



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

www.probus.org

November 2012

MEMBERSHIP

As of November 13th our membership stands at 222.

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Web Page Links (press and hold 'Ctrl' key and 'left Click' to access the link)

Minutes of the last General Meeting click here –

<http://lantzvilleprobus.org/policy-and-procedures-manual/general-meeting-minutes/>

List of Activity Conveners click here - <http://lantzvilleprobus.org/activities-2/>

2011/12 Financial Statements and the 2012/13 Proposed Budget.is

<http://lantzvilleprobus.org/policy-and-procedures-manual/budget-2012-13/>

MEETING SPEAKER

In 2000, **Adrienne Dartnall** and her partner **Rick Lennert** lost their only child, twenty one year old Danielle, when she was killed by a drunk driver. Devastated by the tragedy they sought to find meaning in their lives and to honour the memory of their daughter, who had wanted to be a teacher and loved children. Since that time Adrienne and Rick have been travelling each year to impoverished villages and communities in developing countries. They volunteer their time and talents working to improve the lives of children and their families living in poverty. In 2004, in response to the interest of more and more people who wanted to donate and be part of the work they were doing, Adrienne and Rick formed a non-profit organization called Kids International Development Society (K.I.D.S) Adrienne and Rick travel to developing countries where, using their own funds as well as funds that have been donated, they assist with the basic needs for the communities they work with including: housing, clean water, medicine, schools, educational supplies, transportation and small business grants. They work in communities in Southeast Asia, where people face poverty, unemployment, high infant mortality and disease such as malaria and dengue fever. They ensure that a minimum of 95% of the donations they receive go directly to help children and families.

President's Message

My first General Meeting, as president , is behind me as we go into Fall and a new Probus year. Onward !

Our speaker in October. Dr. Drew Digney, brought us hopes for shorter waits if we ever have to visit the “ Emergency” department at Nanaimo General.

I attended the Mid Island Pres. Form two weeks ago. It's interesting to see how their clubs run their business. There were items discussed that I brought to our Management meeting yesterday. There are sixteen clubs represented.

1. Security of having names and phone numbers on the Web.
2. Posting their newsletters with Probus Canada
3. Policies regarding speakers selling their wares.
4. Regarding fund raising... it's a no no. but clubs could have the speaker announce the name of the charity they would support and that would not be a breach of the Probus constitution,.

Our Christmas luncheon , with our special talented members who are going to entertain us , will soon be upon us. Those brave enough to face the winter will be digging out their skies, curling rocks and trying to forget those hot, clammy days of summer.lol ... I wish our snowbirds save travels as they get closer to the sun.Fall is certainly with us as you can see a snowcap on Benson.

If anyone has seen our “ Banner” that hung up beside the stage each meeting, please let us know as a new one has been ordered at a cost of approx. \$ 200.00.

Have you paid your dues? Dan & Sharon will be contacting you to see if you still wish to be a member.

See you at our General Meeting Thursday, November 22nd. 2012

In friendship Carole
Lanzville Probus.

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS, PLEASE CONTACT Lia Van Wassenaar at 250-751-1801 or drop her an e-mail at lvw1944@gmail.com

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

Web Site Report – November, 2012

Site Statistics



The site statistics for October saw unprecedented activity in October with no less than 996 “hits” on October 26th. This was the day after the gallery of photos from the excursion to Strathcona Park Lodge was posted. The next two days saw another 980 “hits” with the result that the overall average for October was bumped up to 99 “hits” per day. One has to be extremely careful when interpreting these numbers because a “hit” is registered each time a different photo is accessed.

There are over 100 photos in that Strathcona gallery so it only takes 10 individuals looking at the whole gallery to boost the number of “hits”. Nevertheless, although this number of “hits” obviously skews our site statistics it is comforting to note that in all likelihood all of the members who went on that excursion, plus a number of others, must have looked at the gallery of photos over the few days following posting to the web site.

On August 8th invitations were sent to all member email addresses inviting them to “follow” the web site. Many accepted and a reminder was sent to those who had not accepted on October 28th. Invitations have also been issued to new members. As of November 15th we have 97 members out of 124 invitations (78%) “following” the web site, plus one each on Facebook and Twitter. If you “follow” the web site by clicking on the “SIGN ME UP” button at the top of the right hand column you will receive an email each time a new announcement is posted to the web site. This is one way of ensuring that you are kept up to date with club activities.

Two enhancements were added to the web site in October:

1. Where activity meetings such as walks and hikes take place outside of members’ homes a map is included in both the announcement of the event and the calendar.
2. At the suggestion of one of our members an “Old Geezer Humour” page was added where short one-liners intended to provoke a smile can be posted. Members are invited to contribute without necessarily assuming the mantle of “Old Geezer”.

We hope that the web site will prove to be a useful means of communication and that members will continue to benefit from access to a web site where club news and events are regularly posted.

Trevor D Cradduck, Webmaster

Yellowpoint Christmas Spectacular

December 14th Matinee 3:00 p.m. Evening 7:00 p.m.

Please note that Mervyn and Marlene have now got the tickets for this event.

They will be handing them out at the next Probus Meeting: November 22nd.

If you are unable to attend this next Probus meeting please call Merv and Marlene to arrange pick-up

Snow Sports: Alpine & Nordic & Snowshoe

The winter snow sports season will soon be upon us. Now is the time to get organized, tune up your equipment, meet like-minded old and new Probus members. Join in one or more of these great activities. Have you missed doing these sports or want to try one out? Perhaps you gave up the sport do to a move or lost previous ski buddies or your ski partner has an incompatible schedule. Or you just want to get up the mountain more often.

It can be difficult for retirees to find like-minded skiers of similar abilities, compatible schedules and parallel ski interest – early/late start, long/short days, weather issues, etc. Consider the following as a way to good exercise and camaraderie:

Last season, for the first time, skiers from Bastion, Harbour and Lantzville Probus clubs joined to expand opportunities to meet and participate with other skiers. This year we anticipate more members will get up more days of the week, more frequently and make more new buddies. Join us – by contacting the Activity Convener.

* Meeting planned for Nov. 25th 1 PM Serious Coffee Hammond Bay Road

* Lesson opportunities being explored

* Chain swap possibilities

* Ski swap meets being investigated

* Potential for grand-kids to ski free

* Bring your experience and ideas

Thanks

Anita

Financials

The financial year end statements have been changed by taking the income of \$2,820 from prepaid tickets for the 2011 Octoberfest and shown it as a liability in 2011 year end and then included it in income for 2012. This then shows more correctly the operating results for the 2011 and 2012 fiscal years.

Please access the Web at <http://lantzvilleprobus.org/policy-and-procedures-manual/budget-2012-13/> to see the Statements.

The following are coffee helpers for November 2012.

November - Lynda Farrell, Barbara Samarin, Carmen Aziz, Verna Medd.