

# PRIME TIMERS NANAIMO NEWSLETTER

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**Prime Timers Nanaimo is an active, non-profit social group. Our goal is to foster positive interaction for our members by facilitating a variety of social, recreational and educational activities in the Nanaimo and Central Vancouver Island area.**

## **PREZ NEWS:**

“So I’m going to Make This Group Great....

The Greatest Group Ever!

The very best of Groups ever in the Whole world....

*And we’ll make the drag queens pay for it!”*

They say ‘it’s lonely at the top...’

“Yup”! As a single person and President of Prime Timers Nanaimo, a mostly couples group, I say to myself: “What the hell am I doing here?!” When you are single you have pretty much one opinion in most matters! Your own! A partnered couple has two opinions and that often becomes one combined opinion! This can be good or bad, depending on the level of communication they have with each other! Are all us old single guys, eccentric and in a slightly different world?

Maybe so?

*I would like to see all single members volunteer to be on the Board of Directors, any position from Member at large to President! It’s a twice a month get-together, a good rap session, sharing ideas and doing stuff to make life more interesting for ourselves and the “Prime Timers Nanaimo”*

I understand that some of you live a fair distance away from Nanaimo. Having said that, if you have a computer and WIFI, we could use Skype, to connect you, too a board meeting place. I can help make that happen. So no excuses, you single guys, and couples as well who are ok being separated for an hour or two!! PTN members and potential members are always welcome to come and give us their 2¢ anytime at any board meeting.

BTW - to all members and friends: I’m open to going out for 9 holes of golf (Beban/Pryde/Fairway) --anyone? (on a nice day)

Would love to have some company for a Sunday Island drive, stopping at interesting sites, Flea Markets Garage sales and Goats on the Hood.

Any of you ole farts still play pool.... Or snooker... or 8/9 Ball? Spend an afternoon/evening?!

How about Euchre? We can play 4 or 6 people

Myself and a few other Prime Timers meet at the Brooks Landing Tim's almost every morning between 9 & 10am, except every Wednesday! We sometimes have some good discussions and a few laughs, so come and join us anytime...you'll find us open and friendly and if we like you, we'll laugh at your jokes...LOL!

Couples that don't want to serve on the Board need to think about hosting something at least once a year. It could be at your Home or a Park or other. There are so many possible events...

Card game/Potluck

Dinner and a Movie

Dinner and Theatre

Plan a Day trip

Concert in Victoria and overnight

Setting up at Flea Market /Garage Sale

Hosting Academy Award night (Pot Luck Snacks)

The Board & I will always be there to support your Event.

Text or email me anytime...

Cheers

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## **PUB NIGHT:**

It has been decided that since the Pub Night is so popular, it will now be an **on-going WEEKLY event! Every Monday at 5:00 PM** at the Jingle Pot Pub on Jingle Pot Road at Nanaimo By-pass. Come out and join us for cold beer, good food and great conversation!



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION:



## COFFEE & CONVERSATION NOW EVERY WEDNESDAY!

We will meet at McDonalds on Rutherford at 09:30 AM on every Wednesday morning. Always a good time for everyone attending!

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## REACHING OUT:

**1. REACHING OUT LGBT2Q+ and Allies** - Please come next Wednesday, November 1st to our next meeting held at Brechin United Church, [1998 Estevan Road](#). We start at 7:00 - 9:15 but come early and have a coffee. We have a guest speaker, Dori Miller who is with NanGo Grannies a local group who support the Stephen Lewis Foundation and the Grandmothers Campaign working with Grandmothers of Africa. We will also have time to socialize over coffee, tea, and goodies and also further connect in small group discussions. We aim to not only offer an opportunity to connect and build community but also to learn, hopefully have a laugh, and meet someone new. **SEE YOU WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1st. AND the first Wednesday in each month thereafter!**

**2. AVIVA Chorus** is a growing community choir in Nanaimo. Our focus is providing singing opportunities for the LGBTQ2+ Community and Allies. In order to be accessible to the community, we need to raise funds. AVIVA plans to participate in Nanaimo's Community Choir Festival, 'Nanaimo Sings' in February, and at Unison Festival in Calgary, May 2018.

**AVIVA Chorus is hosting a Beverage and Burger Night on November 18, 2017, at the Old City Station Pub, [150 Skinner St., Nanaimo](#). 6-9pm**

The Choir will mystify you with our musical talents while you savour the flavour of our B&B. Tickets can be bought from folks who are in AVIVA Chorus who also attend Reaching Out. **Bring cash!!!**

As a charitable organization, AVIVA Chorus can provide a tax receipt for all donations over \$20.00.

## **ENTERTAINMENT REVIEWS:**

### **IT'S ONLY A PLAY by Terrence McNally**

“It’s the opening night of *The Golden Egg* on Broadway. The group awaiting the reviews includes the excitable playwright; the unstable director; the pill-popping leading lady; the playwright’s best friend, who passed up this production for a television series, and a drama critic who’s panned the playwright in the past. It’s a prime recipe for narcissism, ambition, childishness, and just plain irrationality—and for comedy.”

There was a fair-sized group of Prime Timers that took in the last performance of this play at Ladysmith Little Theatre on October 8<sup>th</sup>. I believe that the overall consensus was that it was a good performance. There were a few moments when the dialogue was hard to follow and a monologue or two that didn’t really add anything to the overall plot; for this we have to blame the playwright. Given the fact that this was a volunteer cast of 8 with no scene changes, they carried the play off well.

### **BLADE RUNNER 2049: Fantasy/Mystery**

“Officer K (Ryan Gosling), a new blade runner for the Los Angeles Police Department, unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos. His discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former blade runner who's been missing for 30 years.”

This film was very much in keeping with and sequel to the original “Blade Runner (1982)” by Ridley Scott; Denis Villeneuve created a visually stunning piece of artistry. As awesome as the first time I saw “2001 A Space Odyssey” on the big screen. The new film broadened and enhanced the original storyline. The movie is classified as science fiction but I felt that it was more of a psychological thriller. Harrison Ford got top billing and was only on screen half-of-the-time whereas it was Ryan Gosling that really carried this movie and deserved that top honour. If you loved the original then you’ll need to see this on the big screen.

### **IT: Drama/Thriller**

“Seven young outcasts in Derry, Maine, are about to face their worst nightmare -- an ancient, shape-shifting evil that emerges from the sewer every 27 years to prey on the town's children. Banding together over the course of one horrifying summer, the friends must overcome their own personal fears to battle the murderous, bloodthirsty clown known as Pennywise.”

Stephen King is a master of the macabre. His words are enough to cause fright, uneasiness and even dread. His movie adaptations have not always caused these same reactions; but, in IT he has.

The malevolent entity, IT, is often portrayed as a white-faced boss clown. You see his bright white bulbous forehead. His up-gazing eyes staring, clinging to the tops of his orbit, and those luscious lips wetted with his saliva thinking about his next kill. There are a slew of kids who disappear never to be found again. Bill's little brother Georgie is one of them. Bill and his pubescent friends connect the clown with a red balloon as their prime suspect. They go all out to track him down to save Georgie. IT feeds on their fear. Many times the kids confront IT losing the battles, but IT won't win the war.

There are many scary scenes in this movie, especially in IT's lair within the sewers of Derry. This is only part one of the story. We have to wait 27 years for IT to return.

**My Fair Lady** is a 1964 American musical film adapted from the Lerner and Loewe eponymous stage musical based on the 1913 stage play *Pygmalion* by George Bernard Shaw. With a screenplay by Alan Jay Lerner and directed by George Cukor, the film depicts a poor Cockney flower seller named Eliza Doolittle who overhears an arrogant phonetics professor, Henry Higgins, as he casually wagers that he could teach her to speak "proper" English, thereby making her presentable in the high society of Edwardian London. The film stars Audrey Hepburn and Rex Harrison as Eliza Doolittle and Henry Higgins respectively, with Stanley Holloway, Gladys Cooper and Wilfrid Hyde-White in supporting roles. A critical and commercial success, it won eight Academy Awards, including Best Picture, Best Actor, and Best Director. In 1998, the American Film Institute named it the 91st greatest American film of all time".

This was a real treat seeing this movie on the big screen again. The 1994 restoration of the film and subsequent 2015 digital revamp in 65mm is spectacular though a little less widescreen as it was in Super Panavision 70. The songs and the sound are clear; Rex Harrison's acting was great and Audrey Hepburn was gorgeous. It is too bad that after the restoration of the film they haven't given Marnie Nixon the on-screen credit she deserved for voicing the songs sung by Audrey. Besides the songs & music the costumes are stunning and the colours are popping. The film is as beautiful today as it was when I first saw it at the Stanley Theatre in Vancouver back in 1964 on the curved screen.

### **Victoria & Abdul:** Drama/Biography

"Abdul Karim arrives from India to participate in Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. The young clerk is surprised to find favor with the queen herself. As Victoria questions the constrictions of her long-held position, the two forge an unlikely and devoted alliance that her household and inner-circle try to destroy. As their

friendship deepens, the queen begins to see a changing world through new eyes, joyfully reclaiming her humanity.”

This is a charming film with Dame Judy Dench reprising her role as Queen Victoria; it is based on the book of same name by Shrabani Basu. This movie is beautifully done and only scratches the surface of the 14 year relationship Victoria had with Abdul. It is a good sequel to “Mrs. Brown” the movie. In many ways this film shows us that in the 116 years since Victoria’s death our society has not advanced very far in eliminating prejudice toward people of colour. Yes, we are not so blatantly prejudice as upper-class Victorian British Society but there remains an element of prejudice today which has reared its ugly head in these post-Trump election days.

### **Geostorm: Fantasy/Sci-Fi**

“After an unprecedented series of natural disasters threatened the planet, the world's leaders came together to create an intricate network of satellites to control the global climate and keep everyone safe. But now, something has gone wrong: the system built to protect Earth is attacking it, and it becomes a race against the clock to uncover the real threat before a worldwide geostorm wipes out everything & everyone along with it.”

This film was panned by many critics rating it as 2/5 but as a night out at the movies it was quite enjoyable and entertaining. It didn’t quite measure up to movies like ‘Independence Day’, ‘Armageddon’, ‘The Day After Tomorrow’ or ‘2012’. Although being science-fiction, the story time-lines seemed unrealistic. There were moments when the story jumps from A to C with no B in-between. Too many subplots; some of which (not all) could have been omitted because they really didn’t enhance the storyline and there should have been more special effects building up to the actual geostorm thus causing the big finish to fall short. The character development between Jake (Gerard Butler) and Max (Jim Sturgess) was good and believable. This was one of Gerard Butler’s better acting vehicles. If you are a disaster movie buff this movie should be a keeper once it comes out on DVD & Blu-ray.

The above movie and play reviews are from Don & Wiley. **If you are interested in joining them at the movies**, send Don an E-Mail message ( [djillett1950@gmail.com](mailto:djillett1950@gmail.com) ) and learn what their plans are. They tend to prefer Tuesday afternoon showings when the tickets are cheaper (YES!) and the crowds are smaller..... Here are two up-coming dates to note....

Upcoming Classic films at the Nanaimo Galaxy Theatre are:  
'*Casablanca*' (Sunday Nov 12<sup>th</sup> @ 12:55) and  
'*Miracle On 34<sup>th</sup> Street*' (Saturday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:55)

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**GENERAL MEETING:**

The next General meeting for all members will be held on **Friday 17 November at 7:30 PM**. Guest Speaker will be announced in the coming week. The last meeting of the year will be on 15 December. **All meeting will be held at St Paul's in downtown Nanaimo.**

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**MEMBERSHIPS:**

It's that time... **renew your membership** for 2018! Fees remain unchanged - \$20 per single or \$35 per couple. You can pay at any of our events or by contacting any of the Directors. If you are new, join now and be covered for the next 14 months!

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:**

The Prime Timers Nanaimo 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Christmas Party will be on Sunday 3 December at MGM Restaurant in downtown Nanaimo. More information will be available soon.

## Minutes of the PT Nanaimo General Meeting

**Date:** October 20, 2017 at 7:30 PM

**Venue:** St Paul's Anglican Church, (St Mathew Room), 100 Chapel St., Nanaimo

**Attendance:** Rick A., Wiley F., Doug P., Don G., George L., Bob H., Michael C.

**Regrets:**

Call to order at 7:35 PM by Rick A.

### 1. Board Member Reports

- 1.1 Don gave a quick verbal accounting of our current financial position. We have \$379.10 in the bank account and \$50 cash-on-hand. Expected expenses until the end-of-the-year are around \$300.00. Any new members from now until the end-of-the-year can join by paying their 2018 membership. Also, current members are able to renew their membership now as well.
- 1.2 Bob spoke about being in contact with Donna Munroe who is Co-chair of Ottawa Senior Pride Network Training Team. He showed us several sheets which are available to anyone online at [seniorpridenetwork.com](http://seniorpridenetwork.com). Don asked Bob if he wouldn't mind making hard-copies available to add to the minutes.
- 1.3 Doug mentioned that he will send out an email message to the membership reminding them when the cut-off is for the November Newsletter. He also mentioned that we will be pruning back the email distribution list as several people haven't attended any of the functions this past year.

### 2. Activities

- 2.1 The next production at the Ladysmith Little Theatre is 'QUARTET' which runs from Nov 9 to 26, 2017.
- 2.2 Halloween Dinner at the ABC Restaurant. Drinks at 4:30 PM and Dinner at 5:00 PM
- 2.3 Pub Night every Monday night at the Jingle Pot Pub in our reserved alcove at the back of the pub.
- 2.4 Coffee Group at McDonalds on Rutherford Road every Wednesday at 9:30 AM
- 2.5 Wednesday November 1<sup>st</sup> is the 9<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL SENIORS HEALTH & WELLNESS FAIR at the Beban Park Social Centre (10:00 AM to 3:30 PM) with Free admission.
- 2.6 Rick will work on getting a Christmas meal organized for late November or early December at the MGM Restaurant.

### 3. Next Meeting: November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM; St. Paul's Anglican Church

The following meeting will be on December 15<sup>th</sup>

Adjournment was at 7:55 PM

**8 PM** Jane Vinet (Senior Connect) gave an interesting half an hour talk with time for questions & answers. **Many thanks, Jane!**

# November 2017

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<a href="#">← Oct 2017</a>						<a href="#">Dec 2017 →</a>
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<b>1</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe -10:00 AM Sr Wellness Expo at Beban Park 7:00 PM Reaching Out at Brechin United	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Remembrance Day
<b>12</b> 12:55 PM CASABLANCA at Galaxy Theatre	<b>13</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> General Meeting at St Pauls Church	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>30</b>		

# December 2017

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					<b>1</b> World AIDS Day	<b>2</b> 12:55PM MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET at Galaxy Theatre
<b>3</b> PT Nanaimo Christmas Party at MGM Restaurant	<b>4</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe -7:00 PM Reaching Out at Brechin Untied Chruch	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Human Rights Day	<b>11</b> 5:00 PM – Jingle Pot Pub	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:30 PM General Meeting at St Paul's Anglican Chruch	<b>16</b>
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<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Christmas	<b>26</b> Boxing Day	<b>27</b> 9:30 AM coffee at McCafe	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>31</b> HAPPY NEW YEAR!						