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YOUR 2013 MANAGEMENT TEAM

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David White, Ken Fanning	<i>Members-at-Large</i>

BOOMER'S LEGACY

Initially a "stay at home Mom", Maureen Eykelenboom returned to school and then worked as a coordinator of volunteers in Alberta hospitals until her family moved to Comox in 1999. There, her strong commitment to helping others continued through multiple volunteer activities. Her world changed in 2006.

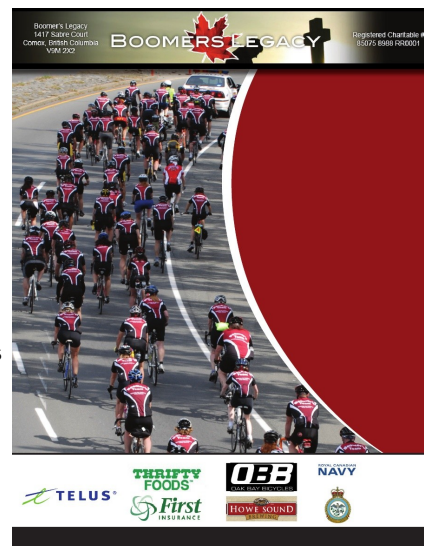
That August Cpl. Andrew "Boomer" Eykelenboom was killed in action in Afghanistan. Mindful of her son's passion towards helping people, Maureen put her heart and soul into the creation of *Boomer's Legacy Foundation*. The foundation raises and provides funds to projects that "carry on Andrew's desire to provide humanitarian assistance to peo-

ple wherever and whenever Canadian Forces are deployed".

Since 2006, projects based in Afghanistan have been as diverse as providing school supplies and shoes to children to replacing a herd of sheep killed by Taliban forces. In Kosovo in 2011 a \$10,000 donation improved a Women and Children's Shelter; while the same year in Jamaica, \$6,000 enhanced a technical school dedicated to improving the lives of impoverished youth.

The most prominent fundraising events are annual bike rides. The first was from Comox to Victoria, and now there is a similar ride in Ottawa, with Alberta and Nova Scotia following later this year. Maureen cycles

WEDNESDAY 1 MAY



the 240 km in BC each year.

Come Wednesday 1 May to meet this amazing woman and hear more about "Boomer's Legacy".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Sharon Seibt
President, 2012-2013

Spring is a time for growth, renewal, and change. I am sure that, as Probus members, we have all learned through our careers and life experiences that to embrace change, no matter how unsettling, most often opens up new opportunities. See page two for an important change that is afoot.

Given the events of last week, our May speaker is extremely

timely - I'm sure this will be a moving and inspirational experience for all of us.

I look forward to seeing you and anyone you think might benefit from hearing Maureen Eykelenboom speak on Wednesday May 1st.

Sharon Seibt

CHANGE IS AFOOT

BY SHARON SEIBT

The Management Committee has, for some time, been reviewing the question of the best day for our Member Meeting. For a number of reasons, not the least of which is conflicting commitments that were not evident when the Club was established 10 years ago, we have agreed that the Member Meeting will be moved to the first Friday of the month effective September 2013.

The Annual Pancake Breakfast will, therefore, be held the first Friday in September (Sept. 6th). From that date forward, the regular meeting

day will continue to be the first Friday of the month – same time, same place (9:30am in St. Mary’s Church Hall).

Although the Club started on the first Wednesday of each month, there was discussion at the time of trying it for one year and then possibly changing to the first Friday. Declining membership has necessitated this decision ten years later.

Additional measures we are taking to increase membership are to post ads in the *Nanoose Bay Business Directory* and *Tidelines*, the Craig

Bay newsletter. You will see these in May.

In addition, we would like to encourage all members to bring a neighbour, someone new to the area, or a visiting relative to enjoy our interesting speakers.



DOGS IN SERVICE



Bruce, the guide dog in training, enchanted members at the April meeting.

Oh...and Nancy Klinger, his adopted “Mum” and initial trainer was also appreciated by

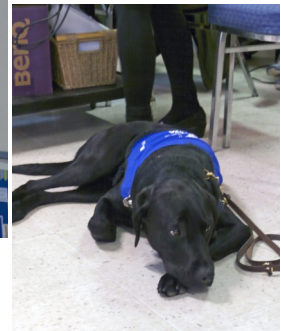
all. Through her slides and stories, members learned of the rigorous education that service dogs undergo - first with their “puppy-raisers” (like Nancy) and then with Guide Dog Mobility Instructors after about the age of 15 months.

The black Labrador retriever gave a very convincing demonstration of how well his education is going. Despite the fact that over 50 people were milling around the room, Bruce was unfazed. Neither new faces nor strange voices bothered him - he even took a short nap.

Thanks to Nancy and Bruce, those present now have an appreciation for the hard



work and dedication they each give to their respective jobs. The reward for both is love.



HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Sponsor a Puppy
Make a Donation

Raise a Puppy
Board a Dog

BC Guide Dog Services

The mission of British Columbia Guide Dog Services is to meet the demand for professionally-trained Guide Dogs for blind and visually-impaired citizens in British Columbia, at all times meeting or exceeding the international standards as established by the International Guide Dog Federation.

Check them out at: www.bcguidedog.com

SEEMS LIKE JUST YESTERDAY...

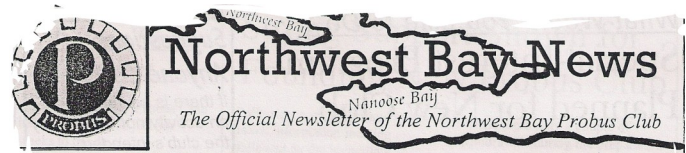
In her introductory message to members May 2003, President Gabrielle Cartlidge quoted Samuel Johnson's statement on friendship:

If a man does not make new acquaintances as he advances through life, he will soon find himself living alone. The man, sir, should keep his friendship in constant repair.

"I am already enjoying a widening circle of acquaintances and friends", Gabrielle said, "and feel enthusiasm for the activities we will be planning, and hope that will be your experience also in our club."

That first newsletter was a little sparse on content prompting the first editor, Alan Jay, to comment that "filling the space in a first-time newsletter can sometimes be problematic". He suggested that members not take all the stories inside too seriously.

Strange - your current newsletter editor thought it was fascinating to hear that new special interest activities were to include "Secrets of Mummification, How to Calm an Enraged Lion with a Firm Voice and a Slap on the Nose and an extremely interesting study of the effects of putting a finger down the barrel of a



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Steering Committee Lays Groundwork for New Club

To lay the groundwork for the formation of the new Probus club to complete the required registration legalities, a Steering Committee held two meetings in March.

The Steering Committee, composed of members who indicated an interest following the March 12 Organizational Meeting, agreed to have their names stand as executive nominees at the Inaugural Meeting. They are Gabrielle Cartlidge (President); Bob Vosshall (Vice-President); Do...

who have not yet paid their membership fees will have an opportunity to do so in the library area prior to the meeting. During the meeting, Probus Club member Don Cochrane will present a 15-minute light-hearted look at the retirement process. The first 150 people to complete the membership process will be known as "Charter Members".

Welcome!
This is the first edition of the newsletter of a new club, the Northwest Bay Probus Club. Future editions, to be produced monthly, will have news and information on all club social activities and special-interest events. But right now, welcome to the first meeting of your new Probus club!

Information Meeting Prompts 146 Membership Applicant.

high-powered rifle as someone pulls the trigger"! Volunteers for such activities were to contact Dr. Acula (Special Interests Chairman) at his

Transylvania Ave. office...any time after midnight."

They certainly make our SIGs ten years later sound rather mundane!



TODAY...



TENTH ANNIVERSARY LUNCH - JUNE 12, 2013

Instead of our regular June meeting, a *SPECIAL MEETING* will be held at Tigh-Na-Mara. The meeting will begin at 10:30am with speakers (Judy and Tony Eastham on Saudi Arabia) and after that the fun will begin!

Special entertainment (highlighting a theme which is a tightly held secret within the 10th Anniversary Committee) will accompany a sumptuous lunch.

Luncheon Menu

- Vancouver Island Wild Greens, Sundried Tomato Vinaigrette
- Grilled Salmon, Maple Dill Glaze or Grilled Breast of Chicken with Mushroom Reduction
- Basmati Rice, Jardinière of Seasonal Vegetables
- Cheesecake with Fresh Berry Compote

TOMORROW...



TICKET DEADLINE
MAY 1ST

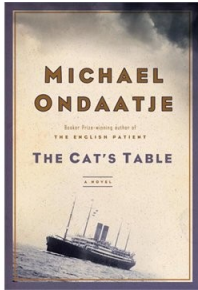
Tickets
for
NWBay Probus'
10th Anniversary LUNCH
Wednesday 12 June 2013

\$15 for members DEADLINE: May 1st
\$30 for guests/non-members - after May 1st

Buy Wed. May 1st or:
Mary Crist (250-468-2351) marycrist@shaw.ca
Don Dempson (250-821-0456) ddempson@shaw.ca
Ken Fanning (250-248-2490) kfanning@shaw.ca
Heather Popple (250-468-9835) heatherpopple@shaw.ca

GOINGS ON...OUR CHAPTER

Book Club #1



Our meeting on March 21 was convened to discuss a book that has received our clubs'

highest rating for the year. The group decided it deserved a rank of 8.5/10 by the assembled at Shirley Jones-Koers' home.

The *Cat's Table* is the latest masterful novel from the great Toronto-based writer, Michael Ondaatje. The book is not meant to be autobiographical and yet it tells the tale of an eleven year old Michael making a 21 day sea voyage without benefit of a chaperone. It just so happens that the real Michael had a quite similar experience himself from the same departure point, Sri Lanka, to the same destination, England, in the

approximate time frame – the early 1950s.

The trip turned out to be quite a life-changing adventure for our main character and his two new chums that were of similar age. The three boys met at the “cat’s table” aboard the cruise ship “Oronsay” and set about to ensure that there would be no unturned adventure to regret in their old age.

A cast of eclectic characters, most of them also seated at the table designated as the least prestigious on board proved that often the most interesting people are living in the cheap seats of life.

Greg Ast

Garden Club

Garden Club members had a fun and informative afternoon at the Northwest Bay Garden Centre in early April learning the tricks of the hanging basket trade from Evy Goshuk.

Members toured the greenhouse, chock-a-block with plants perfectly suited to the traditional “Victoria Hanging Basket”. Evy pointed out the best varieties for shade and sun and offered her best advice for numbers: “you can never have too many plants in a basket”! She also provided fertilizing wisdom that she promised would ensure our baskets will thrive all summer long.

She and her husband, Brian, will water our creations until it is time to bring them home and hang them proudly in front of our homes.

The Grand Crew Commercial Winetasting Group

Heather and Bob Popple hosted The Grand Crew at their home on March 28th.

An interesting concept was tested at this wine tasting. Six red wines from Spain were served to each guest, in

glasses marked 1-6. The object was to rate each wine out of 100 using the Wine Spectator 100 point scale. Unbeknownst to all but the hosts - there were really only 3 individual wines, each served twice. The second serving, however, was spun for 30 seconds in a blender just prior to pouring! Bob wanted to know whether this severe aerating was helpful or not to the wine taste.

When the group score was calculated by averaging individual scores, the result was a significant degradation for the Beronia but not much difference for the other two. Halfway through the tasting Bob and Heather served a delightful selection of Spanish food specialties that truly enhanced the wines.

All three wines are available at BC Liquor Store:

- Beronia Rioja Reserva 2008, \$24.99
- Bibendum Bodega San Pedro 2006, \$24.99
- Regalado Canta Perdices Tempranillo 2010, \$16.00

Mary Crist

Ladies' 9-Hole

The Ladies Nine-Hole casual golf group will play again this year. This group golfs on alternate Tuesday mornings (weather permitting), June through September. You don't have to be a good golfer - our aim is just to have fun. It's easy --- just register and you will be invited by email to each outing and, if

MARK YOUR CALENDAR (& sign up at May meeting)

May 1 Maureen Eykelenboom
9:30am

May 22 Kitty Coleman Woodland Gardens & Shelter Point Distillery Tour

June 12 Saudi Arabia Uncovered - Judy & Tony Eastham
10:30am

11:50 am 10th Anniversary Celebration Lunch
Meeting & Lunch @ Tigh-Na-Mara, Parksville

June 24 Probus Fun Golf Afternoon @ Brigadoon Golf Course
3pm
Nine holes of golf, only \$15,50/pers followed by dinner at Boston Pizza in Parksville.

July 25 Annual Picnic - at the home of Dianne and Hans deVisser

NB: Date & Time Change

GOINGS ON...IN THE AREA

LANTZVILLE FARMERS MARKET
 May 5, 12, 19 & 26;
 1:30-4pm

VOICES OF THE ISLAND 2013
 Sunday, May 5th,
 2:30pm
 Port Theatre
 A choral afternoon spanning all generations and genres featuring The Village Voices of Qualicum Beach, The Craig Bay Choristers, The Brentwood College Concert Choir and A Capella Plus.

SEPTICSMART WORKSHOP
www.rdn.bc.ca/
 May 7th, 6:30-8pm
 Nanoose Library Hall

BEAR SMART INFORMATION SESSION
www.rdn.bc.ca
 May 8, 6:30-8pm

Nanoose Library Hall
 The RDN is hosting a number



of Bear Smart information sessions this Spring. Learn about Vancouver Island Black Bears and specifically how to reduce wildlife conflicts around your home, plan on attending this free information session.

PARKSVILLE-QUALICUM BEACH & DISTRICT BC SPCA FLEA MARKET
 May 10th, 9am-7pm; May 11, 9am-4pm
 Wembley Mall, Parksville

ALL SPRUNG OUT
allsprungoutmarket.wordpress.com/
 May 11th, 10am-3pm
 Nanoose Place
 2nd Annual craft market. \$2 donation to Nanoose Community Cupboard suggested.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH AT FAIRWINDS
 May 12th, 10am-2pm
 Fairwinds Clubhouse

NANOOSE LIBRARY ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
 May 18th, 9am-2pm

EDIBLE NATIVE PLANT WALK



very natural and relaxed setting. Its 24 acres of woodland, home to a multitude of native plants and birds, has



meandering cedar bark paths, ponds, fountains and quiet benches from which to contemplate the environment.

After lunch there will be an optional tour of **Shelter Point Distillery**. Sign up on 1st May or send a message to Marnie Swanson to register: marnieswanson@gmail.com

www.rdn.bc.ca/
 May 22nd, 4:30-6:30pm
 Moorecroft Regional Park

RUN FOR LIFE 2013
www.nanaimohospitalfoundation.com/
 May 26th
 Bowen Park, Nanaimo
 Run, walk or stroll 5K's and raise funds for equipment purchases for you new Emergency Department at NRGH.

HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS
 to assist speakers
 (infrequently)
 with their
AUDIO/VISUAL
 needs

Please contact:
 Diet Siebt
diet.seibt@gmail.com

...OUR CHAPTER (CONTINUED)

you want to participate that week, you reply by email; confirmation will be sent out the Sunday prior to our game. Even if you were a participant last year, please re-register.

Our first outing will be at Brigadoon Golf Course in Parksville on June 4th. There will be a sign-up sheet at the May Membership Meeting, or you

can register by email to marycrist@shaw.ca.

Mary Crist

Walking Group

Meets every weekday (except for Probus General Meeting day) in the Fairwinds Golf Club parking lot at 9am.

COMING UP: May 22, 2013

Kitty Coleman Woodland Gardens

Westjet Inflight Magazine calls it "a hidden treasure of natural wild beauty and full of surprises". The garden has over 3,000 rhododendrons – one of the largest collections in Western Canada - all in a

jar restaurant

Ladies' Lunch

Thurs. 9 May, 12:30pm

6595 Applecross Road
 Nanaimo

hkjudy@gmail.com

Pipers

MEN'S PUB LUNCH

TUES. 14 MAY
 4700 HAMMOND BAY RD
 NANAIMO

MEET @ NANOOSE PLACE PARKING LOT
 11:30AM FOR CARPOOLING

DAVID WHITE: DAVIDWHITE@SHAW.CA

MAY 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 GENERAL MEETING 9:30am	2 Walking Group 9am	3 Walking Group 9am	4
5 Lantzville Farmers' Market	6 Walking Group 9am	7 Walking Group 9am The Grand Crew ScepticSmart Workshop	8 Walking Group 9am MGMT MTG 10am Bear Smart Info Session	9 Walking Group 9am :Ladies' Lunch 12:30pm	10 Walking Group 9am SPCA Fleamarket	11 SPCA Fleamarket All Sprung Out
12 Lantzville Farmers' Market	13 Walking Group 9am	14 Walking Group 9am Men's Pub Lunch 11:30am	15 Walking Group 9am Whisky Club 7pm	16 Walking Group 9am Cellar Dwellers Book Club #1	17 Walking Group 9am	18 Nanoose Library Fleamarket
19 Lantzville Farmers' Market	20 Walking Group 9am 	21 Walking Group 9am	22 Walking Group 9am Edible Nature Plant Walk	23 Walking Group 9am	24 Walking Group 9am	25
26 Lantzville Farmers' Market	27 Walking Group 9am	28 Walking Group 9am	29 Walking Group 9am	30 Walking Group 9am	31 Walking Group 9am	