



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy Probus Month!

March is the month for new beginnings with Spring in the air. Recently, Probus Canada approved the idea of a national Probus month, a specific month to be declared nationally to celebrate Probus.

Therefore **MARCH HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE FIRST NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH**. Presently there are over 4,000 clubs in the world, comprising more than 400,000 members. In Canada we have 230 active clubs accounting for 31,329 members.

We will celebrate our Probus month by having a pancake breakfast for all our members on **March 27th**. Please join all your Probus friends that day to celebrate Spring and our Probus Association.

Have a great month and stay healthy.

Lia Van Wassenaar
President



MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801	vw1944@gmail.com
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Social Activities	Vacant!!!		
Sunshine Person	Dianna Bradley	250-585-5636	dibill@shaw.ca
Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684	a-b@shaw.ca

Next Meeting: Thursday 27th March (Pancake Breakfast)

9:00 am. At Costin Hall, Lantzville

(Please Remember Your Coffee Mug)

No Promotion, Advertisements Or Solicitation For Non-Probus Related Causes Is Permitted At Our General Meetings Or Our Activities

MEMBERSHIP

As of February 27th our membership stands at 219.

MEETING NOTICES

FEBRUARY 27th 2014 (last meeting)

Click [here](#) to open the Minutes of the last General Meeting directly.

MARCH 27th 2014 (next meeting)

Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Tuesday, in 2014 fell on March 4th. Unfortunately we have to wait until **March 27th** for our March meeting and Pancake Breakfast. There will be no speaker but a short business meeting will follow the breakfast. Pancakes will be served **commencing at 9:00am**. Please do not arrive earlier unless you are assisting with the cooking or table placement. As has been the case in previous years there will be plenty of food and coffee for all and plenty of time for socializing.

APRIL 24th 2014 (following meeting)

Our speaker on April 24th will be **Jenn Houtby-Ferguson** who is the Destination Development Officer at Tourism Nanaimo. She will address the challenges and successes associated with developing Nanaimo as an attractive stopping place for tourists whether they arrive by air, by car, by ferry, or by cruise ship.

If anyone has suggestions for speakers or topics, please contact **Keith McGregor** at **250-758-6384** or hikerliker@shaw.ca

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

Alan Brigden, Barbara Dejonghe, Betty Smith, Bob Lloyd, Carol Walker, Cec McCulloch, Eileen Callanan, Eileen Burkhard, Gwen Hudson, Hap Armstrong, Jim Bell, Josephine Labonte, Lia VanWassenaar, Mac Smith, Marcy Blood, Mary Holland, Roy Sheppard, Toine Rhemtulla, Val Alcock-Carter, Val Fenton.

APRIL

Barry Lapointe, Brian Smith, Donna McAskile, Donna Seaman, Doug Slowski, Herman Maldonado, Evelyn Caven, Gaye Culpepper, George Norris, Judy Reid, Keith Trail, Ken Jones, Margaret Carmichael, Margaret Pierce, Mike Finch, Ray Honig, Verlie Carney, Walter Kilback

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Pub Night

Tuesday, March 18th

The March Pub night will be held at:
The Lighthouse Bistro & Pub,
Anchor Way, Nanaimo, BC, Canada ([Map](#))

Conveners: Carolyn Fyfe, Alan Whittall

Dining Out

Friday, March 28th

Dining Out in March will be at the VIU Discovery Room
- Vancouver Island University's hidden jewel
Five-star lunch and dinner service, fine wines and panoramic views.
Located in Building 300. -[Map](#) tel: 250-740-6338.

Conveners: Suzanne Brothers, Helen Lemmon

April

There will be no Dining Out in April.

Spring Lunch - April 15th

The Spring Lunch has been booked at:
The Quality Bayside Inn, 240 Dogwood Street, Parksville, V9P 2H5 on April 15th, 2014

Tickets will be available at the March meeting: \$25 for Members and \$30 for Guests.

Convener: Lola Denesyk, (250) 248-2753 or landbdenesyk@shaw.ca

Excursions - Guatemala

Herman Maldonado has made enquiries regarding a potential excursion to visit Guatemala.
The full details are [HERE](#).

If you are interested please contact Herman as soon as possible to register your interest and learn further details.

Convener: Herman Maldonado (250) 390-0150 or herman.maldonado.45@gmail.com

Walking Group

- March 19** Colliery Dam – meet in the parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Ave.
- March 26** Neck Point Park – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- April 2** Westwood lake – meet at the Westwood Lake parking area at the end of Westwood Rd.
- April 9** Nanaimo waterfront – meet in the Maffeo Sutton parking lot.
- April 16** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- April 23** Rath Trevor Beach – meet in the parking lot at Rath Trevor (**not at Tigh Na Mara**)
- April 30** Jack Point – meet in the parking lot near the Duke Point ferry terminal.

INTEREST GROUPS

- 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; meets *every other* Thursday at 7:00 p.m. starting January 9th .
- BOWLING** Convener, **Vacant**.
The North Nanaimo Probus Club has invited the Lantzville Club 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** **Al Whitcomb** (250 729 0378) and **Wayne Schaefer** (250 729 8007) Helpers welcome. Contact Al or Wayne
- COFFEE SET UP** **Joan Sawicki** 756 4679, joansaw@shaw.ca 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** Convener, **Doreen Schaefer** 250-729-8007
- CYCLING GROUP** Convener – **Anita White**, 250-816-4668 or anita8white@hotmail.com
- DINING OUT** Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681 & **Suzanne Brothers** 250-758-0877. Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00pm at a restaurant to be selected.
- DRINKS & APPIES** Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca.
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 agreement where, if you join, you are expected to “Host” a function. Small or large homes, it’s always fun. Call Carole at 250-751-3709 or email. Info for where and when to be on a sign-up sheet at each General Meeting.
- EXCURSIONS** Ad hoc organization by interested parties

- GOLF, MIXED** Convener, **Mervyn Jones** 250-751-1785 or mandmjones@shaw.ca.
- HELPING HANDS** A 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, **Any hiker** who wishes to lead the group at any week. Meets Every Thursday but *not* the 4th Thursday. (Note: "NO DOGS" policy.)
- IPAD 'APPY GANG** Convener, **Trevor Craddock**, 250-933-6563. Meeting third Thursday of each month at 2:00pm at 402-6728 Dickinson Rd, Nanaimo.
- LADIES BOOK CLUB**
Group 1 Convener **Adele Klatt**, len-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 3:30pm at members' homes.
- LADIES BRIDGE** Convener, **Barb Myden**, bmyden@shaw.ca, phone 250-756-0804. Ladies Monday Afternoon Bridge Group, Dates -: alternate Monday afternoons. Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm.
- LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT**
Convener **Barb Norris** @ 250-585-3601 or e-mail at gnorris@shaw.ca
2:00pm, 2nd Tuesday at Serious Coffee, beside Piper's Pub at 4700 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC.
- LADIES LUNCH GROUP**
Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.
- 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 a turn hosting in their home at 6:30pm. 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, every **Tuesday at 10:00am** at the Windward Pub, Beaufort Centre, Boundary Crescent, across from the hospital.
- MEN'S POKER** Convener, **Vacant**. Two groups. The groups meet on alternate Monday nights at 6:30-10:00pm in player's homes.
- MIXED BRIDGE** Conveners - **Merv and Marlene Jones**, Gary and Suzanne Brothers Mixed Bridge will be held every second Thursday from October 10th. The group meets at 7:00pm at St Philips by the Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Rd, Lantzville. [Map](#).

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805, bjssamarin@shaw.ca. This group meets on Tuesday evenings to enjoy a movie of their selection. The date each month depends on which movie is chosen.

PUB NIGHT

Conveners, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

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, 8:30am -12:30pm including on location shoot and 'show and tell' with lunch to follow. Meeting location to be determined monthly.

PROBUS RAMBLERS

Convener, **John Halliwell** halliwellfour@shaw.ca Meets Thursdays but *not* the 4th Thursday. Ramblers will be notified by e-mail if a ramble is planned. (Note: "NO DOGS" policy.)

SKIING/SNOW SPORTS

Convener **Anita White**, anita8white@hotmail.com

SOUND MAN

Gary Brothers at 250-758-0877, garyw@brothers.ca 250-816-4668 Back-up, Keith Trail at 250-751-1055 or Don Carmichael at 250-758-4729.

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 **Dianna Bradley**, dibill@shaw.ca 250-585-5636. Please notify Dianna if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

THEATRE GROUP

Convener, **Marie Rickwood** 250-758-0121 Meeting as required for rehearsals.

TRAVEL

PROBUS CANADA GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE - [Website](#)

WALKING GROUP

Conveners - **Phil Wilson/Doreen Schaefer**

Unless otherwise stated all walks start at 10:00am and last for about an hour and a half on well-established trails, usually finishing at a coffee shop to discuss current events and set the world to rights. (Dogs welcome)

WEBMASTER

[Trevor Craddock](#) at 250-468-9489,
assisted by [Brendan Rogers](#) at 250-585-6684.

You Have to Love the Irish

A Mormon was seated next to an Irishman on a flight from Dublin. After the plane was airborne, drink orders were taken. The Irishman asked for a large whiskey, which was promptly brought and placed before him.

The flight attendant then asked the Mormon if he would like a drink. He replied in disgust, "I'd rather be savagely raped by a dozen whores than let liquor touch my lips". The Irishman then handed his drink back to the attendant and said, "Me, too. I didn't know we had a choice."