



Orca Probus Club NewsLetter

January

2023

Presidents Podium



Neil Brodie

To all of you a Happy New Year and good fortune for 2023. I trust you all had an enjoyable merry Christmas with family and friends. Thankfully that miserable cold snowy weather departed in the nick of time, making life so much easier.

January is the perfect month for members to become involved in more or new club activities. We offer a whole range of indoor and outdoor pursuits and are open to expanding on this list. Here is your chance to develop new interests and make new friends.

Cheers, Neil

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Club News

Dates to Remember

Walking: Every Monday
Bowling: Wednesday Jan. 11, 2023
Singing: Tuesday, Jan 17, 2023
Dining Out: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023
Quilting: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 2023
BookWorms: Last Friday of the month

next ORCA PROBUS CLUB meeting:
Tues. Jan 10. 2023

January's Speaker

Our January speaker will be Caitlin Pierzchalski. She will be giving us an update on the Kus Kus Sum project to restore the old Field Sawmill site to a natural habitat.

Caitlin is the Executive Director of Project Watershed. Her background as a restoration ecologist makes her well suited to be the program manager of this project.

Those of us that cross the 17th street bridge regularly, are well aware of the needed conversion of this eyesore to make it part of the estuary.



"I asked my wife what she wanted for Christmas. She told me, "Nothing would make her happier than a diamond necklace." ... so I bought her nothing."

Club News

January Birthdays

Marilyn Hemmelgarn

Margie Leighton

Chip Ross

Margaret Talbot

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!

Sue Johnston

Ron Richie

Bruce Ellis

Past President Marguerite Ancell very much appreciates the lovely gift that was presented at the Orca PROBUS dinner and dance on December 13th. The engraved wine glasses and crystal wine bottle stopper (and of course the bottle of wine) are a wonderful memento of her year as President.



Michael Lynch showing Joan Matheson how to debone a turkey. It was a messy process but two perfectly deboned turkeys were on our tables at Christmas.

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ORCA PROBUS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Guests were greeted with a festive setting of twinkling tree lights, decorations, and winter greenery center pieces. Delicious appys were served while guests mingled, raised their glasses, and shared Christmas greetings, followed by a gourmet buffet.

Evening formalities included President Neil Brodie's presentation on behalf of the club to Past President Marguerite Ancell, thanking her for her leadership, commitment, and service as President 2021-22.

A special Thank You was then shared with Barbara Hanson, Manager, and the Blackfin staff for their excellent service.

Toes were soon tapping and guests were filling the dance floor, singing along, or simply enjoying the dynamic duo "Easy Street".

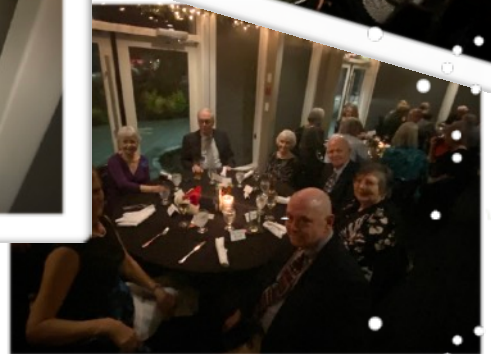
Thank you to Bruce Ellis-guest greeter; Miles Jones & Dave Pacholuk-coat & seating hosts; Barb Wilson & Robyn Dickinson-doorprizes; Mike Naish-treasurer; Mike Wilson-publicity; and our MC Miles with his kind humour (and a little bribery)!

- Isabelle & Jerith



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Door Prize winners



Door Prizes created by
Robin Dickinson &
Barb Wilson



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In Memorium



Reg Crone

Reg Crone recently passed away. No longer a member but Reg and Joanne were founding members and Reg was President in 2006-2007. Their friendships with many people brought many new members to our club.

Many of you will remember him most because he organized our Orca Probus members in 2013 to join in on the Coldest Night of the Year walk to raise funds for the homeless. Orca Probus raised the most money and we were the largest group of walkers that year.



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In Memorium



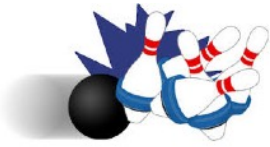
Ron Lowrie

It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Ronald George Lowrie on December 4th, 2022.

Ginny and Ron joined Orca Probus in 2004

Condolences may be offered at
www.telfordtoneffboyd.ca

Club Activity News



Bowling

Due to Christmas planning, shopping and endless other places to be, only 10 players attended the December get together. However, that did not stop us having a great fun-filled time.



The "shining star" ✨ was Louise Casson with a total score of 346. Well done Louise!!



In second place was Jill Ackerman with 303 and



third place Ron Ritchie with 291.

Congratulations to all of you. The rest of us are improving and are creeping up the leader board.

Afterwards we gathered for coffee at Rodos Café in Courtenay.



Details for January 2023 are as follows

DATE: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 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.

Club Activity News

Dining In

Here is one of the current Dining In groups currently relaxing after a wonderful conversation and meal.

To get involved with this activity, email Lynnette Lynch



Snowshoeing

Since mother nature provided us with some measurable amount of snow the first week of December, the word went out to the snowshoeing list to see who could be available for an impromptu walk around the Glacier Greens Golf Course.

Only the Wilsons and Cricket Price were available.



Club Activity News

PROBUS SINGERS AND FRIENDS

Well after a break in November because Rod and Debbie were away, several Probus members braved the snow and weather and made it out for the Christmas sing along on December 20th. There was beautiful music made with harmony and energetic singing. We had a break half way through to enjoy some hot apple cider and some delicious treats that were donated from the members. It was challenging to get everyone back to start the second half because of the social visiting. Our hearts were filled with the Christmas spirit and we all left feeling grateful for the opportunity to be together once again. The next Probus and friends singing will take place on Tuesday, January 17th at 2:30. Hope to see more of you there.



Club Activity News

Bookworms

Bookworms celebrated the holiday season by meeting at Crown Isle for a quiet lunch in the Atrium. While some of our readers are enjoying the sun

out of country, nine of us did meet and not discuss the book of the month. January's selection "The Push" by Ashley Audrain will generate a serious discussion.



Walking



They walk every Monday and on Boxing Day the group received a gift of no rain or snow and partly cloudy skies.



Food For Thought

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Christmas Day is done, just the bills to pay
The Blue sky is gone now it just stays Gray.
If the Sun peaks through, we run out to play
If old man winter has not found us,
We can drive to the mountains for his display. Happy New Year to All
Make this the year you climb over that wall
And the spirit of success makes you feel 10 feet tall. Shake hands with your
neighbour
And have a coffee break together,
Ignore the weather, smile so people around you smile back And smile at each
other.
Be the first one on your block
To wish everyone A Happy New Year
And have a nice talk.
Then go for a good walk
Or roll round the block
MAKE THE NEW YEAR ROCK!



Food For Thought

This is the transcript of the ACTUAL radio conversation between the British and the Irish, off the coast of Kerry, Oct 98. Radio conversation released by the Chief of Naval Operations 10-10-01:

IRISH: Please divert your course 15 degrees to the South, to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: Recommend you divert your course 15 degrees to the North, to avoid a collision.

IRISH: Negative. You will have to divert your course 15 degrees to the South to avoid a collision.

BRITISH: This is the Captain of a British navy ship. I say again, divert YOUR course.

IRISH: Negative. I say again. You will have to divert YOUR course.

BRITISH: This is the aircraft carrier HMS Britannia the second largest ship in the British Atlantic fleet. We are accompanied by three destroyers, three cruisers, and numerous support vessels. I demand that you change your course 15 degrees north, I say again, that is 15 degrees north, or counter-measures will be undertaken to ensure the safety of this ship.

IRISH: We are a lighthouse. Your call.