

ORCA PROBUS CLUB

Comox Valley

NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S PODIUM



Hello February, chapter two of twelve. The official month of love. As parents, Jerith and I have a special love reserved for our children and now our Grandchildren Caroline and Karver. We may not see them every day, but we think of them and love them everyday and with all the travel limitations in place right now, we are also missing them every day. It is so nice to have Facetime as a back up and of course our many memories and stories of times shared. I read somewhere once that memories are always special. Sometimes we laugh by remembering the days we cried, and we cry by remembering the days we laughed.

That is life I guess and in this crazy time, we need to begin taking our cues from the very children we love. Just watch them, they have wonder oozing from their toes. There are no shortages of wonders in this world, but I sometimes believe there is a shortage of wonder itself. At least amongst many of us adults. Think about it. When was the last time you made a snow angel or mucked around a creek until you were too wet and cold for comfort or played dead to see if a turkey vulture or a crow would come and peck at your eyes? By the way, they never do come and peck at your eyes but while you are lying on your back with your eyes wide open to the sky you begin to identify the shapes of the clouds. The one circling to your right looks like a fluffy Dragon and the one to your left an Elephant. Do you see its trunk? Wow! Do you remember the last time? Kids have that sense of wonder and we need to hang onto it or at least get some of it back.

As I begin writing this it is day 365 of COVID-19 in Canada. The weather has become more and more gloomy with cloud cover, rain and snow. I can honestly say that I can feel my sense of wonder beginning to wither away. "Stop it! Stop it! Wait just a second!" I shout, "Jerith, I know the weather is terrible but let us go for a walk. There is after all, no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothes." Jerith smiles at me as she puts on her raincoat and grabs her toque and mitts. (we after all had been taught by the best) Just before we walk out the door I turn and chime in, "remember, we are going to be on the sidewalk some of the time so be careful to not step on a crack." Thank-you Caroline and Karver, Gramma and Poppi are learning.

President Miles

In Memorium



Doug Payne Passed away in Calgary on December 29.

Doug was president of Orca Probus 2015/2016. He is well remembered for his quirky sense of humour and his love of just meeting other members.

Doug led the walking group for a period and was very popular with them. During this period Doug would write up the report on what the group did on the walk for the newsletter. Bored of just a dry commentary, he would often elaborate. One of his reports is copied on the next page.

While Doug left the club and moved to Calgary a couple of years ago to be nearer his family, he is missed by those that knew him.

This is the report that Doug Payne wrote for the June 2018 Newsletter. Funny thing is that the ladies he mentions, do not remember the details.

THE WALKING GROUP

On May 14th We did an area that we had never walked before. We started from the Tsolum Spirit River Park and walked up along the Tsolum river. It was a good path with lots of trees and pasture with grass a foot high, and there were lots of cattle grazing in the pastures. I thought they were Red Angus at first but later I realized they were Ruby Reds. Whatever they were, they looked fat and happy, and that's when we decided to have a little fun with them.



These cattle were so tame you could walk right up to them, so Past President Larry held the head and I pulled hard on the tail while Pat Dixon helped the girls get on.. Deanna Provencher was the first to ride, and could she ever ride ..waving her hat and yelling "Yahoo, Red Ruby let's go!" Boy did they ever buck, the ground was kind of soft and the steer got tired, and just stopped so it was Pat Verschoor's turn next. I was really surprised that she could ride so well, but I forgot she was from Dawson Creek and had been to the Spirit River Rodeo lots of times, so naturedly she knew how to ride. She fashioned her ear rings into a set of spurs and rode that red ruby steer right into the ground.

- Doug

Don't let them take your temperature on your forehead as you enter the supermarket because it erases your memory. I went for macaroni and cheese and came home with two cases of beer.

It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering..

They say every piece of chocolate eaten shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the math. Seems I died in 1537.



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01	Wendy Irwin	12	Tony Wilson
03	Ron Lowrie	14	Albert Rachynski
04	Mark Simonson	16	Gwendolyne Kruger
05	Marilyn Manley	25	Liz Van Boeschoten
10	Robyn Dickinson	26	Cindy Budd
10	Annie Judson		

MILESTONES

In February 2011 Isabelle and Dave Pacholuk, Cricket Price and Ian Pratt all joined Probus we send congratulations to all of you on 10 years with Orca!



The Probus National group is looking for someone to take on the role as Treasurer. It can be done from your home and entails;

- Keeping all the Financial records of PROBUS CANADA.
- Recording Dues & Insurance of all 260 Clubs with approximately 36,000 members.
- Invoicing receivables for pins etc, paying all expenses
- Reporting monthly Financial positions to the Board of Directors
- Attending the AGM meeting that is held at different locations across Canada

If anyone has questions please contact Gordon Hutton at 250 898-3492



Want to try your luck on the Probus Wheel of Fortune?

For \$10.00 you will get one spot on the wheel for all 5 months. (Replaces 50/50)
 Since we are a little late getting started we will spin the wheel at the Mar 9 meeting for both Feb and March.

How you can pay:

1. You can mail your \$10.00 to Jerith(cash or cheque payable to : Orca Probus Club)
2. You can drop off your \$10.00 (give Jerith a call to arrange)
3. E-transfers will also be accepted

We are only collecting monies once for all 5 months. If you are interested in playing the deadline for payment is Feb 28. The winners will be posted in the newsletter. You don't have to be present at the Zoom Meetings to win.

Winners names stay on the wheel. All prizes will be mailed or delivered.

Good Luck!

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As a club we are currently limited in our opportunities to enjoy social contact with other members. The monthly zoom meeting is the extent of what we are now sharing. But there are so many other options where we could use zoom for small group get-togethers. The book club is already using this option, however, there are a variety of groups who could meet on-line.

From other Probus clubs, we have heard of sub-groups that meet for coffee and chat, Trivia challenges, Bridge or card games, movie appreciation discussions, knitting groups etc. All we need is for someone to say they will start a group. We will offer training on zoom and promote the group to other members.

So think about it. Could you conceive of an idea and lead a group? Contact the Orca Probus email site or phone any of the executive if you have an idea.

FEBRUARY MEETING

At the February 9th Club meeting our speaker will be Mike Naish. His power point presentation will include the top 10 issues you need to know before buying a Strata/ Condominium. For strata owners he will discuss the top 5 issues you need to be aware of as well as the top 5 major mistakes that might occur.

Mike owned a strata townhouse for fourteen years and has served in many positions on its Strata Council. He also attends webinars concerning strata housing in order to have current information regarding the evolving provincial legislation. Mike also teaches a five session ElderCollege course about strata living for both the Campbell River and Comox Valley Campuses.

Please join us on Zoom for this informative presentation concerning Strata living on February 9 at 2:00 pm.

For those who are complaining about all the days of rain we are having this winter, you forget what it was like where you used to live



Guess who these members are – here's what they looked like when they were younger!

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