

Marie Knowles President

PRESIDENT'S PODIUM

Well, it is official – summer has left us. However, Fall is here and it's going to be a beautiful sight. The trees are starting to change color with their golden, red and orange hues. Magnificent.

The results have been compiled from the Member Surveys received and the report is being emailed after the newsletter is distributed. I urge you to take the time to read the comments, as there is some interesting and useful information. Also, several new activities were brought forward and if you would like to take the lead on any of these, please approach a member of the Management Committee.

In particular, there are two activities needing leaders – “Lunch Bunch” and “Happy Appies”. Give some consideration to kick-starting these again – co-chairing shares the load. Suggestion: how about a seasoned member joining forces with a new member to help their transition into the Club. We were all new members once.

As this is my last President's Podium, I would like to thank you, the members, for all your support. It has been an honor serving as your President and I have truly enjoyed the experience. I am proud to have worked with such capable people on the Management Committee this past year, and even though some of them are retiring, thanks to the hard work of the Nominations Committee, more capable people have stepped up to take their places. The Club will be in good hands once again.

I look forward to serving as Past President and helping out wherever I can. I still plan on being one of the “greeters” at the monthly meetings, and look forward to welcoming you all at that time.

THANK YOU.
Marie

“Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.”

**The ORCA PROBUS CLUB meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 2:00 p.m.
in the Comox Legion Hall (except July and August)**

Our Website: www.orcaprobust.ca

NOTICE

Election of Officers

The nominations for the executive positions have closed.
The following members will be elected by acclamation at the October 8 meeting.

Marie Knowles – Past President

Ken Talbot – President

Neil Brodie – Vice-President

Marguerite Ancell – Secretary

Caroline Urquhart – Treasurer

Lynnette Lynch & Val Dyke – Membership

Mike & Barb Wilson – Facilities

Bruce Ellis – Publicity & Newsletter

Jerith Jones – Social Director

Our Dues are Due!

Thanks to the 97 members who renewed their Orca PROBUS memberships at the September meeting. For those who haven't paid their dues, you need to do so before **October 31st** to maintain your membership in the club. Dues remain \$30 per person (\$60 per couple).

If you cannot make the meeting, let Membership know so that you can remain on the e-mail list.

MILESTONES

Congratulations to **Mathilde Schneider** who celebrates her 15th anniversary with Orca Probus on October 12th.

Congratulations also to **Eileen Thornton-Jones** who celebrates her 10th anniversary with Orca Probus on October 19th.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Stephanie Moulton
 Sandi Tetreau
 Kelly Kline
 Paul Ellegood
 Theresa Mead
 Bill Urquhart

George Dowler
 Dave Pacholuk
 Lyn Sontag
 Ian White
 Bernard Bechard
 Barry Hemmelgarn

October Speaker

Judith McIntosh, Author and Orca PROBUS Club member

Judith was born a few months before the outbreak of World War II in 1939. Raised in Winnipeg, she obtained a B.A in English and Psychology and a Masters in Clinical Social Work from the University of Manitoba.

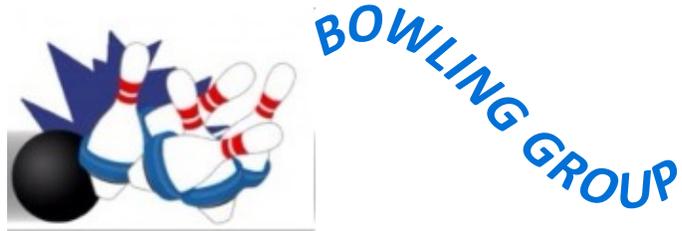
In 1963 Judith moved to Vancouver with her then husband Ian and continued to pursue her creative writing skills until two years later she was hired by BC Television. She was the lone woman on their program entitled "People in Conflict." This was a daily show featuring two litigants in conflict and a panel of Lawyers, Social Workers and Psychologists who, ostensibly, cured their problems in the course of one hour! During her 5 years on air she also wrote scripts for the show.

In 1970 her husband's work took Judith and their two children to Ecuador which led to her writing her first book "Ecuador, La Mitad Del Mundo, The Middle of the World".

Upon returning to Canada, Judith opened a counselling practice and also wrote a weekly column for the North Shore News. During this time she was awarded the first prize gold medal in a Canadian Provincial Monthly Newspapers contest.

In 2010 Judith and George, best husband number two, moved to Courtenay. As well as joining Orca PROBUS, she joined the Comox Valley Writer's Association and convened a Memoirs group.

Since then her children's book, "Miss Hollywood", appeared, and now her 3rd book "Daddy Went to War: A World War II Memoir" is almost finished.



Our first bowling event of the season took place on September 11, 2019 and it was a blast. Two new members, David and Gwendolyne Kruger, joined us.

If you are interested in joining us on **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2019 at 1:00 pm at Codes Bowling Alley**, please let me know.

For the people who are already on my participants list, I will be sending out a notice one week before bowling day to check on attendance.

Contact: Marie Knowles



A man walks into a bar and orders a beer. He looks up and notices that there are slabs of raw meat nailed to the ceiling. So he asks the bartender what they are there for.

The bartender replies, "It is part of a new promotion. If you jump up and pull one of them down, your beer is free all evening. If you fail, you owe the bar \$100. Do you want to try?"

The man thinks about it and says, "Naw I don't think so, the steaks are too high!"



Christmas Dinner/Dance
Blackfin Banquet Room

Tuesday, December 10th

5:30 Doors Open
5:30 Cocktails **6:00** Appys **6:45** Dinner/Formalities

Dinner & Dance
 Featuring **Jilli Martini Band**

Menu

Carved Ham
 Roasted Turkey with Savoury Sage & Walnut Stuff
 Pan Gravy & Cabernet Cranberry Sauce
 Garlic Mashed Potatoes
 Brussel Sprouts
 Honey Dill Glazed Carrots
 Gathered Organic Greens
 Blackfin Housemade Caesar Salad
 Assortment of Breads and Buns
 Dessert Selection
 Dark Roast Coffee and Specialty Teas

(Please inform planning committee of any food allergies)

Ticket Sales

October (members) **November** (members & guests)
 Prices: Members - **\$43.00** Guests - **\$53.00**
Maximum Tickets sold - 72 (wait list taken)

Reservations available for groups of 8 or a seat at the Singles table

HIKING GROUP

Well, hiking continued during the summer months as usual. Well, maybe not so usual, as the planned hike from Nymph Falls along the Puntledge to the dam was a wash out and cut short. To say it was raining cats and dogs three-quarters of the way in is an understatement. Let us just say our underwear was soaked!!!

The hike up in the Paradise Meadows area in August included Battleship and Helen McKenzie lakes. The skies became sunnier as we went up the mountain and all 10 hikers stayed dry. There was lots of mud on the trails from the morning rain to navigate around. Too bad two hikers bailed at the base of the hill!

Early on in August, we did the Bevan Ecological trail which has a moderate degree of difficulty. Some of us had not been to the summit for a couple of years; great vistas down Comox Lake were well worth the climb. A perfect hiking day in many ways, especially for me, because Barry and Marilyn brought their son who was visiting from Calgary. Chris had hiked with Barry, Earl and me in the Jasper area a couple of years back, and it was neat to catch up on his life and outings, a terrific guy.

The Rosewall Creek hike at the end of August was cancelled due to lack of participants, no doubt something to do with the long weekend. Due to poor weather, there have been no hikes in September.

As I have been the leader of this activity for some 8 years now, I would like a volunteer to take over the lead. Anyone interested????

- Tim



Mystery Wine and Cider Tour Declared a "Smashing" Success!

39 participants arrived back at the Driftwood Mall, tired and happy. We visited two wineries (Blue Grouse and Enrico) and two cideries (Merridale and Valley Cider) on a glorious fall day.

Participants enjoyed wine or cider tastings at each stop, with a lunch at one winery, a simple yet deliciously prepared soup and sandwiches! Oops, almost forgot the delicious apple crisp dessert at our next stop!

Keith, our bus driver, and Carolyn, our trusty guide, went out of their way to ensure a fabulous time was had by all. **Remember, what goes on on the bus, stays on the bus!**

- Tim Ackerman and Karen Chrysler

(Editor's note.....not quite true about the secrets.... We have pictures!)



PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS



We look forward to our first **Singalong** this fall! Get those vocal chords warmed up and join us for a great musical evening with new and old friends at our brand new location in Crown Isle!

Location: The Ackerman's home

Date: Tuesday, October 29

Time: 7:00 pm

The location is right next door to the lane going into Crown Isle Golf Course, next to the 18th hole. When you are out driving in the daylight, maybe going to Costco, or Thrifty's, go down Crown Isle Drive to pinpoint the location. The entrance has a brick wall on either side. It is a Strata complex, which means most of us will have to park on Crown Isle Drive and walk a very short distance. However, there are a few parking spots inside the complex.

Unit 3 is the third unit on the right hand side. Look for the lamp with #3 on it. For further information call Jill.

We look forward to having you join us!

- ***The Undecideds***, Rae, Rhonda & Bev

PUB CLUB NEWS

Last month we went to the Church Street Taphouse. Despite two text messages and a phone call, the Manager did not tell his staff that we would be coming. Nevertheless because of friendly and obliging staff and few patrons on our arrival, we were mostly seated together. They also ran out of supplies for their daily special so some harder choices were required for the food items. At least the beer supply was varied and plentiful enough to keep everyone contented. Unfortunately, about 12 more people showed up at the Pub than had replied to my email. We need to pull up our socks and be more diligent about replying to my announcement. It isn't fair to those who respond when they have to scramble for seating when more than the expected number of members show up for the event!



We went to the updated version of the Prime Chophouse for dinner on my birthday, and though they have brought in a new Manager and a menu geared to attract more clientele, we were mildly disappointed. It is no longer a steakhouse, and the only steak available was a cheaper cut. However, they seemed to have more customers despite it being a Monday night. I regret very much that there aren't many places in Courtenay where you can enjoy a good plain grilled steak and a baked potato with fixins' and not sauces etc. Anyway, I'll give them another month to get settled in before our group goes there. It has always been a popular venue for our members.

Rae also took me out to dinner at the newly renovated Chances Casino. The food was good but the facility's acoustics are distracting. It will be on the list for a future event.

This month we will be going to the Whistle Stop Pub. We haven't gone there for some time due to being stuck in the "hole" at the back twice in a row. But despite it being a bit outdated, many people like going there due to its funkiness and good food. I talked with the Manager and was assured we will be accommodated in the area facing the Airpark, which is brighter and more user friendly. I also checked out the newest brew pub, the Ace Brewing Company, which is right next door to the Whistle Stop. The beer was good though the menu was a bit limited. However, the staff was very friendly and keen to have us visit them. Again, I will give them a bit more time to expand their menu and iron out the wrinkles before we go there.

- Howard



THE PIRATE

I NEVER PLAYED A GAME UNTIL YOU TAUGHT ME HOW
 I THOUGHT I KNEW MYSELF UNTIL NOW
 YOU ARE A MIRROR IN WHICH I SEE A SOUL
 I BELIEVE MY SHIP HAS HIT A SHOAL
 I DIDN T KNOW MY LIPS TILL YOU SET THEM FREE
 I DIDN T KNOW THE FIRE THAT DESIRE COULD BE
 A TRADE WIND SWEEPS MY BOAT TO SEA
 AND NOW I SEE WITH PERFECT CLARITY
 YOU TAUGHT ME WHAT IT IS TO BE ME.

AND WHEN YOUR CHEEK IS NEXT TO MINE
 YOUR PINK BREATH IS A CONCH SHELL QUITE DEVINE
 WHERE I HEAR THE SEA, THE WIND, AND DESTINY
 A BARQUE ONCE MOORED NOW SET FREE
 WE EMBRACE, YOU ARE MY SECOND SKIN
 THERE IS NO WORLD THAT I WOULD RATHER BE IN
 EVERY MORNING I CHASE A NEW HORIZON
 A WHITE CLOUD IN A BLUE SKY EVER SURPISING
 I AM A PIRATE WITH THE WORLD S GREATEST TREASURE
 TO LIVE IN THIS MOMENT WITHOUT AN END TO MEASURE
 THERE IS NOTHING TO LOOK FOR OR TO FIND
 ON WE SAIL LEAVING PAST AND FUTURE BOTH BEHIND.

A HALLOWEEN POEM BY THE OLD FARMER