



# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



January is the month that we use as a springboard for our New Year's commitments and plans. Please join all your Probus friends to celebrate a New Year and enjoy our many activities. We have a great extended family! Enjoy good humour and health.

All the best.

**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>	Carol Halliwell (temp)	250-390-3443
<b>Membership</b>	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
<b>Social Activities</b>	<b>Vacant!!!</b>	
<b>Sunshine Person</b>	Dianna Bradley	250-585-5636
<b>Webmaster/Newsletter</b>	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

## MEMBERSHIP

As of **January 13<sup>th</sup>** we had 210 paid-up members, including 5 who haven't paid yet.

### **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> 2014 (last meeting)**

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

### **DECEMBER 16<sup>th</sup> 2014 (No Meeting – Christmas Lunch)**

### **JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 2015 (following meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Fred Denning**

The February speaker will be Fred Denning, presently vice president, Pacific Region of the Canadian Marine Pilots Association.

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, please contact [Phil Wilson](#) on 250-468-9418.

## 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

### 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.

### FEBRUARY

Stu Donaldson, Dorothy Johnson, Tom Langer, Stan Mackey, Janet McGregor, Verna Medd, Barbara Myden, Barbara Norris, Annabel Rogers, Barbara Samarin, Neil Sorsdahl, Berta Trail

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Curling Group

The Annual Fun Bonspiel is taking place on **February 22nd, 2015**. It's always lots of fun, whether you are a beginner or not.

If you are interested in attending, or need further information, please call:

Alan or Donna McAskile at [250-248-9386](tel:250-248-9386) or [amcaskile@shaw.ca](mailto:amcaskile@shaw.ca)

OR Doreen Schaefer [250-729-8007](tel:250-729-8007) or [dwschaefer@shaw.ca](mailto:dwschaefer@shaw.ca)

Hope to see you there.

Doreen Schaefer

## ACTIVITY NOTICES

### Ladies Coffee 'n Chat Group

The new meeting location will be Polly Anna's High Tea House, Nanaimo North Shopping Centre, 201-4950 Rutherford Road. Meetings are at 2pm on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month.

Convenor: Barb Norris

### Walking Group

- 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.
- February 4** Moorecroft Regional Park (Nanoose Bay) – follow Northwest Bay Rd. to Stewart and watch for the Moorecroft Park signs
- February 11** Bowen and Buttertubs – meet in the Bowen Park parking lot behind the tennis courts off Bowen Rd.
- February 18** Rath Trevor Beach Provincial Park (Parksville) – meet in the Rath Trevor parking lot
- February 25** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the top end of the Maffeo Sutton Park parking lot.

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

### Dining Out Group

The January Dining Out will be on **Friday, January 23rd** at 6:00 pm at Earl's Restaurant, 2980 Island Highway, Nanaimo, V9T 5V4.

If you plan on attending, please sign up by emailing Zorca at [nbecir@shaw.ca](mailto:nbecir@shaw.ca).

Convenor: Zorka Becir (standing in for Helen Lemmon)

## 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 (November 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](#).

## 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** *This entry will be dropped next time unless we hear it's 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. The group meets at 2:00pm on the 2nd Tuesday each month at Polly Anna's High Tea House, Nanaimo North Shopping Centre, 201-4950 Rutherford Road.

## 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.

## 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, 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.

## Punography

I tried to catch some fog - I mist.

When chemists die, they barium.

Jokes about German sausage are the wurst.

A soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.

I know a guy who's addicted to brake fluid. He says he can stop anytime.

How does Moses make his tea? Hebrews it.

I stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.

This girl said she recognised me from the vegetarian club, but I'd never met herbivore.

I'm reading a book about anti-gravity - I can't put it down.

I did a theatrical performance about puns - it was a play on words.

They told me I had type A blood, but it was a Type O.

A dyslexic man walks into a bra.

Why were the Indians here first? They had reservations.

Energiser Bunny arrested: charged with battery.

I didn't like my beard at first. Then it grew on me.

How do you make Holy Water? Boil the hell out of it!

What do you call a dinosaur with an extensive vocabulary? A thesaurus.

When you get a bladder infection, urine trouble.

I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger. Then it hit me!

My friends asked me to build a wooden platform out to sea, but I don't give in to pier pressure.

### **And Finally**

Don't drink and ski – no sense going off piste.