

# **PARKSVILLE NEWCOMERS ALUMNI CLUB NEWSLETTER**

The next Alumni Club meeting will be held

**THURSDAY, October 18, at 2:00 pm**

**Parksville Community & Conference Centre  
132 East Jensen Ave., Parksville**



**NOTE DATE AND TIME**  
**THIS IS AN AFTERNOON MEETING**

## **October Meeting**

Our October meeting will feature a guest speaker, **Dana Woon** from the Oceanside Community Safety Volunteers. Her topic will be Frauds and Scams/Identity Theft.

You've probably all heard of those infamous letters from Nigeria, offering huge sums of money released from a secret bank account. Spoiler alert, they aren't real. But scammers are getting more sophisticated and finding new and more devious ways to try and relieve you of your money. Dana will be discussing some of those newer scams with advice on how to avoid getting caught up in their schemes.

For those who missed the September meeting, and were unable to pay their annual membership dues (\$10), we will be accepting membership payments at the October Meeting. We have several new Alumni members who "graduated" from Newcomers. A hearty WELCOME to all who are new to our club.

Christmas Dinner & Dance tickets will also be available. Tickets are \$23 for this event, which will be held on Dec 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parksville Legion.

A big thank you to **Pam Pratt**, who has stepped forward to volunteer to prepare the coffee and tea for the meetings. Much appreciated. And speaking of coffee & tea, feel free to help the environment by bringing your own cup. Helps save on the foam cups.

.Also, **Jim and Leslie Morin**, our new Membership Activities Directors will have sign-up sheets for various activities. If you want to get emails about some of the various activities, you must sign up for them.

Why do I have to sign up for a group when I've been a member of that group for years?

Several reasons. We have some new Activity Coordinators for some of the groups, and they may not have up to date mailing lists. Sometimes we need to get in touch with people within a groups on short notice due to location changes, event or meeting cancellations, or other unexpected reasons. Therefore we need up to date sign-up sheets.

See next pages of this Newsletter to learn more details about some of the activities available to the club and/or the contact coordinators for various activities.

**Doors open at 1:30 PM.**

**Please remember to wear your name tags to the meeting.**

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## Christmas Party

As mentioned previously, the Alumni Christmas Party will be held at the Parksville Royal Canadian Legion, on Saturday, Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

The fun starts at 5:30 PM with cocktail hour, followed by dinner and then music by The Silhouettes.

Dinner will be turkey dinner with all the trimmings, plus desert.

The ticket price is \$23.00 per person, and tickets will be available at the Oct. meetings For more information, contact **Don Millwater** at 250-586-7652 or donmillwater@PNAChotmail.com.

## Operation Christmas Child Shoebox

Alumni member **Ingrid Sly** is a volunteer with Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse. This group collects and fills shoeboxes filled with school supplies, hygiene items and fun toys and delivers them to needy children around the world. For many children the gift filled shoebox is the first gift they have ever received.

If you would like to fill a box they are available for pick up at the dollar stores, Fields, Stedmans, Red Apple or from Ingrid.

National collection week is November 12-18th. Boxes are to be dropped off at the Parksville Baptist Church. Monday to Saturday 10:00 3:00 pm.

The committee is also collecting bottles. All funds generated will be used to purchase articles to fill shoeboxes. We have an account at the Parksville Bottle Depot under the account name "Christmas Shoebox" in which you can deposit your refunds anytime. All you need to do is inform them that you would like your refund to be deposited to that account. They will ask you to sign the deposit book giving you the opportunity to verify the funds were credited to the correct account. Ingrid is also willing to pick up your pop bottles from your home.

If you have any questions please give Ingrid a call at 250-248-6070.

## Pumpkin Walk

In previous years Alumni Club members have helped out with the annual Pumpkin Walk, a project done by Friends of Foster Park. The Pumpkin Walk is a Halloween activity for kids of all ages. The pumpkins are decorated at various schools, and then placed along a walkway lined with Halloween ghosts and goblins.

Alumni member **Craig Johnson** is with Friends of Foster Park, and he wishes to share the following information with our membership.

The annual Pumpkin Walk will be happening again this year on Wednesday October 31st. Volunteers are needed for several different activities and times both on the day and in the preparation. This is a significant community event and opportunity to be involved and to give back.

The following are all needed:-

- Pick up and delivery of pumpkins to schools on Monday Oct 29th morning

- Pick up and collection of pumpkins from schools Wednesday 31st morning

- Preparation, candling and staging of the pumpkins daytime

- Set up of tents, BBQ's, trail and decorations Wed. 31st daytime

- Supervision and trail maintenance, hot dog sales etc. evening Wed. 31st

- Clean up and storage at the end of the evening.

Please consider volunteering for a couple of hours as you are able. Someone will contact you to confirm date and time. Please contact Friends of Foster Park through their web site or contact Craig Johnson at 250-248-2725 or email crgjhsn42@gmail.com

## Komedy Korner

*There were four teenagers who played hooky one morning. Upon coming to class in the afternoon, they reported that their lateness was because their car got a flat tire. That's fine the teacher said much to the students relief. But there was an oral test this morning which you boys have to make up, so please have a seat and take out a piece of paper. "Now for the first question, which tire was flat!"*

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## **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Oct 18, 2018	PNAC October Meeting	Topic: Oceanside Community Safety
Nov. 08, 2018	PNAC November Meeting	Topic: TBA
Dec. 01, 2018	PNAC Christmas Party	Tickets on sale at Oct. meeting.

## **Recurring Activities and Activity Coordinators 2017/18:**

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>Phone</b>	<b>Email</b>
			<i>(Note: Remove PNAC for email address)</i>
Bowling	Ken Bucyk	951-0823	chilihead9@PNACmsn.com
Coffee Chatters	Pat Purves	248-5495	pprvs10@PNACgmail.com
Christmas Party	Don Millwater	586-7652	donmillwater@PNAChotmail.com
Euchre	Barb Minions	250-586-6015	bminions@PNAChotmail.com
Ladies' Golf	Lynn Cindric	947-9800	lynn_cindric@PNAChotmail.com
Ladies' Lunch	Sandra Hickey	248-1196	fshickey@PNACshaw.ca
Men's Golf	Lynn Row	586-5341	lynn_row@PNACyahoo.ca
Mixed Lunch	Gillian Walker	248-2186	furryfertilizers@PNACshaw.ca
RV Camping	Ken Ginther	951-3378	gintherk@PNACshaw.ca
Sunshine Lady	Pat Green	248-3692	pwgreen@PNActelus.net
Walking–Saturday	Doug Johnston	951-0790	sledjohnsted@PNACgmail.com
Walking–Tuesday	Jim Epp	586-8877	jamesep44@PNACgmail.com

<https://parksvillenewcomersclub.files.wordpress.com/2017/06/2017-autumn-walking-schedule.pdf>

## **Board of Directors**

President	Don Levesque	248-7132	tara-tara@PNACshaw.ca
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## **Parksville Newcomers Alumni General Meeting – Sept. 25, 2018**

Present: Don Levesque ( P ) , Sheila Coulbourn ( T ) , Gary Way ( PR ) , Jim Morin ( AD ) , Cathy Ginther ( S )  
Absent : Don Millwater ( VP )  
Meeting called to Order : 2:06

**Presidents Report :** Don L. Welcomed everyone back from the summer and also welcomed the many new members from Newcomers. Don introduced the Board of Directors. ( as above )

Don asks for a motion to approve the minutes from the AGM in May as published in the newsletter.

**M/ George Sly, 2<sup>nd</sup>/ Mary McClelland, C**

**Vice President's Report :** In Don. M's absence Gary Way gave a short report on the Christmas Party  
The Christmas party is on December 1<sup>st</sup> at the Parksville Legion. Tickets are \$23 each, are subsidized by the club and are available at today's meeting as well as the meeting in October. The Silhouettes will again be providing dance music.

**Treasurer's Report: report attached...** Sheila states we have \$3805.61 in the bank.  
Sheila went on to explain some changes and updates to our banking procedures. Before today there were 18 paid member for the 2018-19 year. At this time it is not known how many paid members we have since new registrations and renewals are taking place at this meeting.

**Activities Director's Report:** Jim indicated the signup sheets at the back of the room and urged members to sign up for activities they are interested in, even if they have signed up in previous years. Jim reminds members to keep their contact information up to date so they can be informed of any changes in their activity.

**Public relations and Newsletter Director:** Gary mentions that if you do not want your name on the members contact list please let him know. Gary has recently brought the website up to date with the Alumni's contact information. Please send items you would like to see in the newsletter to Gary. Next newsletter will be in early October before the next meeting.

Pat Green reminds members that she is the Sunshine Lady for the club. Please send requests for cards to members who are ailing or need some cheering up to Pat and she will see that they get a caring message from the club.

Doug Courtice from Friends of Foster Park gave a short talk about the upcoming Pumpkin walk in Foster Park October 31. Traditionally Newcomers and Alumni have volunteered to make this a fun event for Parksville's kids. There are many pumpkins to be moved back and forth from the schools to the park and clean up afterward. Doug has a signup sheet should anyone wish to volunteer.

**Announcements:** The club needs a volunteer to make coffee for the meetings.

Membership dues are due today, please see Sheila C.

Members are welcome to stay after the meeting to play cards

Next Meeting is Thursday, October 18 at 2pm

Nametag Draws were made for 12 breakfast discount cards for Final Approach.

The 2 winners for the Tim Horton's cards were; Mary McClelland & Sharon McPhail

**Motions to adjourn: Doug Johnson , 2<sup>nd</sup>/Ken Ginther, C**

**Meeting adjourned: 2:35 PM**