



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

While we are enjoying the wonderful days of summer with family and friends our thoughts may not be on what lies ahead for our Lantzville Probud.

If you are looking ahead and want to have a say in what matters to our organization, we are in need for volunteers. Positions available include **Secretary, Treasurer, Social Convener**, other special committees and activity conveners. We all have talents we can share with others and that would benefit and grow our organization. Your strengths and abilities are important and make a big difference to our success. Our organization flourishes with your support and assistance. Please contact any Management Committee member and let them know how you could help out in the forthcoming year.



Have a great month and stay healthy.

Lia Van Wassenaar, President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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| President | Lia Van Wassenaar | 250-751-1801 |
| Vice-President | Keith McGregor | 250-758-6384 |
| Past President | Carole Bullock | 250-751-3709 |
| Treasurer | George Norris | 250-585-3601 |
| Secretary | Doreen Schaefer | 250-729-8007 |
| Membership | Dan & Sharon Tettamanti | 250-729-9668 |
| Social Activities | Vacant!!! | |
| Sunshine Person | Dianna Bradley | 250-585-5636 |
| Newsletter | Brendan & Annabel Rogers | 250-585-6684 |

MEMBERSHIP

As of July 8th our membership stands at 220.

Next Meeting: Thursday 24th July

9:30 am. At Costin Hall, Lantzville

(Please Remember Your Coffee Mug)

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

MEETING NOTICES

JUNE 26th 2014 (last meeting)

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

JULY 24th 2014 (next meeting)

Phil Little

Phil Little will talk to us about his experiences of the difficult conditions he encountered as an 'accompany' in Honduras.

AUGUST

There will be no meeting in August, as we will be having the Summer Barbeque (see below). The next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on September 25th; **Bill Jones** will give a talk on mushrooms.

If anyone has suggestions for speakers or topics, please contact **Keith McGregor** on 250-758-6384.

AUGUST 28th 2014 – Summer Barbeque

Firstly, Del and Ella still need the following, please:

- 3 more sets of bocci balls,
- 3 more assistants to help Merv Jones with the bocci,
- one more assistant to help with golf putting,
- 2 volunteers to set up the coffee, and
- 4 more assistants for the clean-up crew.

Place: The German Hall, 71 Caledonia Ave, Nanaimo, BC - [MAP](#)

Time: 2 pm- 7 pm

Price: Members-\$20, Guests \$25

Catering by Montana's

- Choice of either 3 pork ribs and chicken breast, or 7 oz of salmon
With cornbread, green salad & cooked potatoes
- Hot apple cobbler & whipped cream
- Coffee and tea

The main courses will be cooked and prepared on the outdoor BBQ at the German Hall.

Directions to The German Hall - [MAP](#)

Take Terminal Ave south, turn right on Mt Benson St (this is the second street south of Townsite Rd), then turn left on Caledonia St. (which is the street just before crossing the rail tracks). Go to the end of Caledonia St.

Conveners: Del and Ella Haylock

BIRTHDAYS

JULY

Adele Klatt, Alan Whittall, Carole Dagenais, Don Day, Eric Kjerulf, Frank Stevens, John Halliwell, John Yurichuk, Leslie Sorsdahl, Mirta Maldonado, Mary McCafferty, Norman Myden, Sam Sansom, Trevor Craddock, Valorie Wakelin, Nick Becir, Johanna Nielsen.

AUGUST

Bev Johnson, Bonnie Bullock, Carole Bullock, Earl Johnson, Eleanor Langer, Helen Lemmon, Joan Lapointe, Joan Sawicki, June Batey, Lawrence Atkinson, Lawrence Johnson, Lola Denesyk, Marlene Yurichuk, Maura Maguire, Michele Keenan, Ralph Miller, Ray Hudson, Ron Medd, Sandy Rodgers

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Walking Group

- July 16** Morrell – meet in the parking lot at Morrell; turn right off Wakesiah onto Nanaimo Lakes Road.
- July 23** Cable Bay / Dodd's Narrows – follow Cedar Road to MacMillan Road. Right on Holden Corso and watch for the red Cable Bay sign on the left hand side of road. Meet at the parking lot at Cable Bay.
- July 30** Harbour front – meet in the parking lot at Maffeo-Sutton Park.
- August 6** Vancouver Seawall – meet on the 8:30 ferry and come home on the 3:00. See sign-up sheet at the general meeting.
- August 13** Neck Point – meet in the parking lot at Neck Point
- August 20** Jack's Point – Take the highway as if you are going to the Duke Point ferry. Follow the Jack Point signs.
- August 27** Westwood Lake – meet in the parking lot at Westwood Lake.
- Conveners: Phil Wilson, 250-468-9418 and Doreen Schaefer, 250-729-8007.

Pub Night

July 15

Pub night will be at the Rocking Horse Pub, 2038 Sanders Rd, V9P 9C2 ([MAP](#)) on Tuesday, July 15th.

Conveners: Carolyn Fyfe, 250-756-1307, Al Whittall, 250-758-7965.

Dining Out

July 25

The Dining Out Group will meet at 6:00pm on Friday July 25th at the Cuckoo Restaurant (At the back of Coombs Market), 2310 Alberni Hwy, Coombs, BC V0R 1M0 ([MAP](#)).

Convener: Helen C Lemmon, 250-253-6681

Please sign up at the June General Meeting.

Excursions

Sept 16 - Saturna Island 6am to 10pm

Janie's Bus will be going on an excursion to Saturna Island on September 16th. It will stop at the East Point Park; there will be seals to see and possibly whales. Then on to the village, followed by the vineyard. After that it will go up Mt Warburton Pike for the view and maybe to see the wild domestic goats. Bring a picnic lunch; dinner will be at the Waddling Dog pub.

\$75.00 plus tax FERRY INCLUDED unless no gold card
Meals are not included

For details, contact Lia Van Wassenaar, 250-751-1801

Other Probus Groups

Our club receives newsletters from PROBUS Canada every quarter, containing various articles about the organisation in Canada as a whole. If you are interested, the latest issue (June 2014) is available on their website ([click here](#)).

Also on the PROBUS Canada website ([click here](#)) you will find links to the newsletters of other PROBUS local clubs, and where they have one, their websites. For example all the BC clubs are listed [here](#) (although they are grouped somewhat strangely!)

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 on *alternate* Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. ([MAP](#)).
- 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** 250-756-4679, Helpers wanted, contact Joan.
- CRAFTS** Convener (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.
Convener (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
- CURLING** Convener, **Doreen Schaefer** 250-729-8007
- CYCLING GROUP** Convener, **Anita White**, 250-816-4668
- DINING OUT** Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681. Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00pm at a restaurant to be selected.
- DRINKS & APPIES** Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. 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. 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.
- 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.)
- LADIES BOOK CLUB**
Group 1 Convener **Adele Klatt**, 250-758-0906
Group 2 Convener **Janet McGregor**, 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**, phone 250-756-0804. Ladies Monday Afternoon Bridge Group; held on *alternate* Monday afternoons. Time: 1:00 – 4:00pm.
- LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT**
Convener **Barb Norris**, 250-585-3601. Held at 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.
- NIGHT AT THE MOVIES**
Convener is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805. 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**, 250-751-1801. Back-up: Margaret Pierce, 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**. 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**, 250-816-4668.
- SOUND MAN** **Gary Brothers** at 250-758-0877. Back-up: Keith Trail, 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**, 250-585-5636. Please notify Dianna if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

THEATRE GROUP Convener, **Marie Rickwood** 250-758-0121. Meetings as required for rehearsals.

WALKING GROUP Conveners: **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418 and **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007. 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 **Brendan Rogers**, 250-585-6684.

FRIVOLITY SECTION

GOD to ST. FRANCIS: Frank...you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no-maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long-lasting blossoms attracts butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But, all I see are these green rectangles.

St. FRANCIS: It's the tribes that settled there, Lord - The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

GOD: Grass? But, it's so boring. It's not colourful. It doesn't attract butterflies, birds and bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently so, Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing the grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

GOD: The spring rains and warm weather probably make grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

ST. FRANCIS: Apparently not, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it-sometimes twice a week.

GOD: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

ST. FRANCIS: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

GOD: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

ST. FRANCIS: No, Sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

GOD: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize grass so it will grow. And, when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

ST. FRANCIS: Yes, Sir.

GOD: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

ST. FRANCIS: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

GOD: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer. In the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep moisture in the soil and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural cycle of life.

ST. FRANCIS: You better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into great piles and pay to have them hauled away.

GOD: No!? What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose?

ST. FRANCIS: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and buy something which they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

GOD: And where do they get this mulch?

ST. FRANCIS: They cut down trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

GOD: Enough! I don't want to think about this anymore. **St. Catherine**, you're in charge of the arts. What movie have you scheduled for us tonight?

ST. CATHERINE: 'Dumb and Dumber', Lord. It's a story about....

GOD: Never mind, I think I just heard the whole story from St. Francis.