

Pacific Ramblings Newsletter February 2019

Issue 5

Message from your President - Bill Fernihough

Thank you to the 10 plus members who showed up for geocaching lessons last month. Everyone had fun, learned a new activity, and many made plans for more geocaching. Check out local events on Geocaching.com for this area. Contact Ben or me if you have any questions.

This month, we are revisiting TV Streaming, for those who are interested. In my basement, I am receiving approximately 10 HD TV channels (MeTV, two shopping channels, Global TV, CTV TV etc) using a \$30 digital TV aerial.

Planning for our activities and programs for the Spring are well underway and Velma has arranged for Race Night seating in Cloverdale. We are also looking at a presentation / workshop by White Rock RCMP on Seniors' driving safety and getting prepared for a driver's test.

Upcoming Events

UPDATE - February 28 Lunch & General Meeting

Zara Stark, Manager, Annual Giving Royal Columbian Hospital is coming to speak about the LIFEPAK 15 monitor defibrillator. This essential equipment helps monitor and potentially defibrillate unstable patients in transit to test, units, and hospitals. Many of our members have benefited for care received at Royal Columbian Hospital.

March Ramble March 12 2019

The February ramble was cancelled because of snowy conditions so the Ramble for

March will be at the Fort Langley National Historic Site located at 23433 Mavis Ave, Fort Langley. Group will meet at 10:45 A.M. at the Main Entrance to the Fort. There will be a Group Tour with a guide at 11 A.M. Lunch will follow at the Fort Pub and Grill located at 23433 Glover Road, Fort Langley. Contact Roy at 604-574-0282 or by email at royc46@shaw.ca to let him know you are planning to attend. Entrance Fee to the Fort is \$6.55.

March Bowling - March 20 2019 - 4 P.M. Cloverdale Lanes. Dinner to follow.
Contact Velma Derksen at 778-593-0077.

March Lunch and General Meeting

March 28 at 11:30 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club.

Streaming Info Session

Last Year, Larry Chow gave us a talk on TV Streaming, and based on the questions we got, many of you are still interested in streaming and want to go further with it. Streaming has progressed in the last year with more programming available. Movies for 2019 are already on Cyberflix. Utube has become a free source of sports, opera, music, and visual entertainment. You can stream photos from various sources such as SmugMug and your home computer and view them full TV screen, which looks great.

We have prepared a streaming manual. [To view the manual, click on this link](#)

IF you are interested in streaming, you can purchase an Amazon Fire TV device for under \$70 approximately, and then use the streaming manual to set it up.

At the end of the February 28 Lunch and Meeting, Larry Chow and Bill Fernihough will have a digital TV antenna to show you and hook up to a TV. They will offer assistance to any of you who have tried to set up an Amazon Fire TV device but have questions or need help.

Care News - For all those who are unwell, we miss you and our thoughts are with you and we hope you get better soon. Take care in the snow. For questions or more information, contact Esther Exelby at 604-507-0230 or by email jexelby30@gmail.com.

Caring Crafts (Joan Jesson Pacific Co-ordinator)

Caring Crafts is a dedicated bunch of Power Pioneer crafters across the province led by Barb Conrad, Provincial Coordinator. This group got underway in 2001. The crafters work on their projects at home and deliver the finished projects to their branch coordinators. Barb and her team of crafters work with BC Children's Hospital in the Lower Mainland and other facilities outside the Lower Mainland to identify and make items needed for patients.

This year, the needed items include:

- slippers - all sizes - both knitted and crocheted
- finger puppets
- blankets of various sizes (knit or crochet).
- **Contact Joan via email (joan_jesson@hotmail.com) for details and sizes for the blankets**

[For more information about Caring Crafts and patterns for Slippers and finger puppets, click this link](#)

Branch Coordinators also accept donations of crafting materials such as wool and other items.

If you would like to participate in Caring Crafts or donate materials, please contact Joan Jesson by email joan_jesson@hotmail.com.

February Activities

Surrey Foodbank Donation - Pacific Branch - balance of the 2018 50/50 proceeds



Senior's Safety (Bryan Bodell)

Heather Mullan spoke to Bryan Bodell, Power Pioneers Senior Safety Chair about the many scams happening in our communities. Here are a few to watch out for:

BC Hydro - scammers are representing themselves as BC Hydro and threatening to disconnect your power unless money is paid in gift card / prepaid Visa cards.

WestJet - callers saying you have won a trip and need to pay a deposit. If you refuse, you are transferred to a high-powered sales person.

BMO - you receive a letter from BMO with their logo asking for personal information.

CRA - offering huge tax refunds and wanting your SIN information. Sometimes includes a return envelope to assist you!

Facebook Messenger - Scammers are using Messenger to send a message from one of your contacts talking about large Government grants.

Data Breaches - Major retailers are getting their systems hacked and personal information such as credit card information is getting out. Check your statements and online or paper bills.



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