



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

August 2015

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

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	Allan McAskile	250-248-9386
Membership	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668
Social Activities	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Sunshine Person	Dianna Bradley	250-585-5636
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of **June 25th** we had 215 paid-up members

Thursday 27th August – Summer Barbeque

2:30 pm – Cottonwood Golf Course

(Please Remember To Bring Lawn Chairs)

No Promotion, Advertisements Or Solicitation For Non-Probus Related Causes Is Permitted At Our General Meetings Or Our Activities

MEETING NOTICES

JULY 23rd 2015 (last meeting)

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

AUGUST 27th 2015

Barbeque – see below for details

SEPTEMBER 24th 2015 (next meeting)

Speakers: Caren and Neil Powell

Caren and Neil Powell are both 4th generation South Africans. They lived in South Africa for 40 years during the apartheid era and the changeover to democracy, and now live in Brentwood Bay. Caren is the author of the book, *The Dark Side of the Rainbow*, which is about the fight for freedom in South Africa, and Neil is her illustrator. During the past 20 years they have visited South Africa frequently

They will share their observations with us in their very interesting presentation, speaking about South Africa before, during and after Nelson Mandela's presidency.

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

BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

Barry Chapman, Bev Johnson, Carole Bullock, Diane Wade, Don Johnston, Earl Johnson, Eleanor Langer, Helen Lemmon, Joan Lapointe, Joan Sawicki, John Pellick, June Batey, Lawrence Johnson, Lola Denesyk, Marlene Yurichuk, Maura Maguire, Michele Keenan, Ray Hudson, Ron Medd, Sandy Rodgers, Tom Ellis.

SEPTEMBER

Annette Mackey, Blaine Denesyk, Bob Jordan, Clara Parry, Donna Jordan, Joanne Byrne, Hugh Veach, Irwin Axness, Larry McCafferty, Lloyd Dejonghe, Marilyn Day, Norm Winton, Pat McCarville, Peter Barker, Sheila Joss, Vivianne Bohl, Warren Nolte

CLUB NOTICE

Notice of Call for Nominations

As your Past-President it is my duty to chair the Nominating Committee for 2015 and to issue a call to the general membership for nominations to the Management Committee. The other members of the Nominating Committee are **Margaret Pierce** and **Gary Brothers**. In accordance with the Club Policies and Procedures the positions of Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer are open for nomination effective immediately. Nominations made on the forms below must be received by the Nominating Committee **before August 27th, 2015** and must include the nominee's signature confirming their willingness to serve in the capacity for which they are nominated. Those elected will take office effective September 24th, 2015, following the General Meeting on that date.

Please note that nominations will NOT be accepted from the floor at the Annual General Meeting.

Lia Van Wassenar

Past-President, Chair – Nominating Committee

Probus Club of Lantzville

ELECTION OF OFFICERS -- Annual General Meeting – September 24, 2015

NAME of person nominated: _____ Phone: _____

POSITION: (Please check one) Vice-President _____ Secretary _____ Treasurer _____

I consent to my nomination for the above position

Signature of Nominee: _____

Nominated By: _____ Phone: _____

*Please print and give to a member of the Nominating Committee **no later than August 27, 2015.***

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GENERAL NOTICES

PROBUS Summer Bar-B-Q

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

Please plan to arrive for 2:00 pm and **bring lawn chairs with you.**

Sign up for the games you want to play with the coordinators. We will be playing Bocce Ball, Putting, Marshmallow Chipping, Ladder Ball and Beanbag Toss. We want to try to have these games finished by 5:00 pm at the latest. Dinner will be ready for 5:30 pm.

You can order drinks at the bar and set up a tab with them with your credit card, or pay cash as you order. Drinks can be taken to the lawn area as they have a full facility license.

I will be contacting those playing golf with tee times before the event once we have final numbers. They will be approximately 9:00 to 9:30 for 18 holes and 11:30 for 9 holes.

The following activity coordinators for the games are:
Phil and Barb Wilson – Putting & Marshmallow Chip.
Brenda Savage and Carol Bullock – Bocce
Del and Ella Haylock – Ladder Ball
Allan Brigden – Beanbag Toss.

A great deal of thanks to those people for coordinating the games.
We are looking forward to having a great time.

Regards, Barry

Barry Chapman
Email: 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, except as noted. Try coming a little earlier, as we leave right at 10:00am.

- August 19** Westwood Lake – Turn right off the Parkway at the second Jingle Pot Road (#18). Turn left and follow the signs to Westwood Lake.
- August 26** Nanaimo Harbour Front - Meet in Maffeo-Sutton Park.
- September 2** Englishman River – As you enter Parksville, turn left at the first light (tourist centre) and right on the first road. Parking is on the left side of the road right after you make your turn.
- September 9** Colliery Dam – Turn onto 5th Street off the Parkway. Turn right on Wakesia and go over Nanaimo Lakes Road and then straight ahead to the parking lot.
- September 16** Bowen/Buttertubs – meet in the parking lot in Bowen Park beside the tennis courts.
- September 23** Linley Valley – Turn onto Linley Valley Road off Hammond Bay Road and meet at the end of the road.
- September 30** Morrell Park – Turn onto 5th Street off the Parkway. Turn right onto Wakesiah and turn right onto Nanaimo Lakes Road for about 1 km. Meet in the parking lot at Morrell.

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

Dining Out Group

The **September** Dining Out will be on **Friday, September 25th** at 6:00 pm at:
Mahle House Restaurant,
2104 Hemer Road, Cedar (250 722-3621)

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

SUGGESTIONS NEEDED

October 2016 will be the 15th 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 (**June 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](#).

Proud to be British

After having dug to a depth of 10 feet last year, French scientists found traces of copper wire dating back 200 years and announced to the world that their ancestors clearly already had a telephone network more than 150 years ago.

Not to be outdone by the French, in the weeks that followed, American archaeologists dug to a depth of 20 feet before finding traces of copper wire. Shortly afterwards, they published an article in the New York Times saying: "American archaeologists, having found traces of 250-year-old copper wire, have proved beyond doubt that their ancestors already had an advanced high-tech communications network 50 years earlier than the French."

A few weeks later, The British Archaeological Society of Northern England reported the following: "After spending several months digging down to a depth of 33 feet in the Skipton area of North Yorkshire, Charlie Longbottom, a self-taught local amateur archaeologist, reported that he had found 'absolutely sod all'. We have therefore concluded that 300 years ago, Britain had already gone wireless."

Just makes you proud to be British, doesn't it ?

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 2nd Thursday of each month.

MEN'S BRIDGE

Convenors, **John Collett** 250-729-0198 and **Bob Jordan** 250-729-9939. We 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 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, 10:00 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, **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007, and **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418. 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)