



The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We're now well into spring with all the flowers seeming to be in bloom earlier than in years past, or is it that I can't really remember the past that well anymore.

I can remember walking to the school bus each day (luckily it stopped at the end of our driveway), I remember Miss Peacock, my grade four teacher at Langley Prairie School, I remember driving my '58 Mercury convertible with the top down in the middle of winter (because I could), but I couldn't remember that Brendan wanted this item for the newsletter today!

I remember the Spring Lunch at Fairwinds and I'm looking forward to a summer with good fishing, good weather and a fun summer Probus picnic with Jim's great organizing skills.

If I remember, I'll see you all at the next Probus meeting . . .

Phil Wilson
President

Thursday 26th May – General Meeting

9:30 am – Costin Hall

(Please Remember To Bring Your Coffee Cups)

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

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2014-15

President	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
Vice-President	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Past President	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384
Treasurer	George Norris	250-585-3601
Secretary	Allan McAskile	250-248-9386
Membership	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-734-1383
Social Activities	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
Sunshine Person	Dianne Tucker	250-758-8042
Webmaster/Newsletter	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

MEMBERSHIP

As of May 10th 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

APRIL 28th 2016 (last meeting)

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

MAY 26th 2016 (next meeting)

Speaker: Kaye Broens

Our speaker for the May meeting will be Kaye Broens. Kaye is an Accredited Buyer's Representative and Senior Real Estate Specialist with REMAX of Nanaimo. She has been a Director of the Vancouver Island Real Estate Board (VIREB) since January 2015.

Kaye will talk to us about property matters of interest to seniors.

JUNE 23rd 2016 (following meeting)

Speaker: TBA

BIRTHDAYS

MAY

Alan Deamer, Anne Rasmussen, Arlene McCulloch, Audrey Turgeon, Barbara Wilson, Christina Kjerulf, Janet Winton, Lynda Farrell, Marie Hammons, Marie Rickwood, Mary Dickie, Richard Chahley, Trudy Teneycke, Vivian Streader, Wayne Schaefer, Zorka Becir.

JUNE

Barry Jones, Carol Halliwell, Dan Tettamanti, 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, Suzanne Brothers.

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.

- May 18** Westwood Lake – meet in the Westwood Lake parking lot at the top end of Westwood Rd.
- May 25** Neck Point – meet in the parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- June 1** Rath Trevor Beach (Parksville) -- meet in the main Rath Trevor parking lot
- June 8** Morrell Sanctuary -- meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- June 15** Nanaimo Waterfront -- meet in the upper parking lot of Maffeo Sutton Park.
- June 22** Bowen and Buttertubs -- meet in the parking lot behind the Bowen Park tennis courts.
- June 29** Newcastle Island -- details to follow.

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

Pub Night

Pub Night is on the **3rd Tuesday** of each month @ **6:00pm**.

- May 17th** Windward, Boundary Cres.
- June 21st** Saltair, Chemainus Road.
- July 19th** Black Goose, Parksville.

Convenor: Alan Whittall

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be at noon on **Thursday, June 9th** at:

The Simon Holt Restaurant, 6582 Applecross Rd, Nanaimo.

Anyone who hasn't signed up and wishes to come should contact me.

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

Dining Out Group

*****Please note the change of day this month to Saturday*****

The May Dining Out evening will be on **Saturday, May 28th @ 6:00pm** at:

Westwood Bistro (Westwood Tennis Club), 2367 Arbot Road, Nanaimo. (250 753-2866)

Coordinator: Helen C Lemmon 250-253-6681

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer BBQ

This year the Summer Barbeque will again be held at the Cottonwood Golf Course. It will take place on Thursday, August 25th in place of the General Meeting. The cost is expected to be \$27 for members and \$32 for guests. Further details will follow.

Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch this year will return to the Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo, and will be held on Tuesday, December 13th. More details later.

PROBUS CANADA INFORMATION

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](#).

PROBUS Canada have negotiated a Health Care/Travel Plan for PROBUS club members. Details of the plan can be found on the PROBUS national website (as above), or you access it directly [here](#).

Noah in 2016

In the year 2016 the Lord came unto Noah, who was now living in Canada and said: "Once again, the earth has become wicked and over-populated, and I see the end of all flesh before me. I command you to build another Ark and save two of every living thing along with a few good humans."

He gave Noah the blueprints, saying: "You have 6 months to build and populate the Ark, before I start the continuous rain for 40 days and 40 nights."

Six months later, the Lord looked down and saw Noah weeping in his yard - but no Ark.

"Noah!" He roared, "I'm about to start the rain! Where is the Ark?"

"Forgive me, Lord," begged Noah, "but things have changed over the centuries.

1. I needed a Building Permit.
2. I've been arguing with the Boat Inspector about the need for a sprinkler system.
3. My neighbours claimed that I violated the local By-Laws by building the Ark in my back garden and exceeding the height limitations. We had to go to the Planning Committee quarterly meeting for a decision.
4. Then the local council and BC Hydro company demanded a shed load of money for the future costs of moving power lines and other overhead obstructions to clear the passage for the Ark's move to the sea. I told them that the sea would be coming to us, but they would hear nothing of it.
5. Getting the wood was another problem. There's a ban on cutting local trees in order to save the Greater Spotted Barn Owl. I tried to convince the environmentalists that I needed the wood to save the owls - but no go!
6. When I started gathering the animals the SPCA took me to court. They insisted that I was confining wild animals against their will. They argued the accommodations were too restrictive, and it was cruel and inhumane to put so many animals in a confined space.
7. Then the Ministry of Environment conducted an environmental impact study on my warning about your impending change to the water table.
8. I'm still trying to resolve a complaint with the Ministry of Labour on how many ethnic minorities I'm supposed to hire for my building crew.
9. Immigration are checking the visa status of most of the people who have applied for jobs to build the Ark.
10. The trades unions say I can't use my sons. They insist I have to hire only Union workers with proven ark-building experience.
11. To make matters worse, the Canada Revenue Agency seized all my assets, claiming I'm trying to leave the country illegally with endangered species.

So, forgive me, Lord, but it would take at least 10 years for me to finish this Ark."

Suddenly the skies cleared, the sun began to shine, and a rainbow stretched across the sky. Noah looked up in wonder and asked, "So you're not going to destroy the world, Lord?"

"No need," said the Lord. "The Government beat me to 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** **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 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.

PUB NIGHT

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

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)