



# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I will be away for our Sept. 24th AGM since we will be visiting our grandson in London, England.

Looking back, Lantzville Probus has been a "premier organization" and that has been as a result of our volunteers.

Our Board Members during the year were **Phil Wilson**, Vice President, **Lia Van Wassenaar**, Past President, **George Norris**, Treasurer, **Allan McAskile**, **Carol Halliwell** and **Margaret Pierce**, Secretary, **Annabel and Brendan Rogers**, Newsletter/Webmaster, **Dan and Sharon Tettamanti**, Membership, **Dianna Bradley** and **Doreen Schaefer**, Sunshine Person. I am very pleased to announce **Barry Chapman** as our new Vice President for the next term.

This year's memorable social events organisers included **Herman Maldonado**, last Christmas Luncheon, **Phil & Barbara Wilson**, Pancake Breakfast, **Sharon Tettamanti**, Spring Luncheon, **Marlene & Merv Jones**, Art Gallery Tour/Wine and Cheese, **Barry Chapman**, Summer Barbecue and **Linda Farrell & Pauline Brigden** for the next Christmas Luncheon/Dance.

I would also like to thank **Annabel & Brendan Rogers** for all their great efforts in producing our Newsletter and Website throughout the year,

A very special Thank You to all our convenors, back-ups and volunteers who have done a wonderful job co-ordinating all of our many activities this past year.

Have a great Fall and have a light heart. It's been fun.

Cheers, Keith

**Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September – Annual General Meeting**

9:30 am – Costin Hall

**(Please Remember To Bring Your Coffee Cups)**

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

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2014-15

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

## MEMBERSHIP

As of **June 25<sup>th</sup>** we had 215 paid-up members

## MEETING NOTICES

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

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

### **SEPTEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> 2015 (next meeting)**

#### **Speakers: Caren and Neil Powell**

Caren and Neil Powell are both 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup> 2015 (following meeting)**

#### **Speaker: Doug Slowski**

Doug Slowski will speak to us about various WW1 & WW2 sites he has visited in Europe. Doug was born in Blairmore, AB and raised in Tuffnell, SK where he first became an Air Cadet. He has subsequently combined a 40-year career in Banking with 22 years of involvement with the Air Cadet movement, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He also volunteers for the St John Ambulance organisation, and has received several awards for voluntary service.

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

## BIRTHDAYS

### 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.

### OCTOBER

Allan McAskile, Bob Dickie, Carolyn Fyfe, Del Haylock, Dianna Bradley, Earl Culpepper, Edie Dickie, Frank Hillier, Gerry Streader, Jessie Mennie, Jim Tucker, Joan Nolte, Lavern Hillier, Marilyn Whitcomb, Marlene Jones, Sharon Deamer, Susan Collett.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### Annual General Meeting

The Lantzville PROBUS club Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at the Costin Hall.

Following the Nomination process, the club officials for next year will be announced. Please note that the deadline for nominations has passed and that further nominations from the floor will not be accepted.

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### Activity Convenors

Would all Activity Convenors please review the details published later in this Newsletter and email any discrepancies or changes required to [lantzvilleprobus@gmail.com](mailto:lantzvilleprobus@gmail.com)

Thank You

## ACTIVITY NOTICES

### Walking Group (Wednesdays)

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

- 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.
- October 7** Rath Trevor Beach – (Parksville) meet in the Rath Trevor Provincial Park parking lot
- October 14** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the upper parking lot at Maffeo Sutton Park
- October 21** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- October 28** Westwood Lake – meet at the Westwood Lake parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd.

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

### Dining Out Group

The **September** Dining Out will be on **Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>** 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 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 (**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](#).

### Philosophical Questions

1. Do atheists take out insurance cover for acts of God?
2. Do Tetley employees get coffee breaks?
3. Can you be a closet claustrophobic?
4. How did a fool and his money get together in the first place?
5. If nothing sticks to Teflon, how do they get Teflon to stick to the pan?
6. What was the best thing before sliced bread?
7. When it rains, why don't sheep shrink?
8. Why do psychics need to ask your name and credit card number?
9. What if there were no hypothetical questions?
10. Why is abbreviation such a long word?
11. How do "Do not walk on the grass" signs get there?
12. What did they go back to before drawing boards were invented?
13. Do infants enjoy infancy as much as adults enjoy adultery?
14. If you ate pasta and antipasta, would you still be hungry?
15. Could the crop circles be the work of a cereal killer?
16. Why are wrong numbers never busy?
17. Why aren't there ever any guilty bystanders?
18. Why is it that night falls but day breaks?
19. Do amphibians have to wait for an hour after eating before getting out of the water?
20. What is the speed of dark?

## 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

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 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, **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)