



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

www.probus.org

March 2012

MEMBERSHIP

As of the 14th of March our membership stands at **211**

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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President's Message



The Lantzville Probus Club is well recognized for the large number of activities in which we engage. That would not be possible were it not for the long list (published elsewhere in this newsletter) of dedicated conveners that we have leading these activities. I want to pay special tribute to them this month and to thank them on behalf of us all for their sterling efforts. Some of them have been doing this for many years, for which we are most grateful. If you are a participant in one or another of our club activities I hope you will give serious consideration to assisting your activity convener or, perhaps, taking over the role yourself if the current convener feels they have done enough and approaches you with a view to passing the torch. Some of our fellow members are beginning to return from warmer climes; others will be returning in April. Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed your “winter” and look forward to seeing you at our meetings and other club activities during the coming months. Our meeting this month will consist of a Pancake Breakfast so please be sure to bring along a good appetite to enjoy the spread put on by Joan Sawicki and her merry band of cooks..... and, no, that is not Joan you see above! The Photo Group is also taking this opportunity to show off some of their more memorable photos. We hope you will enjoy the over 300 pictures as you partake of the pancakes. The pancake breakfast will precede the usual business meeting. Plans for the Alaska Cruise in the Fall are progressing. We now have 11 cabins booked with representation from the Probus clubs from Duncan to Campbell River. If you have not booked yet there is still time to do so – call Terri Harrison at 1-888-423-7114 for details and make sure you mention “Probus Club” to capture the discounted rates. We understand that the cabins reserved for groups such as ours are limited so you need to contact Terri sooner rather than later. It was with great sadness that we announced the passing of Doug Reid earlier this month. I am not sure if this message will reach you in time, but I would remind you that a Celebration of Life will take place at the Canadian Legion on East Wellington on March 17th at 12:30 p.m.

Trevor

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS, PLEASE CONTACT Carole Bullock at 250-751-3709 or drop her an e-mail at cbullock2@shaw.ca

PROBUS CANADA GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE - website www.johnson.ca/probus

Don't forget, **BYOCM to the General Meetings, please.** *Peter*

NO PROMOTION, ADVERTISEMENTS OR SOLICITATION FOR NON-PROBUS RELATED CAUSES IS PERMITTED AT OUR GENERAL MEETINGS OR OUR ACTIVITIES

MEETING SPEAKER –There will be **NO SPEAKER** in March as THE ‘PANCAKE BREAKFAST’ is being served

Interest Groups and Conveners 2012

- BRIDGE, MIXED** - Conveners, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785 or call **Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Jones are away)** 250-758-0877 the location is St. Philips-by-the-Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Road
- BOWLING** Convener, **XXXXXX**
The **North Nanaimo Probus Club** has invited us to bowl with them the **Last Tuesday** of each month at 3:30pm at BRECHIN LANES. This is two games of mixed bowling and everyone is welcome.
- CHAIR SET UP-** **Stan Mackey** 756 1631 **Keith Trail** 250-751-1055 Helpers welcome. Contact Stan.
- COFFEE SET UP-** **Joan Sawicki** 756 4679, Helpers wanted, contact Joan.
- CRAFTS** - Convener (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.
Convener (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
Convener (Group 3), **Lia VanWassenaar** 250-751-1801
- CURLING** - We hope all those who joined in the FUN Bonspiel this month thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and met some nice people.
- DINING OUT** Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681 & **Suzanne Brothers** 250-758-0877 Meets the **4th Friday** of every month at **6:00pm**.

Dining Out in **March 2012** on **Friday 23rd** @ 600pm. Will be at **SimonHolt** 6582 Applecross road, 250-933-3338
- DRINKS and APPIES NIGHT** - Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca.
Happy 2012. If you are new to Drinks & Appies and would like to join: **Functions are held the third weekend of each month with two homes participating.** It is a reciprocal club where, if you join, you are expected to "Host" a function. Small or large homes, it's fun always. Call Carole at 250-751-3709 or email cbullock2@shaw.ca for more information
- For the Month of **March**:
Host Home #1 – Marlene & Merv JONES – Saturday Mar. 17th at 5:00 pm with a 24 Guest request.(still room for 1 couple)
Host Home #2 – Edie & Ralph BARKER – Saturday Mar. 17th at 5:00 pm with a 22 Guest request.(one couple and a half are on the waiting list)
- Info. For where and when** to be on a sign-up sheet at the **General Meeting**,

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EXCURSIONS – This is the First for 2012

Alaskan Cruise - September 5th to September 12th, 2012

Visit Alaska, one of the most beautiful States of USA, by cruising through the beautiful Inside Passage from Vancouver, with ports of call in Juneau, the capital; Skagway, an intriguing little town with great shopping and an awesome train ride to White Pass with Gold Fever memories (not included); a close-up stop in Glacier Bay to see the glacier calving and ice floats with their wild life on them; and the Totem Pole town of Ketchikan; and back to Vancouver.



Holland America's "MS Volendam", one of the smaller ships with only 1432 guests, will be our home for the week. The idea is to have a great "social time" with our members and their guests and meet members from other island Probus Clubs and lots of R & R.

EXCURSIONS (continued)–

A limited number of cabins at great Group Prices in Canadian \$ including Port Tax are available :

Inside cabins from \$971.26 to 1,001.60 per person

Ocean view from \$1,123.73 to 1,265.62 per person

Balcony (very few) \$1,937.02 to 2,018.26 per person

Group space is limited and prices are subject to change with demand and sale of cabins.

So - "**First come – first served**" – a deposit of \$ 712.00 per state room guaranties these rates. As of press time a number of cabins have already been booked both by Lantzville club members and other Probianas from Vancouver Island.

To book phone Terri Harrison at Expedia Cruiseship Centre, and use the promo code,

"Probus Clubs"

250-390-7401 – or toll free 1-888-423-7114

#106-6750 Island Hwy (next to Costco) Nanaimo B.C.

GOLF, MIXED - Convener, **Mervyn Jones** 250-751-1785 or mandmjones@shaw.ca.

Because of good early spring weather we are thinking of starting our Probus (Nine and Dine) Golf in April.

Nine holes at Memorial Golf Club in Qualicum Beach (one of the best maintained courses on the Island) followed by dinner at their restaurant. Although they will have no "9&Dine" rates set up yet we should be able to take advantage of their 'Twilight' rates.

Sign up sheets will be available at the meeting.

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HELPING HANDS -- Has the list of members who have volunteered to help anyone needing assistance.

Call Dianne **Tucker**, at 250-758-8042 or **Berta Trail** at 250-751-1055.

Back up-Janet McGregor at 250-758-6384, Claire Martens 250-751-0930, Carmen Aziz at 250-758-4258

HIKING GROUP -- Convener, **John Halliwell** – 250-390-3443 or halliwellfour@shaw.ca. Meets **Every Thursday** but *not* the 4th Thursday.

“The established policy of the ‘Hiking Group’ is that “NO DOGS are allowed on the hikes”.

It would be appreciated by the members if this policy is observed.

LADIES BOOK CLUB – **Group 1** Convener **Adele Klatt**, jen-adele@shaw.ca, 250 758 0906
Group 2 Convener **Janet McGregor**, hikerliker@shaw.ca 250 758 6384. This group has space for some new members and meets on the **first Wednesday** of each month from **1:30 to 3:30 P.M.** at members' homes.

LADIES BRIDGE – Convener, TBD.

LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT - Convener **Barb Norris** @ 250-585-3601 or e-mail at grnorris@shaw.ca 2:00PM, **2nd Tuesday** at 'Haz Beans' Coffee House on the corner of Rutherford Rd and the Island Highway.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP -- Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805, meets the **2nd Thursday** of each month.

April lunch will be at the '**ABC**' restaurant

May lunch will be at the new '**Original Joe**' restaurant at Country Club Centre.

MEN'S BRIDGE -- Convener, **Lawrence Johnson** 250-760-0113, there are two groups who meet on **alternating Wednesdays** September thru April, with a 4 week break around Christmas. Each player takes turn hosting in their home at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for new players as regulars or those who are willing to substitute on an “as needed” basis.

MEN'S COFFEE -- Convener, **Ron Walker** 250-756-1949. The group meets at the **Nanaimo Golf Club** on **Tuesday** mornings at 10:00 AM

MEN'S POKER -- Convener, **REQUIRED!!**. sub? Two groups. Call Doug Krenz 250-751-2410 the groups meet on **alternate Monday** nights at 6:30-10: PM in player's homes.

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- PUB NIGHT --** Conveners, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965.
Meets the **3rd Tuesday** of each month. Watch your Newsletter for pub locations
March Pub Night is the 20th at the '**Lighthouse Bistro**', on the Harbour, at 6:00pm.
- PHOTO CLUB,** Convener **Lia Van Wassenaar** lvw1944@gmail.com , 250-751-1801,
Back up **Margaret Pierce**, marmar@island.net, 250-390-4893. Every 1st and 3rd
Tuesday, 8:30A.M-12:30pm including on location shoot and 'show and tell' with lunch. Meeting location to be determined.
- SKIING/SNOW SPORTS --** Convener **Barry Lapointe** blapointe@shaw.ca , 250-390-1890
- Skiing/Snow Sports
The scope of activities for snow recreation sports has been expanded to include not only Alpine, but also Nordic and Snowshoeing. A new contact list will be circulated and include each of these activities.
- In addition, The Bastion City Probus Ski group contact details will be listed with the Lantzville and Harbour City Clubs. This will increase the opportunities for shared transportation and finding a compatible snow sport person.
- Individuals should be aggressive in reaching out to those on the snow sport list. For those Probus members not on the ski list but would like a copy, contact Barry at 250 390 1890.
- SOUND MAN –** **Gary Brothers** at 250-758-0877, garyw@brothers.ca Back-up, **Keith Trail** at 250-751-1055 or **Don Carmichael** at 250-758-4729.
- SUNSHINE CONVENER --** Notify **Lia VanWassenaar** at 250-751-1801 or lvw1944@gmail.com assisted by **Hazel Whittaker** at 250-390-1728 or hjwhitt@shaw.ca for cards to be sent to those who are ill, bereaved etc.
- WALKING GROUP –** Convener, **Phil Wilson** at 250-468-9418. - Meets weekly on Wednesdays, at 10:00am, at various locations, takes approximately 1.5hours.
- March 14th** – Bowen Park / Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the parking lot by the Bowen Park tennis courts.
- March 21st** – Englishman River – meet at the parking area on Industrial Way, (Left on Franklin Gull Rd. and immediate RIGHT on Industrial Way).
- March 28th** -- Morrell Sanctuary – meet at the Morrell parking lot, off Nanaimo Lakes Road.
- April 4th** -- Nanaimo Waterfront – meet at Maffeo Sutton Park parking lot.

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April 11th -- Jacks Point – meet at the Jacks Point parking lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal.

April 18th -- Rath Trevor Beach – meet at the parking lot at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort.

April 25th -- Westwood Lake – meet in the Westwood Lake parking lot.

All walks start at 10:00am, and take approximately one to one and a half hours, and usually end up at one of the areas finer dining establishments for after walk coffee and discussions of the local, provincial and world concerns.

The walks are on well established trails and relatively easy walking. If you have any questions or concerns contact **Phil Wilson** at 250-468-9418 , **Doreen Schaefer** at 250-729-8007 or **Bill Joss** at 250-756-1181.

A LITTLE HUMOUR

I finally figured out why I am so full-figured! As I was conditioning my hair in the shower this morning, I took time to read my shampoo bottle.

I am in shock!

The shampoo I use in the shower that runs down my entire body says "for extra volume and body"! Seriously, why have I not noticed this before?

Tomorrow I am going to start using "Dawn" dish soap! It says right on the bottle, "dissolves fat that is otherwise difficult to remove". I t pays to read the warning labels my friends!

Life is short...So Remember to Live Well & Laugh Often!

SUNSHINE

If anyone has a special event in their life, such as a significant Birthday, Anniversary, new Grand/Great Grandchild you would like to share with us, or if you know of any member who is unwell or in need of a little "sunshine" in their life, please contact **Lia Van Wassenaar** lvw1944@gmail.com, 250-751-1801, with **Hazel Whittaker**, hjwhitt@shaw.ca, 250-390-1728 as back up when Lia is away. Please notify Lia if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

March Birthday Congratulations to : Alan Brigden, Barbara Dejonghe, Betty Smith, Bob Lloyd, Carol Walker, Cec McCulloch, Eunice Davison, Gwen Hudson, Hap Armstrong, Jim Bell, Josephine Labonte, Lia VanWassenaar, Mac Smith, Marcy Blood, Mary Holland, Royce Tennant, Sharon Krenz, Val Alcock-Carter.

If your Birthday is missing and you wish it to be included, or listed incorrectly, please notify **Lia**, at 250-751-1801 or e-mail her at lvw1944@gmail.com

**PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2012**

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Trevor Craddock at 9:30. Trevor told a joke about getting old.

There were 5 guests today who were introduced by Dan Tettamanti. They were: Eleen Burkhart & Ronald Neal, Robin and Donna Jordan, and Doreen Finch.

Minutes: There were errors in last month's minutes. Joan Sawicki moved and Carole Bullock seconded that the minutes be amended. Lola Denesyk moved and Carole Dagenais seconded that the amended minutes be adopted as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: There are 95 members and 5 guests in attendance. We have a cash position of \$4,032.99 and a Net Deposit Position of \$11,025.58.

Membership: New members Angela and Michael Heppell were introduced by Dan Tettamanti.

President's Report: Trevor announced the death of Art McCarville. Arrangements will be announced at a later date.

Committee Reports:

Vice President Report: A Pancake Breakfast will be held March 22 that will cost the club about \$400.00. Joan Sawicki is coordinating the breakfast.

Drinks & Appies – Friday, March 16th at Merv & Marlene Jones' and Saturday, March 17th at the home of Edie and Ralph Barker.

Our speaker today is Gary O'Brien from the Nanaimo RCMP.

Social Report: Brenda Savage reported that our April 17th Spring Lunch will cost \$12.00 for members and \$16.00 for guests. It will be held at the Howard Johnson Hotel. Cocktails will be served at 11:45 and Lunch at 12:15. Good Cooking Guys will cater.

Sunshine: February birthdays were announced by Lia Van Wassenaar. Cards were sent to Art McCarville, Don Carmichael, Joe Samarin, Norman Hannington, Doreen Schaefer, Dianna Bradley, Mary McCafferty, Pat McCarville.

Joe Samarin thanked everyone for the cards and get well wishes.

Spanish Conversation: If there is any interest in having a Spanish conversation group, please sign the sheet on the table.

Curling – Doreen Schaefer talked about the up-coming Fun Curling Bonspiel being held March 11th. Dinner and Curling \$25.00 per person or dinner only is \$13.00.

Men's Bridge: Lawrence Johnson indicated more bridge players are needed for the Wednesday evening Men's bridge group. Players are needed to be regular players or spares.

Excursions: Carol Halliwell talked about the excursion to Quadra Island on May 7th and 8th or May 14th and 15th.

Giselle Roeder talked about the Alaska Cruise trip that includes 14 other clubs on the Island. The cruise will take place Sept. 5 – 12. Group space is limited. Please call Expedia Cruise Ship Centre. Sign-up sheet on the table.

The Hospital Foundation is sponsoring a "Learn to Live" program March 26th.

Pub Lunch: Pub Lunch is at the Black Bear Pub today.

Adjournment at 9:45 for coffee.

Speaker: Carole Bullock introduced our speaker, Constable Gary O'Brien who talked about Policing in Nanaimo.

Prepared by Doreen Schaefer