



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We have a fun Christmas Luncheon coming up with lots of Christmas cheer and dancing! Christmas is for giving and for recognizing the caring support we experience through our Probus group. This motivates us to think of others and enact 'acts of kindness' over the holidays.

Lantzville Probus has a very energetic New Year coming up and I am very excited to see the opportunities that are open to our organization. There is a renewed feeling for volunteerism and participation to enjoy our activities in the New Year.

Your Management Committee wishes you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a healthy New Year!

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 27th** we had 205 paid-up members, with a few more who haven't paid yet.

Thursday 22nd January – Next 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

NOVEMBER 27th 2014 (last meeting)

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

DECEMBER 16th 2014 (No Meeting – Christmas Lunch)

JANUARY 22nd 2014 (next meeting)

Speaker: Dan Hurley, VIU

Dan Hurley has more than 20 years experience as a senior communications and public affairs leader and journalist with the past nine years in post-secondary education. He is currently Executive Director, University Relations at Vancouver Island University based in Nanaimo, BC where he leads a team of more than 30 employees responsible for strategic communications, marketing, web management, government relations, advancement and alumni relations. His presentation will cover VIU's impact in our region and how the University is transforming our region today and into the future. Also attending with Dan will be Janina Stajic, Manager of Communications and Public Engagement and Jason Coates, Advancement Manager.

Previously, Dan was an associate vice-president and senior advisor to the President at the University of Winnipeg, and spent more than a decade in Ottawa working as a political advisor on Parliament Hill to several cabinet ministers and Members of Parliament, and as a broadcast journalist for CBC Radio.

Dan holds a Bachelor of Arts in Canadian Studies from the University of Winnipeg, a Master of Journalism from Carleton University, and an Accreditation in Public Relations (APR) from the Canadian Public Relations Society (CPRS). He is an active community volunteer and serves on the board of the VIU Foundation, Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce, the Forum for Young Canadians, CPRS-Vancouver Island, and on the Vancouver Island Economic Alliance (VIEA) "State of the Island Summit" organizing committee.

Originally from Winnipeg, Dan now divides his time between Nanaimo and Gabriola Island where he lives with his family.

FEBRUARY 26th 2015 (following meeting)

Speaker: Steve Watson

Steve Watson from BC Hydro will speak about BC Hydro projects on Vancouver Island.

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 as soon as possible – contact George Norris, Treasurer.

BIRTHDAYS

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

Edie Barker, Ralph Barker, Stan Blood, Pauline Brigden, Gary Brothers, James Callanan, Malcolm Dickie, Rita Ellis, Ernie Fyfe, Ella Haylock, Joan Honig, Mervyn Jones, Keith McGregor, Olaf Nordstrom, Doug Reeves, Brian Rodgers, Brendan Rogers, Doreen Schaefer, Kurt Simonson, Erika Smith, Dianne Tucker, Doreen Veach, Phil Wilson.

GENERAL NOTICES

Don't Forget . . .

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.

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

Walking Group

- 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**
- January 7** Neck Point Park – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- January 14** Colliery Dam – Meet at the parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Ave.
- January 21** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- January 28** Westwood Lake – meet at the Westwood parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd.

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** *Does anyone know if this group is still active?*
- 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** Meets every Thursday but not the 4th Thursday.
Convenors: **Brenda Savage**, 250-390-3368,
Mervyn Jones, 250-751-1785.
- 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

Does anyone know if this group is still active?

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, 10:00am -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.

All-Inclusive Seasonal Festive Greetings

Greetings to all.

We wanted to send some sort of holiday greeting to our friends, but it is so difficult in today's world to know exactly what to say without offending someone. So we met our lawyer yesterday, and on his advice we wish to say the following:

Please accept with no obligation, implied or implicit, our best wishes for an environmentally-conscious, socially-responsible, low-stress, non-addictive, gender-neutral celebration of the winter/summer solstice holiday, practised with the most enjoyable traditions of religious persuasion or secular practices of your choice with respect for the religious/secular persuasions and/or traditions of others, or their choice not to practice religious or secular traditions at all.

We also wish you a fiscally-successful, personally-fulfilling and medically-uncomplicated recognition of the onset of the generally accepted calendar year 2015, but not without due respect for the calendars of choice of other cultures whose contributions to society have helped make our country great (not to imply that it is necessarily greater than any other country) and without regard to the race, creed, colour, age, physical ability, religious faith or sexual preference of the wishee.

By accepting this greeting, you are accepting these terms:

This greeting is subject to clarification or withdrawal. It is freely transferable provided no alteration is made to the original greeting. It implies no promise by the wisher to actually implement any of the wishes for her/himself or others, is void where prohibited by law, and is revocable at the sole discretion of the wisher. This wish is warranted to perform as expected within the usual application of good tidings for a period of one year or until the issuance of a subsequent holiday greeting, whichever comes first, and warranty is limited to replacement of this wish or issuance of a new wish at the sole discretion of the wisher.

Disclaimer: No trees were harmed in the sending of this message; however, a significant number of electrons may have been slightly inconvenienced.