

# ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

January 2022

## ***PRESIDENT'S PODIUM***



Happy 2022 to you all! At least we can hope that it will improve from here.

With Omicron spreading like wildfire, the Management Committee has decided to use Zoom for our General Meeting on Tuesday, January 11. We were glad to have had three in-person meetings at the Legion Hall, but now we take a step back and once again use Zoom.

I actually like a Zoom meeting where we can chat in the break-out rooms, and where the Speaker's PowerPoint presentation comes across loud and clear.

Please join us on January 11th at 1:30 pm to chat, so that we can once again see the smiling faces of our Orca PROBUS Club members.

Wishing you all good health as we progress through the New Year!

- President Marguerite Ancell

A new member has joined Orca Probus, Gordie March. Gordie actually tried to join in November, but restrictions on the meetings prevented it. When we eventually meet in person again, be sure to offer your greetings to Gordie.

## In Memorium



**Rose Jacobson**

Rose joined Orca Probus in 2005, and was active in many of our groups and activities. You may remember that we honoured Rose with a lifetime membership at the November meeting, just prior to her 101st birthday.

Rose passed away just before Christmas.  
Rose, you will be missed.



## ***JANUARY BIRTHDAYS***

Marilyn Hemmelgarn  
Mary Hutton  
Margie Leighton  
Chip Ross  
Margaret Talbot  
Sue Johnston  
Ron Ritchie  
Bruce Ellis

For those members who are vacationing in the sun, or sitting beside your pool at your home in Mexico (where you are likely bored), here is the excitement that you missed here in Paradise!



## JANUARY 11 MEETING

You may remember the tag line for the Jaws 2 movie, "***Just when you thought it was safe to go back in the water again...***"

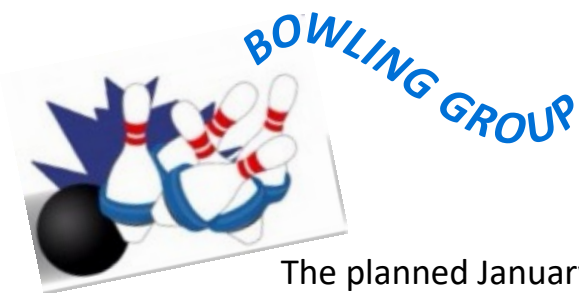
Well, that is what we are facing. As Marguerite mentioned, the Jan 11 meeting will be a Zoom meeting. We will send out notice of the sign-in procedure this weekend.

We do have a good speaker for that meeting who will join in on zoom.

Jane Evans, Senior Development Officer for Vancouver Island

Jane Evans is grateful for the opportunity to share, with members of the club, an update on the world-class cancer research, treatment and care we are so fortunate to have at our Victoria Cancer Centre.

She will update us on the impact of the PET/CT scanners and other new equipment that are now in operation, thanks to the generous support of many Vancouver Island residents, and the advancements in the Immunotherapy research that have the world's attention. In addition, we will learn about exciting new initiatives on the horizon for the Victoria Cancer Centre, such as the latest companion technology for the PET/CT scanners that is transforming treatment of prostate cancer.



The planned January launch of the bowling group will be postponed. Marie will contact those who have signed up to advise when our Orca bowling will begin. If you did not make the December meeting but are interested in future bowling dates, contact Marie

**PRISMA**  
**Pacific Region International Summer Music Academy**  
**Powell River**

We were recently advised by PRISMA organizers, that the “Symphony Cruise” will go ahead in 2022 and is scheduled for **SATURDAY, JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>**.

Although June seems a long way away, please enter this date into your calendars so you don’t miss this great opportunity. After a two-year COVID break we are so very excited to be able to offer this event to our members once again.

PRISMA organizers are working hard to fine-tune all the details for the event and to determine an affordable price. We should have more concrete information by the March newsletter.

- Co-Chairs: Marie Knowles and Lawrence Petkus

At the December 14th meeting, we had sign-ups for many of the 2022 activity groups. For those who could not make the meeting, here are the activity contact persons. Please note that due to Covid restrictions, activities may be delayed in starting up.

Book Worms	Marilyn Morris
Bowling	Marie Knowles
Cycling	Barb Wilson
Dining In	Lynette Lynch
Gardening	Lynette Lynch
Golf	Dave/Isabelle Pacholuk
Hiking	Tim Ackerman
Kayaking	Mike Wilson
Lunch Bunch	Margo/Paul Ellegood
Photography	Bruce Ellis
Pub Club	Howard Siebert
Quilting	Beth Ritchie
Walking	Melanie Olson