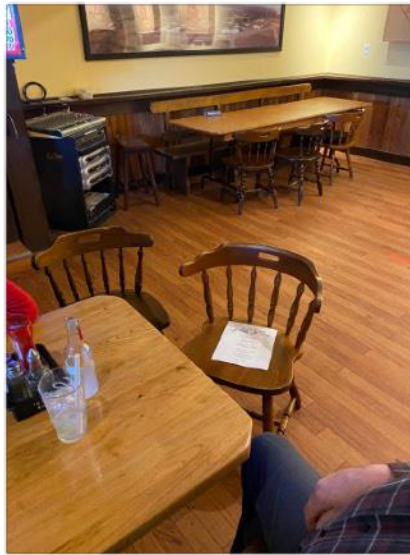
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Pub Club News

The group retired to the Griffin Pub after the February meeting! Only issue was we were without our fearless leader, Howard, who was a little under the weather.



This month the group will be going to the Flying Canoe West Coast Pub, located in the Best Western The Westerly. Please wait for the notice to come out next week before replying to me about attendance.



Club Activity News

HIKING



We started at the airstrip near Nymph Falls and followed a rather circuitous route (River Trail, Access Road, White Rabbit, Transmission, Supply Creek Canyon, Catnip, Access Road, KMA, Loop Trail, River Trail) that took us to somewhere near the Comox Dam and then back again! Surprisingly we had great weather despite a rather discouraging forecast. It was a small, select group of two.



A little Irish Humour

A young Irish girl goes into her priest on Saturday morning for confession.

"Father, forgive me for I have Thinned."

"You've Thinnned?"

"Yes, I went out with me boyfriend Friday night. He held me hand twice, kissed me three times, and made love to me two times."

"Daughter! I want you to go straight home, squeeze seven lemons into a glass, and drink it straight down."

"Will that wash away me Thin?"

"No, but it will get the silly smile off your face."

The Car Park

An Irishman is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot.

Without hesitation, the Irishman says: "Never mind, I found one!"

A group of Americans was touring Ireland.

One of the women in the group was a real curmudgeon, constantly complaining.

The bus seats are uncomfortable. The food is terrible.

It's too hot. It's too cold. The accommodations are awful.

The group arrived at the site of the famous Blarney Stone.

"Good luck will be followin' ya all your days if you kiss the Blarney Stone," the guide said.

"Unfortunately, it's being cleaned today and so no one will be able to kiss it.

Perhaps we can come back tomorrow."

"We can't be here tomorrow," the nasty woman shouted.

"We have some other boring tour to go on.

So I guess we can't kiss the stupid stone."

"Well now," the guide said, "it is said that if you kiss someone who has kissed the stone, you'll have the same good fortune."

"And I suppose you've kissed the stone," the woman scoffed.

"No, ma'am," the frustrated guide said, "but I've sat on it."