



# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Welcome to the official start of our summer in a few days!

For those who attended the Art Gallery Tour and Wine & Cheese - the event was a great success.

I look forward to seeing you at our June Probus Meeting. Lots to look forward to with family and friends. The Probus Barbeque is scheduled for August 27th and tests a new venue - Cottonwood Golf Course - sounds like a great event so sign up and please volunteer if you can. Hope to see you there.

Enjoy the warm winds of summer with lots of recreation and fellowship.

Cheers,

**Keith McGregor**  
President

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

<b>President</b>	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
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### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June – 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

## MEMBERSHIP

As of **June 7<sup>th</sup>** we had 214 paid-up members

## MEETING NOTICES

### **MAY 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 (last meeting)**

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

### **JUNE 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 (next meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Scott Valliere**

Scott Valliere is the owner of Harbour Homes Marina, which has plans to re-develop the old Nanaimo Shipyards site at the north end of the Harbourfront Walkway. He has been working on this project for 3 yrs and is now ready to begin construction of 60 float homes in the Nanaimo harbour. This is the first time float homes have been allowed in Nanaimo and is the first part of a three-phase development.

Scott will outline the plans for the the float home marina, as well as the plans for the future phases of the project and improvements to the amenities of the area. Scott is a fifth generation Nanaimoite and has been a builder in Nanaimo and on Vancouver Island for 33 years.

### **JULY 23<sup>rd</sup> 2015 (following meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Ross Peterson**

Ross Peterson will be our speaker for July. His topic will be emergency preparedness.

If anyone has suggestions for meeting speakers or topics, please contact **Phil Wilson** on **250-468-9418**.

## BIRTHDAYS

### **JUNE**

Carol Halliwell, Dan Tettamanti, Deb Thomson, Edward Lord, George Fulton, Gloria Johnson, Graham Savage, Jack Whittaker, Jim Holland, Joe Samarin, John Collett, Ken Lemmon, Len Klatt, Liz Barker, Marian Lord, Ronald Walker, S. Barry Jones, Suzanne Brothers.

### **JULY**

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

## GENERAL NOTICES

### PROBUS Summer Bar-B-Q

Our Summer Bar-B-Q will be held on **Thursday August 27<sup>th</sup>** at the Cottonwood Golf Course, 1975 Haslam Rd. Cassidy.

The cost is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members. Tickets will be sold for the event at the June and July general meetings.

The choices for your main course will be either a New York Striploin Steak or a Chicken Breast. When you register you will be asked to make your choice.

This year we have the opportunity to enjoy a round of golf before the usual festivities begin:

9 holes at \$25 (power cart seat \$10), start times 11:30 to 12:00

18 holes at \$45 (power cart seat \$15), start times 9:30 to 10:00

All golf rates include taxes.

The money for the golf will be collected at the same time as for the BBQ.

For those not golfing, plan to arrive around 2:00pm and we'll get the games started at 2:30. The games will be: Bocce Ball, Ladder Toss, Beanbag Toss and a Putting Contest on the course's practice putting green.

Bring your own lawn chairs. There is shade on the lawn area from a few tall trees so it should be very comfortable

Dinner will be served at 5:30pm.

I am asking for volunteers to run the games section of the event. We'll need someone in charge of each of the games and volunteers to help them organize and run their event. There will be a sheet for volunteers at the registration table at the June general meeting

We're looking forward to seeing you all at this fun event.

Please contact me at the following,

**Barry Chapman**

Email: [rbchapman@telus.net](mailto:rbchapman@telus.net)

Phone: 250-758-6976, cell 250-713-3594

### PROBUS Summer Bar-B-Q

## ACTIVITY NOTICES

### Walking Group (Wednesdays)

The walks all start at 10:00 sharp, except as noted. Try coming a little earlier, as we leave right at 10:00am.

- June 24** Newcastle Island – Meet at the Newcastle Island Ferry Dock in Maffeo Sutton Park **at 9:45am**; bring something for lunch.
- July 1** Bowen Park/Buttertubs – Meet at the parking lot in Bowen Park by the tennis courts
- July 8** Linley Valley – Meet at the end of Linley Valley Road – off Hammond Bay Road
- July 15** Morrell Sanctuary – Off the Parkway take the 5th Street exit to Wakesiah, turn right at Wakesiah and then right again at Nanaimo Lakes Road. Meet in the parking lot at Morrell Sanctuary.
- July 22** Cable Bay / Dodds Narrows – follow Cedar Road to McMillan Road. Right on Holden Corso and watch for the small red Cable Bay sign on the left side of road. Meet at the parking lot at Cable Bay. Bring a lunch to eat at the Narrows.
- July 29** Harbour Front – meet in the parking lot at Maffeo Sutton Park.

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

### Dining Out Group

**Note: Change of venue.**

The **June** Dining Out will be on **Friday, June 26<sup>th</sup>** at 6:00 pm at:  
The Cuckoo (Old Country Market),  
Coombs, BC (250 248-6280)

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

### Ladies Lunch Group

The **July** Ladies Luncheon will be on **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup>** at 11:45 at:  
Beefeaters Chop House & Grill,  
1840 Stewart Avenue,  
Nanaimo, BC V9S 4E6

Convenor: Barbara Samarin, 250-390-2805 or bjsamarin@shaw.ca

## SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

As Keith McGregor announced at the last General Meeting, October 2016 will be the 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Club's inauguration. If anyone has any suggestions for events to mark the occasion, would they please pass them on to Keith, or any other member of the Management Committee. Thank You.

## 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 (**March 2015**) 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](#).

### **Sad but oh so true.....**

- Every day, a small ant arrived at work very early, and started work immediately.
- She produced a lot and was very happy.
- The new chief, a lion, was surprised to see that she was working without supervision.
- He thought if the ant could produce so much without supervision, wouldn't she produce even more if she had a supervisor!
- So he recruited a cockroach who had extensive experience as a supervisor and was famous for writing excellent reports.
- The cockroach's first decision was to set up a clocking-in attendance system. He also needed a secretary to help him write and type reports. He recruited a spider to manage the report archives.
- The lion was delighted with the cockroach's reports and asked him to produce graphs to describe production rates and to analyse trends, so that he could use them for presentations at Board Meetings.
- So the cockroach had to buy new computers and colour printers and then recruited a fly to manage the IT department.
- The ant, who had once been so productive and relaxed, hated this new plethora of paperwork and meetings which now used up most of her time.
- The lion came to the conclusion that it was high time to appoint a manager to be in charge of the department where the ant worked.
- The position was given to a cicada whose first decision was to buy a new carpet, ergonomic chair, and several pot plants for his office.
- He also needed a personal assistant which he brought with him from his previous department to help him with a Work and Budget Control Strategic Optimisation Plan, and to take the minutes at all his new progress meetings.
- The department where the ant worked was now a sad place where nobody laughed anymore and everybody was stressed all the time.
- It was at that time that the cicada convinced the boss the lion, of the absolute necessity to start a climatic study of the environment, and for all staff to complete weekly update reports of their personal performance.
- The lion meanwhile became concerned about falling profits and reviewed the costs of running the department. He found that productivity had decreased considerably.
- So he recruited the owl, a prestigious and renowned management consultant, to conduct a root and branch time and motion audit and identify solutions.
- The owl spent six months in the department and came up with an enormous report which concluded that the department was overstaffed and should be rationalised immediately.
- Guess who the lion fired first?
- The ant of course as she was showing a lack of motivation and had acquired a negative attitude.

***Any similarity to the Police, Health Authority, Municipal Government, Education or any major company is, of course, purely coincidental . . . !***

## INTEREST GROUPS

- BRIDGE, MIXED** Convenors, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785 or call Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Joneses 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.
- BOWLING** The North Nanaimo Probus Club has invited the Lantzville Club to bowl with them the Last Tuesday of each month at 3:30 pm 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
- DINING OUT** Convenors, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681. Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00 pm 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 3:30 pm 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 – 4:00 pm.

## LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT

Convenor **Barb Norris**, 250-585-3601. The group meets at 2:00 pm 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 from September to April, with a 4 week break around Christmas. Each player takes a turn hosting in their home at 6:30 pm. ***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 10:00 am** 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, 10:00 am -12:30 pm including 'on-location shoot' and 'show and tell' with lunch to follow. Meeting location to be determined monthly.

## 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 10:00 am 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)