



PACIFIC UPDATE

Message from our Executive Committee

We hope this Ramblings Newsletter continues to find you and your family safe and well.

Well it was expected and now we are in the second COVID-19 wave and it is proving to be more intense than the initial wave in the spring. So we are back reducing our social interactions and limiting our excursions to only what is necessary. This month we would normally be gathering at the Newlands Golf & Country Club for our annual Christmas Luncheon. To help light the festive spirit we would like to offer you some lighthearted entertainment, games and prizes at our **virtual Christmas social** on Thursday, November 26. More information is found in this newsletter.

Your executive for 2021, voted in at the general virtual meeting in October, are: Ben Dobranowski as President, Heather Mullan as Vice-President, David Thomas as Treasurer (continuing) and Kathy Chambers as Secretary (continuing). Bill Fernihough has completed 3 years as president and has done a yeoman's job providing leadership to his team and the membership. He takes on the role as Past President and will no doubt be called to offer his insight and advice to the incoming President. A hearty thank

you to Bill for giving your time to lead the branch and a big thank you to Mary, his wife, in her understanding and support of Bill over these past 3 years.

As we look forward to the new year with the expectation that until the vaccine(s) is proven effective and available we will continue to meet virtually as a membership. Whether at the ever popular rambles or at our general meetings we will take the time to socialize and catch up with each other. If you have not yet taken part in a Zoom event we encourage you to give it a try. We have several individuals who can guide you on how to attend.

Our Branch has a group of extremely talented and dedicated individuals giving their time to head committees or be a part of a committee that make this branch function as well as it does even under these unusual circumstances. As you know with any volunteer organization its strength lies in their membership. If you'd like to [volunteer or learn more about our committees](#) give Ben Dobranowski a call/text at 604-916-1081 or email, ben.dobranowski@shaw.ca .

Stay safe and well.
Your Executive
Pacific Power Pioneers

Pacific Christmas Social

Pacific Virtual Social - November 26, 11 am.

We are having our first ever Pacific Virtual Social on November 26 at 11 A.M. This will be lots of fun. There will be games, guests, light entertainment and lots of prizes.

One of the games we will be playing is Online Bingo. Bingo cards will be emailed to participants. 2 prizes will be awarded: one for a straight line bingo and one for a diagonal line bingo.

[Click here](#) to get your online bingo card to play bingo. Ben Dobranowski email:
ben.dobranowski@shaw.ca

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR ONLINE BINGO CARD FROM BEN A FEW DAYS BEFORE
THE EVENT.**

Do you have an Ugly Christmas Sweater? There will be a prize draw for anyone wearing
an Ugly Christmas Sweater!

There will also be a prize draw for all attendees and a special prize draw for any
members attending a Pacific Zoom meeting for the first time.

Please feel free to indulge in your favorite Christmas Beverage while at the social.

We hope to see you there.

If you need help with Zoom please give Ben Dobranowski a call/ text at 604-916-1081 or
email, ben.dobranowski@shaw.ca

Don't miss this fun event

Upcoming Pacific Events

Armchair Virtual Ramble - Tuesday, December 8

In a year like no other, with its absence of many activities we have taken for granted
prior to the Pandemic, we have decided to continue on with our monthly Armchair Virtual
Ramble, in the hope of helping our members get into the 'Christmas Spirit'.

With this objective in mind for the Tuesday 8th December 11am event, we have chosen
another [Rick Steves video](#) entitled 'European Christmas'. Filmed in 2005, with his own

family present too, it features how countries from the UK through to Italy, celebrate their long established festive traditions at this special time of year.

Those of you wishing to receive a Zoom-link for the presentation, are asked to contact Roy at royc46@shaw.ca or phone him at (604) 897-3583. A reminder email will be sent a few days prior to the event and Ben will send the Zoom link invite the day before that will allow you to enjoy the presentation, even if your device does not have a camera or microphone!

New Year's Eve Virtual Social & Toast to the New Year - December 31 - 1:00 P.M.

Join fellow Pacific Branch members to socialize and ring in the New Year with a toast. Don't forget to bring your favorite beverage for a Toast to the New Year.

More information will be sent out in December.

January 2021 Activities

- **Seniors Armchair Yoga session** with certified, experienced Yoga Instructor. If you are interested or have questions, please [click here to contact Wayne McLeod](#)
 - Email: wayne.mcleod@dccnet.com Phone: 604-240-4701

- **Crafting Bee** (sewing, knitting, crocheting, needlework, quilting, etc.) If you are interested or have questions, please [click here to contact Heather Mullan](#)
 - Email: mullanheather1@gmail.com Phone: 604-616-4800

- **Electric Vehicles presentation.** Date and time to be announced.

Pacific Branch Christmas Donations

Thank you to all who contributed to the Pacific Branch Christmas Giving campaign. It has been extremely successful and if you have not yet contributed there is still time.

Please print and mail this form and your cheque (made out to BC Hydro Power Pioneers Pacific Branch) to:

Velma Derksen
Unit 236 - 13888 70th Ave.
Surrey, B.C. V3W 0R8

Thank you for continuing our tradition of Pacific Branch Christmas Giving.

All forms sent in will be eligible for draws.

Name: _____

Contact information in case of questions:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

1. Annual Membership Dues of \$10.00 per member is for:

(Retiree)

(Spouse)

Total Annual Membership Dues? \$ _____

2. Would you like to donate? (Select one or both)

Surrey Food Bank: \$ _____

Langley Hospital: \$ _____

Donation Total: \$ _____

3. CHEQUE TOTAL: \$ _____

Christmas Carol Quiz - Name That Holiday Tune!

1. Bleached
Yule _____

2. Castaneous-coloured Seed Vesicated in
Conflagration _____
3. Singular Yearning for the Twin Anterior
Incisors _____
4. Righteous
Darkness _____

5. Arrival Time: 2400 hrs – Weather:
Cloudless _____
6. Loyal Followers
Advance _____
7. Far Off in a

Feeder _____

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8. Array the
Corridor _____

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9. Bantam Male
Percussionist _____

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10. Monarchial
Triad _____

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11. Nocturnal
Noiselessness _____

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12. Jehovah Deactivate Blithe
Chevaliers _____

13. Red Man Enroute to
Borough _____

14. Frozen Precipitation
Commence _____

15. Proceed and Enlighten on the
Pinnacle _____

16. The Quadruped with the Vermilion
Proboscis _____

17. Query Regarding Identity of
Descendant _____

18. Delight for this
Planet _____

19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial
Beings _____

20. The Dozen Festive 24-Hour
Intervals _____

How many were you able to name? The answers will be provided in the next Newsletter.

Keeping Our Members Informed

[Click here to read Pacific General Meeting Minutes - October 2020.](#)

[Click here to read the Pacific Financial Statement - November 2020](#)

Here are the Answers to last Month's Pacific Early History Quiz

[Click here for the answers to last month's Pacific Early History Quiz.](#)

Pacific Literacy Fund:

Funds deposited automatically via the Return-It Depot Express Return: \$252.95

Containers returned to date: 5384

Do you have pop cans and bottles to return? Use the Express Return at the Return It Depot and the Pacific Code **6911691100** to return your items and donate the funds to the Pacific Literacy Fund.

Christmas Tree Photo Contest

We are having a Pacific Branch Christmas Tree Photo Contest!

Send in a photo of your Christmas Tree and get entered into a draw for one of three \$40 Gift Certificates to the Power Pioneers Gear Store. Photo can be of your current Christmas Tree or of your favorite tree from the past.

Please submit your entry by December 24. Winners will be announced at the New Year's Eve Virtual Social.

We will display some of the photos in the January Newsletter and also put all of your photos into SmugMug and provide a link to SmugMug so everyone can see the photos.

[Click here](#) to email your Christmas Tree Photo to Heather Mullan. email:
mullanheather1@gmail.com

Pacific Activities this Past Month

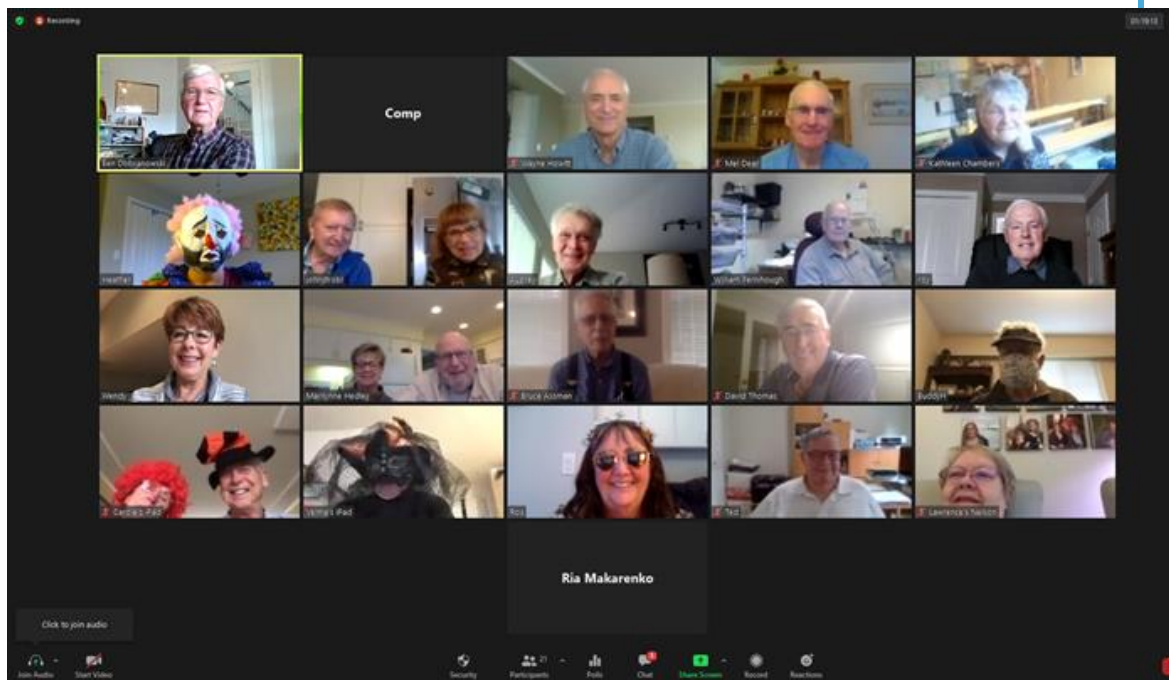
Armchair Ramble

Thanks to Roy our Ramble Chief for organizing the 2nd part of our ramble to the Louvre in Paris, France. We were accompanied by a number of Tri-Cities and Vancouver branch members and several Provincial members - a total of 25 folks.



October Halloween General Meeting

23 folks attended the October 30 meeting. Several folks wore Halloween Costumes. Prize draw winners were Ria Makarenko, Marilynne Hedley, Roy Charlesworth. Halloween costume draw winner was Reg Ahern.



Donation to the Semiahmoo Fish and Game Club.

Bill Fernihough, Ben Dobranowski, Dave Thomas presented a \$500 donation to Bob Donnelly, President of the Semiahmoo Fish and Game club. Wayne McLeod was the photographer.



Caring Crafts

The Pacific Caring Crafts group including Joan Jesson (Coordinator), Frankie Small, Jackie Saunders and Esther Exelby worked hard over the past year to produce items for the BC Children's Hospital. Items included slippers, baby blankets, finger puppets and Halloween bags. Wendy Doka stepped in to help Joan Jesson who was injured and picked up the Pacific donations.

These handmade donations were presented to BC Children's Hospital in late October.



Meeting outside the hospital entrance, L-R: Tri-Cities Caring Crafts coordinator, Donna Sherry; provincial and Vancouver branch coordinator, Barbara Conrad; Pat Gillis, Volunteer Resources Manager, BCCH; Jill Howey, Volunteer Coordinator, BCCH. Missing from photo, Lorilee Koltai.

Fall Colours Winners are:

Ben Dobranowski, Kathy Chambers and Karen Arnold. Congratulations to the winners



Submitted by Kathy Chambers

Joke for October

The Power Of Bourbon...

I spent half an hour trying to talk with them, wanting to learn about their culture



until the bartender cut me off and told me they were patio umbrellas.

Submitted by Wayne McLeod

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