



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



This week we thanked our military families for what they do and go through with strength, courage and resiliency.

Condolences go out to the family and friends of members Donna Watson and Judy Fraser who have recently passed away.

Our autumn colours can still be enjoyed in the crisp sunshine.

Our members are looking forward to our Probus Christmas Luncheon at the Coast Bastion on December 16th!

I know there are many volunteers among us and we look forward to their efforts in bringing energy and new ideas to our club!

Keith McGregor
President

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
Vice-President	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
Past President	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801
Treasurer	George Norris	250-585-3601
Secretary	Margaret Pierce	250-390-4893
Membership	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
Social Activities	Vacant!!!	
Sunshine Person	Dianna Bradley	250-585-5636
Newsletter/Webmaster	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of **November 10th** we have 170 paid-up members, with at least another 30 expected to pay at the next general meeting.

Thursday 27th November – 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

OCTOBER 23rd 2014 (last meeting)

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

NOVEMBER 27th 2014 (next meeting)

Speaker: Dr. Martin Spencer

Dr. Martin Spencer is a local ophthalmologist who also works with Seva Canada to build vision centres in developing countries. Martin (Marty) Spencer got his medical degree from the University of Chicago and his residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Western Ontario. He is currently in private practice in Nanaimo specializing in cataract and intraocular lens surgery. He has volunteered with Seva regularly for many years in India, Nepal, Tibet, Malawi, China, Cambodia and Guatemala and has designed several instruments for cataract surgery, surgical techniques that are used in remote, rural areas to provide inexpensive, high quality, sutureless cataract surgery, as well as two intraocular lenses (IOLs). He has published and lectured extensively on topics related to cataract surgery, particularly in developing countries.

Marty is the recipient of many awards including the Lewis Perinbam Award in International Development (1997), the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award (1999) and the Achievement Award of the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (2004). Aside from his three daughters and granddaughter, Marty's interests include photography, cinema, reading, Ultimate Frisbee, running, snowboarding and windsurfing.

If you have any unwanted eye glasses to donate, please bring them to the meeting.

DECEMBER 16th 2014 (No Meeting – Christmas Lunch)

JANUARY 22nd 2015 (following meeting)

Speaker: To Be Advised

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 is now \$25 for 2014-15, and as a result the monthly meeting fees are no longer being collected. Please remember to pay any outstanding membership fees at the General Meeting on 27th November.

BIRTHDAYS

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

DECEMBER

Al Whitcomb, Anne Henderson, Anne Thomas, Bill Bradley, Bill Joss, David Hammons, Geri Reamer, Hans Nielsen, Heather Slowski, Jed Dagenais, Linda Fulton, Linda Gow, Lynn Matthews, Margaret Fyfe, Mary Lou Nordstrom, Michael Hepples, Shirley Jones, Violet Kilback,

GENERAL NOTICES

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 **November 27th** General Meeting.

First come, first served.

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

Convenor: Herman Maldonado

ACTIVITY NOTICES

Ladies Coffee 'n Chat Group

The next meeting will be in January 2015; details of the new location will be announced when available.

Convenor: Barb Norris

Dining Out Group

The November Dining Out will be on **Friday, November 28th at 6:00pm** at The Nest, 486A Franklyn Street, Nanaimo, V9R 2T6.

If you have not signed up yet, please let Helen know if you are planning on attending.

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250 753-6681

Walking Group

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

December 3 Bowen Park/Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the Bowen Park parking lot behind the tennis courts.

December 10 Rath Trevor Beach – meet in the public parking area at the park

December 17 Nanaimo Waterfront – meet at Maffeo Sutton Park. After the walk we will retire to Ms. Riches Restaurant for an 11:30 lunch to celebrate the end of another successful walking year.

December 24 No walk. Merry Christmas

December 31 No walk. Happy New Year

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

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, January 8th** at the Cactus Club, 5800 Turner Rd, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J4

Convenor: Barbara Samarin, 250-390-2805

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
- 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 2nd 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 3rd Tuesday of each month.

PHOTO CLUB

Convenor **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

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.)

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

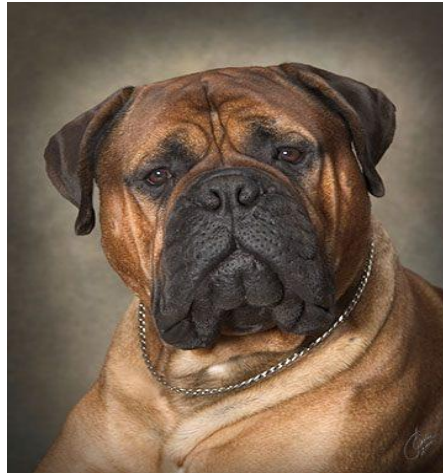
Convenors: **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418 and **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007. Unless otherwise stated all walks start at 10:00am and last for about an hour and a half on well-established trails, usually finishing at a coffee shop to discuss current events and set the world to rights. (Dogs welcome)

WEBMASTER

Brendan Rogers, 250-585-6684.

Don't Talk to the Parrot

Jane's dishwasher stopped working one day so she called in a repairman. Since she had to go to work the next day, she told the repairman, "I'll leave the key under the mat. Fix the dishwasher, leave the bill on the counter, and I'll send you a cheque. Oh, by the way don't worry about my dog Spike. He won't bother you.



But, whatever you do, do NOT, under ANY circumstances, say anything to my parrot !”

“I MUST STRESS TO YOU: **DO NOT TALK TO MY PARROT !!!**”

When the repairman arrived at Jane's home the following day, he discovered the biggest, meanest looking dog he has ever seen. But, just as she had said, the dog just lay there on the carpet watching the repairman as he went about his work. The parrot, however, drove him nuts the whole time with his incessant yelling, cursing and name calling.

Finally the repairman couldn't contain himself any longer and, ignoring Jane's instruction, yelled, “Just shut up, you stupid, ugly bird!”

To which the parrot replied, “Get him, Spike!”

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