

**Our next Probus Meeting**  
**Will take place on Thursday,**  
**September 15th, 2022**  
**At 10:00 am,**  
**via Zoom.**

*The Invitation & Link will be sent a day or two before the meeting, by email.*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Our invited speaker is;**

**Keesha Dorosz**

**Topic:**

**Smart Utility Networks**



# Probus Club of Maple Ridge

## President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

### **Welcome back!**

### **Probus Meeting, Program September 15th, 2022**

9:45	Sign –in
10:00	Welcome
10:05	Introduction of Guest Speaker
10:10	Guest Speaker
10:40	Q & A
10:55	Thank you
11:00	Club speaker
11:20	Club business

As we begin our Fall program, we welcome back those members who have been travelling, and those who we haven't seen at our Summer Activities! We have an exciting few months ahead and have lined up a series of outstanding Guest Speakers for our monthly General meetings—which for now will continue to be offered by Zoom.

We are pleased to report that our outdoor events of the summer received plenty of support, so thank you all! The recently conducted tour of Pitt Meadows Airport, 'maxed out' with 19 of our members attending this very interesting activity. The tour included visits to the various aviation support businesses, like Maxcraft Avionics and Sky Helicopters that share the airport grounds, along with visits to the new airport terminal and one of the many aircraft storage hangers. At the end of the tour, an overview of the airport operations was given by the Airport General Manager, Guy Miller.

Our second event for August was our Annual Winery Tour, which took place on August 18th. Here members visited the Chaberton Estate Winery in Langley, and although Chaberton is not offering winery operations tours now, a Tasting Tour was held instead. Members were asked to select a 'Flight' of four wines and then enjoyed them with a 'bring your own' picnic lunch, while seated at one of the umbrella covered tables located around the pleasant winery forecourt. Twenty members were on the list for this popular tour.

Our full range of activities will commence in September, including the popular Special Interest Groups, starting with the Coffee Morning on Wednesday September 7th. See page 8.

*September, it was the most beautiful of words, he'd always felt, evoking orange-flowers, swallows, and regret, Alexander Theroux*



# Introducing our Guest Speaker: Prepared by Laurie Freebairn



## **Keesha Dorosz**

You are about to hear from a woman who is often called an inspiring trailblazer. This lady is known amongst her peers as a human who creates connections on an insightful level among a diverse demographic. Keesha continues to share her spirit of knowledge with others as she is driven for change with learning and growth. As a granddaughter of a holocaust survivor, she truly lives life to the fullest.

Keesha's day job is in the water industry specifically in smart utility networks and water metering working with municipalities in Western Canada. In her the majority of her waking hours, she weaves her curiosity of how things work with people, embarking on water management projects that are sustainable for now, and into the future.

As a volunteer, Keesha originally became part of Rotary thanks to a Bursary in London Ontario in Grade 12 for an in-school mentoring program. Keesha has been a past president 3x of the Haney Rotary club. As a mentor she is a mother of many with her volunteer work where she was a Big Sister for Big Sisters of BC Lower Mainland and was a past little Sister when she was 11 years of age. Keesha still fosters a relationship with her "Big Sister" and continues to pay it forward as a role model for other youth where she has helped lead youth leadership summits.

She loves taking the "road less travelled" which enables her to explore the undiscovered, walk under canopies of trees and enjoy mountain views. Keesha is thirsty for fresh new perspectives and experiences and finds this often while hiking, kayaking and playing golf. Birdies can be found both on the course and in a nest on her balcony!

What brings her joy is her friendships old and new, meeting the most unique people, hearing human stories and laughing with family and friends. Keesha is often referenced as the "coolest and most epic aunt."

Meet Keesha Dorosz...

### My Days as a Pistol Packin' Momma

When I met my second husband in 1976, he seemed like a regular guy. He loved to eat, drink and dance and so did I, so Heaven on Earth, right?

Now, although there was always a shotgun and a rifle in my Dad's car (bird shooting in the fall), I had been taught a healthy respect of guns with even a little fear thrown in!

After Bob explained where he disappeared to every Wednesday night, I was shocked, then amused and finally a little curious. It turned out that he went to a gun club in Surrey where he was involved in a strange sport called Fast Draw.

My first trip to the gun club proved to be very, very loud! But I also found it rather amusing to watch grown up people walking around in western style gear with holsters and guns strapped to their legs. Not having been exposed to guns in general and never handguns, I was nervous. I jumped every time a gun was fired and breathed a sigh of relief when it grew quiet again. The handguns varied in make from shooter to shooter. Bob shot a .45 Ruger bored out to a .38. It was explained to me what that meant and it referred to the caliber of the gun and the size bullet it would hold. The bullets were either black powder or wax depending on the events you were shooting in. These were made by the shooters themselves.

There are two types of targets. One is for black powder and stands roughly waist high. On a random clock a light comes on behind the target, being a balloon, and the balloon needs to be shot out in the fastest time possible, which the clock records. The other target is for wax bullets and is considerably larger, with the target starting about waist high and standing about 6 feet tall. The same principal applies but wax bullets are harder to shoot so the times recorded are usually somewhat slower than black powder bullets. Times are recorded in portions of seconds. Bob shot black powder regularly in the .24 or less portions of a second. Think how long it takes you to blink and that is how quickly he could draw from his holster, line up the shot, fire and hit the target. Fast Draw is considered the fastest sport in the world.

I was finally cajoled to start shooting. We traveled all over the Western Seaboard into California and then east into Nevada, Arizona, Oklahoma and Kansas. We never made it to New Mexico, which I rue to this day.

My eye-hand coordination was always good so I was accurate but slow – a snail could have drawn faster than I did. I won a share of trophies non the less as I was very accurate and sometimes accuracy trumps speed.

I miss those days as the people were very congenial and we crossed paths with so many. We ate together, shot together and always celebrated peoples' wins with parties. And I have to admit that getting geared up with cowboy regalia was fun; there is a certain swagger when you walk around with a gun and holster strapped to your hip!!

*Angie Hodgins*

# Member Happenings

## A Snapshot of Probus Outdoor Summer Events!



Annual 'Picnic in the Park'



The Wine Club in action



Pitt Meadows Airport Tour

Annual Winery Tour



# Probus Winery Tour Visits Chaberton Estates

Our second tour for August was our Annual Winery Tour on August 18th. A very HOT day! Here members are seen visiting the Chaberton Estate Winery in Langley for a Tasting Tour. Although not offering full winery operations tours, members were asked to select a 'Flight' of four wines and then enjoy them with a 'bring your own' picnic lunch. Here seen seated at some of the umbrella covered tables located around the pleasant winery forecourt are the 16 members who joined in this popular tour.



**Monthly Mirth**



"You getting athlete's foot is about as ridiculous as a coal miner with sunstroke!"

We were doing home renovations and, incredibly, when we knocked down a wall, we found a secret, fully furnished room!! And then I remembered "We live in a duplex..."

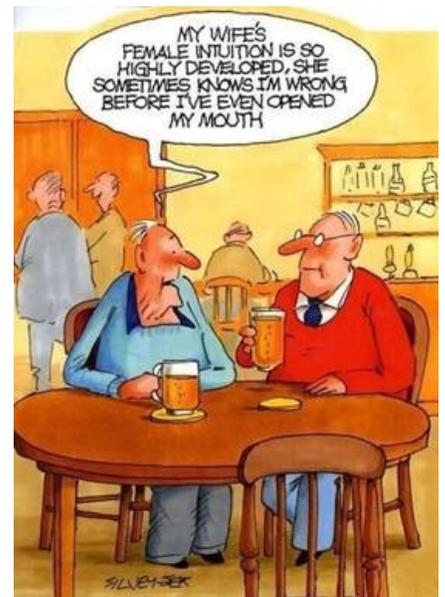
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OH, COME ON! THE STICK IS RIGHT THERE!



A "GENDER REVEAL PARTY" REFERS TO THE BABY, BOB.



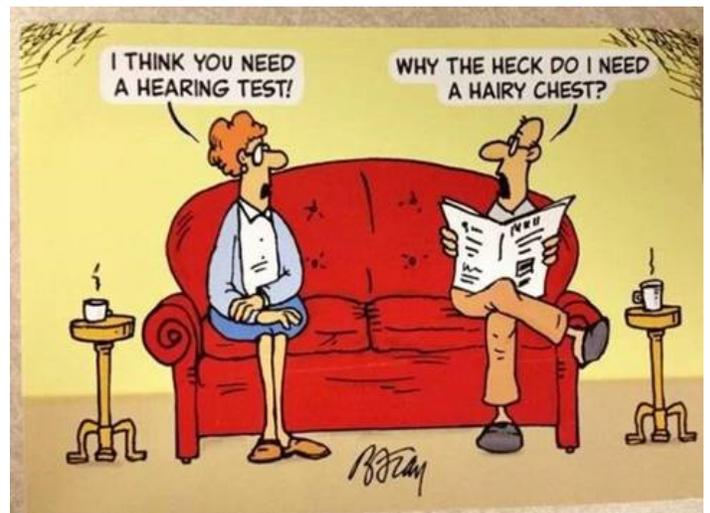
MY WIFE'S FEMALE INTUITION IS SO HIGHLY DEVELOPED, SHE SOMETIMES KNOWS I'M WRONG BEFORE I'VE EVEN OPENED MY MOUTH



At my age, a trail of clothes leading to the bedroom means that I dropped them on the way from the dryer!



I CAN'T SAY I'M ENTIRELY PLEASED WITH MY HIP REPLACEMENT.



I THINK YOU NEED A HEARING TEST!

WHY THE HECK DO I NEED A HAIRY CHEST?

# Messages, Notices and Information

## Wanted:

Stories for:

**Memory Lane:**

Contact Josine at: eikelenboom@telus.net

Photos for: **Through the Lens**

Contact Rick at: micricgoingplaces@gmail.com

**Do you have extra time on your hands?**

**Are you wanting a little more excitement in your life?**

**If you answered yes to these questions, have we got a job for you!!**

**Our Nominations committee invites you to volunteer for a position on our Management Committee. Some positions are available now but others you will have to wait for until the AGM in February, so get your name on the list NOW.**

**Origin of the Phrase:  
Go the whole nine yards**

**Definition:** To give your all toward something.

**Origin:** Fighter pilots during World War II had nine yards' worth of ammunition. When they gave their all to the battle, they would run out of this whole nine yards of ammunition.

## Probus in-person 'Coffee Morning'

**First Wednesday of the month, at 10am**

**Next meeting: Sept. 7th**

## Special Interest Groups

**Book Club:** *Convenor, Carla Reed*

*Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly*

**Bridge:** *Convenor: Kathleen Spiess*

*Meets, 2pm third Monday, monthly*

**Camping:** *Convenor Michaela O'Doherty*

**Computer/Photography:** *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

*Meets, 10am, last Wednesday, monthly.*

**Crafts:** *Convenor, contact, Michaela micricgoingplaces@gmail.com*

**Dining:** *Convenors: Marie Slessor/Carla Reed*

*Meets 6pm second Thursdays, monthly*

**Discussion:** *Convenor, Theo Rathonyi Reusz*

*Meets, 10am first Thursday monthly*

**Lunch:** *Convenor. Aline Drew*

*Meets, noon last Thursday, monthly*

**Table Tennis:** *Convenor, Michael Buckingham*

*Meets, Tuesday and Friday mornings*

**Walking:** *Convenor, Renate Rathonyi Reusz*

*Meets 9am Tuesdays, weekly*

**Wine Club:** *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

*Meets, 5pm last Friday, monthly*

## **"Groaner" of the Month:**

If the Judge loves the sound of his own voice, you can expect a long sentence