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# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

March 2016

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



As I'm sure you're all aware, March is Probud month in Canada. Barry and I had the opportunity to attend the Vancouver Island Presidents Forum in Qualicum a couple of weeks ago and discovered the significance of March to Probud. As clubs were discussing what their plans were for the month, or what they thought they should do, we said we were well organized and were having a club Pancake Breakfast. We looked pretty good even though we had no idea we had a Probud month to celebrate.

Probud month is a great opportunity to thank all our Activity Coordinators for the work they do for the club. That's what makes our club a success, so thank you.

See you all at breakfast on the 24th and look forward to a good turnout for the Spring Lunch in April.

**Phil Wilson**  
President

### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March – Pancake Breakfast**

9:00 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>	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
<b>Vice-President</b>	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
<b>Past President</b>	Keith McGregor	c
<b>Treasurer</b>	George Norris	250-585-3601
<b>Secretary</b>	Allan McAskile	250-248-9386
<b>Membership</b>	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-734-1383
<b>Social Activities</b>	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
<b>Sunshine Person</b>	Janet McGregor (temporary)	250-758-6384
<b>Webmaster/Newsletter</b>	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

## MEMBERSHIP

As of March 8<sup>th</sup> we had 196 paid-up members. A copy of the current members list is available upon request by email from Dan Tettamanti (dstettamanti@hotmail.com).

## MEETING NOTICES

### FEBRUARY 25<sup>th</sup> 2015 (last meeting)

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

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

#### No Speaker – Pancake Breakfast

Pancakes, etc will be served by members of the Management Committee; **please do not arrive before 9:00 am** as the hall and breakfast need to be prepared. At the meeting, various activity groups within Lantzville Probus will showcase their activities.

### APRIL 28<sup>th</sup> 2015 (following meeting)

#### Speaker: Umesh Lal

Our speaker in April will be Umesh Lal the Fire Prevention Officer from the Nanaimo Fire Department; he will be talking to us about safety in the home for seniors.

## BIRTHDAYS

### MARCH

Alan Brigden, Barbara Dejonghe, Betty Smith, Carol Walker, Cec McCulloch, Eileen Callanan, Eleen Burkhard, Gail Robertson, Gwen Hudson, Hap Armstrong, Josephine Labonte, Lia Van Wassenaar, Marcy Blood, Mary Holland, Roy Sheppard, Val Alcock, Val Fenton.

### APRIL

Barry Lapointe, Brian Smith, Donna McAskile, Doug Slowski, Gaye Culpepper, George Norris, Keith Trail, Margaret Carmichael, Margaret Pierce, Mike Finch, Ray Honig, Verlie Carney, Walter Kilback.

## ACTIVITY NOTICES

### Walking Group (Wednesdays)

The walks all start at 10:00, unless noted below. Try coming a little earlier, as we leave promptly at 10:00am.

- March 16** Westwood Lake – meet in the parking lot at the top of Westwood Rd.
- March 23** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- March 30** Moorecroft Park – (Nanoose Bay) Northwest Bay Rd to Stewart and follow the signs.
- April 6** Jack Point – meet in the Jack Point parking lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal
- April 13** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- April 20** Rath Trevor Beach – meet in the main Rath Trevor parking lot
- April 27** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the upper parking lot of Maffeo Sutton Park.

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

### Dining Out Group

The **March** event will be on **Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>** @ 6:00pm at:

**The Discovery Room,  
Vancouver Island University,  
Fifth St, Nanaimo. (250 740-6338)**

Convenor: Helen Lemmon, 250-753-6681

### Spring Lunch

This year's Spring Lunch will be held at the Fairwinds Golf Club, Nanoose Bay on **Tuesday April 26<sup>th</sup> 2016**.

Further details of the menu, etc, as well as tickets, **will be available for the last time at the Pancake Breakfast**. Tickets will be \$27 for members and \$32 for guests.

## 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 Phil Wilson, or any other member of the Management Committee. Thank You.

## OTHER PROBUS GROUPS

PROBUS Canada publishes a newsletter a number of times each year, containing various articles about the organisation in Canada as a whole. If you are interested, the latest issue (**January 2016**) 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](#).

### Jokes for St Patrick's Day

Sean went into the pub and asked for three pints of Guinness. He sat there and sipped from the first one, then the second, then the third. He did this until finally all three pints were finished. Then he paid the bill and left.

A couple of nights later he went back and repeated the ritual. This went on for a while and finally the bartender's curiosity got the better of him and he asked Sean why the three pints of Guinness and why drink them all together the way he did.

"Well," said Sean, "My brother Michael is in the USA and my other brother Liam is in Australia. We can't meet up in the pub and drink Guinness like we used to. So we made an agreement that whenever we go to have a drink, we all order three pints and pretend we're together, by drinking them in turn."

The bartender thought to himself, "What a great idea and excellent for my business."

A few months went by and then one night Sean came in and ordered only two pints of Guinness. The bartender was afraid to ask why fearing the worst, but Sean seemed fine and in good spirits. So finally the bartender casually said, "I see you've only ordered two pints of Guinness tonight. Has something unfortunate happened to one of your brothers?"

"No, no," says Sean, "They're both fit as a fiddle and healthy as horses!" "So why have you ordered only two pints of Guinness tonight?" asked the bartender.

"Ah, well now," said Sean, "I promised the wife I would give up Guinness for Lent!"

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Two Irish mothers, Kate and Lorna, were comparing their respective sons.

Kate said, "My Patrick is such a saint. He works hard, doesn't smoke, and he hasn't so much as looked at a woman in over two years."

Lorna responded, "Well, my Francis is a saint himself. Not only has he not looked at a woman in over three years, but he hasn't touched a drop of liquor in all that time either."

"My word," said Kate, "You must be so proud."

Lorna said "Oh Yes. When he's paroled next month, I'm going to throw him a big party."

## 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** **Lia Van Wassenaar** 250-751-1801, Helpers wanted, contact Lia.
- CRAFTS** Convenor (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898.  
Convenor (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
- CURLING** Convenor, **Allan McAskile** 250-248-9386
- DINING OUT** Convenor, **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, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. 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.  
Convenor, **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 to 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 Quality Foods, Northridge Centre, 101-5800 Turner Rd.

## 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.

## PUB NIGHT

Convenors, **Dot Johnson** 250-933-6331, or **Alan Whittall** 250-729-3108. 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.

## 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 or anniversary that they 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 **Dianne Tucker**, 250-758-8042.

## WALKING GROUP

Convenors, **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007, and **Phil Wilson**, 250-468-9418. Walks take place each Wednesday. 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)