



# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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P.O. Box 514, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We all have much for which to be thankful. I am sure, as we have all just finished celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends, that these thoughts were amongst us.

As we enjoy the season's colours, let's remember to keep lots of light in our hearts.

Have a great fall and keep light!

Cheers,

**Keith McGregor**  
President

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
<b>Vice-President</b>	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
<b>Past President</b>	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801
<b>Treasurer</b>	George Norris	250-585-3601
<b>Secretary</b>	TBA	
<b>Membership</b>	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
<b>Social Activities</b>	<b>Vacant!!!</b>	
<b>Sunshine Person</b>	TBA	
<b>Newsletter/Webmaster</b>	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

## MEMBERSHIP

As of **September 25<sup>th</sup>** our membership stands at 220.

### **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Monthly General Meeting**

9:30 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

## MEETING NOTICES

### **SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup> 2014 (Annual General Meeting)**

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

### **OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 2014 (next meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Jesse Birch / Deborah Zorkin**

Bernie Dumas, the CEO of the Nanaimo Port Authority, was due to talk to us about the work of the Nanaimo Port Authority. Unfortunately, he was called away to a meeting in Ottawa, and is not available to attend our meeting as a result.

Jesse Birch, the Interim Executive Artistic Director of the Downtown and Campus Gallery, has agreed at short notice to be our speaker on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. He will talk about the Nanaimo Art Gallery and its future strategic plans as well as the current exhibition and theme 'Black Diamond Dust' at the Nanaimo Art Gallery.

He will be joined by Deborah Zorkin who is currently the president of the Nanaimo Art Gallery Board of Directors. She was born and raised in Nanaimo, studied in Vancouver and Victoria, and lived in Europe and South America before returning back to Nanaimo in 1985. She has been actively involved for the past 15 years with the Vancouver Island Symphony Boards, Downtown Nanaimo Partnership and now the Nanaimo Art Gallery Board.

### **NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 (following meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Dr. Martin Spencer**

Dr. Martin Spencer is a local optometrist who also works with Seva Canada to build vision centres in developing countries. If you have any unwanted eye glasses, please bring them to the meeting.

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, please contact [Keith McGregor](#) on 250-758-6384.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Probus Club of Lantzville annual membership fee will be \$25 for the forthcoming year, and as a result the monthly meeting fees will no longer be collected. Please remember to pay the membership fee at the General Meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> October if not already paid.

## BIRTHDAYS

### OCTOBER

Allan McAskile, Bob Dickie, Carolyn Fyfe, Dianna Bradley, Earl Culpepper, Edie Dickie, Frank Hillier, Gerry Streader, Jessie Mennie, Jim Tucker, Joan Nolte, Lavern Hillier, Marilyn Whitcomb, Marlene Jones, Sharon Deamer, Susan Collett, Del Haylock, Judy Fraser

### NOVEMBER

Brenda Savage, Carmen Aziz, Don Carmichael, Hazel Whittaker, Ken Keenan, Lorraine Coumont, Pat Wimmer, Ron Neil, Roy Farrell, Sharon Tettamanti, Tessie Wallace, Ross Fraser

## GENERAL NOTICES

Would members please note that the Dinner Event at Deerholm Farm planned for October 29<sup>th</sup> has been cancelled as insufficient interest was shown to make the event worthwhile.

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### Christmas Lunch and Dance

#### **Coast Bastion Inn, Nanaimo**

**Tuesday December 16th, 12:00 noon**

Cash Bar: from 11:30 a.m.

Lunch: 12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Dance: 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Tickets are available from Herman Maldonado, [250-390-0190](tel:250-390-0190)

Members: \$35.00, Guests: \$40.00

Tickets will also be on sale at the **October 23rd** General Meeting.

First come, first served.

If there are any special dietary requirements, please check with Herman.

Convenor: Herman Maldonado

## Yellowpoint Christmas Spectacular

### **Cedar Community Hall**

**2388 Cedar Road, Nanaimo**

**Sunday, December 7th, 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.**

\$34.50 per person (reduced group rate \$32.00, plus \$2.50 order fee charged by ticket agent Port Theatre)

- Transportation is **not** included in this arrangement, and assigned seating isn't available.
- We will take payments (cheques only please, payable to Probus Club of Lantzville) at the **OCTOBER 23RD MEETING**. This is the deadline date as we have to confirm numbers to hold seats and make full payment.
- Tickets will be distributed at the November 27th meeting.

Convenors: Carol Halliwell, 390-3443, halliwellfour@shaw.ca  
Mary McCafferty, 729-0560, larrymccafferty@shaw.ca

## ACTIVITY NOTICES

### Ladies Coffee 'n Chat Group

Coffee 'n Chat meetings, every 2nd Tuesday of the month, are currently held at Serious Coffee in the Piper's complex.

We have been notified that the coffee shop will be permanently closed at the end of October.

Members attending the last meeting decided to delay the next meeting until January 2015, prior to which time details of the new location will be announced.

Convenor: Barb Norris

### Dining Out Group

The October Dining Out will be on **Friday, October 24th at 6:00pm** at The Cactus Club Café, 5800 Turner Road, Nanaimo.

If you have not signed up yet, please let Zorka know ([nbecir@shaw.ca](mailto:nbecir@shaw.ca)) if you are planning on attending.

Convenor: Zorka Becir, standing in for Helen Lemmon

### Walking Group

**October 22** Stamp Falls – Meet at Michael's in the North End at 09:30am to car pool. If driving, go through Port Alberni towards Tofino. At the marina, turn right and then take Beaver Creek Road for 18 km (about 25 minutes) to Stamp Falls Provincial Park. Meet in the parking lot there.

**October 29** Bowen Park and Buttertubs – meet at the parking lot by the tennis courts.

**November 5** Morrell Sanctuary – meet at the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.

**November 12** Moorecroft Regional Park – Nanoose Bay – follow Northwest Bay Rd. to Stewart and watch for the small sign for Moorecroft

**November 19** Linley Valley – meet at the End of Linley Road off Hammond Bay Rd.

**November 26** Jacks Point – meet at the Jacks Point parking lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal

Convenors: Phil Wilson, 250-468-9418 and Doreen Schaefer, 250-729-8007.

### Ladies Luncheon

The Ladies Luncheon on **Thursday, November 13th** will be held at the Blue Ginger in the Longwood Centre near Thrifty's.

## 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** Convenors, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785 or call Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Jones's 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** 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** Convenor (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.  
Convenor (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
- CURLING** Convenor, **Doreen Schaefer** 250-729-8007
- CYCLING GROUP** Convenor, **Anita White**, 250-816-4668
- DINING OUT** Convenors, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681. Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00pm at a restaurant to be selected.
- DRINKS & APPIES** Convenor, **Bill Joss** 250-756-1181. 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. Info for where and when will be on a sign-up sheet at each General Meeting.
- GOLF, MIXED** Convenor, **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.  
  
Back-up: Janet McGregor at 250-758-6384, Carmen Aziz at 250-758-4258
- HIKING GROUP** Convenor, **Any hiker** who wishes to lead the group at any week. Meets Every Thursday but *not* the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday.  
(Note: "NO DOGS" policy.)
- LADIES BOOK CLUB**  
Group 1 Convenor **Adele Klatt**, 250-758-0906  
Group 2 Convenor **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** Convenor, **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**  
Convenor **Barb Norris**, 250-585-3601. Held at 2:00pm, 2nd Tuesday. New venue to be advised – **no meetings until the new year.**

## LADIES LUNCH GROUP

Convenor is **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805. Meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month.

## MEN'S BRIDGE

Convenor, **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

Convenor, **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

Convenor, **Vacant**. Two groups. The groups meet on *alternate* Monday nights at 6:30-10:00pm in player's homes.

## NIGHT AT THE MOVIES

Convenor 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

Convenors, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965. Meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

## PHOTO CLUB

Convenor **Lia Van Wassenaar**, 250-751-1801. Back-up: Margaret Pierce, 250-390-4893. Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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

Convenor, **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

Convenor **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.

## WALKING GROUP

Convenors: **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.

### Qantas Airline

Remember, it takes a college degree to fly a plane but only a high school diploma to fix one . . . reassurance for those of us who fly a lot.

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems, document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas' Pilots (marked P) and the solutions recorded (marked S) by maintenance engineers.

By the way, Qantas is the world's safest airline, having never had any fatalities on any of their jet aircraft!

P: Left inside main tyre almost needs replacement.  
S: Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.  
S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit.  
S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield.  
S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.  
S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.  
S: Evidence removed.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.  
S: That's what they're for.

P: Suspected crack in windshield.  
S: Suspect you're right.

P: Number 3 engine missing.  
S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: Aircraft handles funny.  
S: Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right, and be serious.

P: Target radar hums.  
S: Reprogrammed target radar with lyrics.

P: Mouse in cockpit.  
S: Cat installed

And the best one for last.....

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.  
S: Took hammer away from midget.