



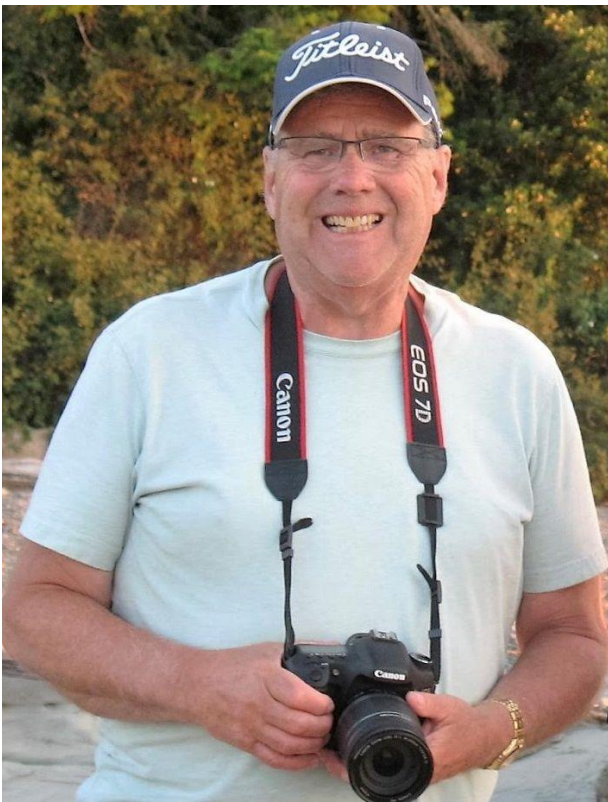
# The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The Fall Season is upon us and this is a time of the year I really enjoy. I had the pleasure travelling up to Elk Falls Park in Campbell River with fellow members of our photography club. It was a magical day with the fall colours, beautiful rain forests and stunning falls. What a great time we had enjoying our beautiful island and our time together. I hope all our members find fun and fellowship in all the activities our club provides. I challenge you all to become involved in as many current activities as you can, and to suggest and lead new endeavours that may be of interest to our membership.

**At our next meeting we'll be celebrating our 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** We are blessed to have this club and thankful that it remains so strong. We will be celebrating this Anniversary with an expanded selection of goodies, a Birthday Cake, and a slide show of some of our previous activities, excursions and events. I hope you will come out and enjoy this special celebration.

I am looking forward to working with our management team for the 2016/2017 year. Many of our volunteer executives are returnees who have worked for the benefit of our club for many years. Thanks to them all and welcome to **Joan Honig**, our new Vice President.

I hope you all enjoy a special Thanksgiving with your friends and family. We have so many things to be thankful for living on this beautiful island and the best province and country in the world.

**Barry Chapman**, President

### **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 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

<b>President</b>	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
<b>Vice-President</b>	Joan Honig	250-758-9930
<b>Past President</b>	Phil Wilson	250-468-9418
<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>	Dianne Tucker	250-758-8042
<b>Webmaster/Newsletter</b>	Brendan & Annabel Rogers	250-585-6684

## MEMBERSHIP

As of September 13<sup>th</sup> we had 199 paid-up members. A copy of the current members list is available upon request by email from Dan Tettamanti (dstettamanti@hotmail.com).

## MEETING NOTICES

### SEPTEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> (last meeting)

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

### OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup> (next meeting) - 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting

#### Speaker: Reg Whynott

Reg Whynott is the Managing Director of Probus Canada. He will be talking to us, on this our 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary, about the current state of the Probus organisation and issues which it currently faces.

Reg started his career in the Canadian Army, and thereafter worked for a number of major companies; he later headed various trade organisations in Ontario and New Brunswick. In 1997 he took on the role of Managing Director of PROBUS Canada. In addition to work, Reg has devoted much time to community involvement with a long list of organisations in many different fields. He was a Founding Member and Charter President of the Qualicum Beach Probus Club, which was formed in 1997. Reg's hobbies include golf, fishing and woodworking.

### NOVEMBER 24<sup>th</sup> (following meeting)

#### Speaker: Michele Hillier

Michele is the Executive Director of Literacy Central in Nanaimo, and she will be talking to us about their work, and about the Vancouver Island Children's BookFest.

## BIRTHDAYS

### OCTOBER

Allan McAskile, Del Haylock, Dianna Bradley, Frank Hillier, Gerry Streader, Jessie Mennie, Jim Tucker, Joan Nolte, John King, Judy King, Lavern Hillier, Marilyn Whitcomb, Marlene Jones, Sharon Deamer, Susan Collett.

### NOVEMBER

Brenda Savage, Carmen Aziz, Don Carmichael, Jack Whittaker, Ken Keenan, Ronald Neil, Ross Fraser, Roy Farrell, Sharon Tettamanti, Tessie Wallace.

## 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.**

- October 12** Westwood Lake - meet in the Westwood parking lot at the top of Westwood Road.
- October 19** Neck Point - meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd.
- October 26** Moorecroft Regional Park (Nanoose Bay) - follow the signs along Northwest Bay Rd to Stewart Rd and watch for the Moorecroft sign.
- November 2** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the Morrell parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- November 9** Rath Trevor Beach – meet in the main parking lot
- November 16** Neck Point – meet in the Neck Point parking lot off Hammond Bay Rd
- November 23** Jacks Point – meet in the Jacks Point Park lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal.
- November 30** Colliery Dam – meet in the Colliery Dam parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Ave.

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**.

**October 18<sup>th</sup>** Carlos O'Bryan's, Nanaimo

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** The Taphouse, Nanaimo [*used to be Fibber McGee's*]

Convenor: Alan Whittall

## Dining Out Group

Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup>, @ 6:00pm  
Figo Italian Bistro,  
Suite A – 477 Wallace St,  
Nanaimo.  
(250 754-8899)

Coordinator: Helen C Lemmon, 250 753-6681

## Ladies Lunch Group

Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12:00 noon  
Montana's,  
4715 Rutherford Rd, Nanaimo.

Coordinator: Barbara Samarin, 250-390-2805

## ACTIVITIES UPDATE

Would all members please review the Interest Groups Section on pages 6 and 7, and check whether the information is still current, in particular the coordinator details. If any changes need to be made, please email the correct details to [LantzvilleProbus@gmail.com](mailto:LantzvilleProbus@gmail.com). Also, if anyone is aware that a group is no longer active please email details to the same address.

Thank you.  
Ed.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Christmas Lunch

The Christmas Lunch this year will return to the Coast Bastion Hotel, Nanaimo, and will be held on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>. 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 (**June 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 may access it directly [here](#).

### Think Before You Ask

A man was sick and tired of going to work every day while his wife stayed at home. He wanted her to see what he went through so he prayed:

"Dear Lord: I go to work every day and put in 8 hours while my wife merely stays at home enjoying herself. I want her to know what I go through. So, please allow her body to switch with mine for a day. Amen."

God, in his infinite wisdom, granted the man's wish. The next morning, sure enough, the man awoke as a woman.

- He arose and cooked breakfast for his mate,
- Awakened the children,
- Set out their school clothes,
- Fed them breakfast,
- Packed their lunches,
- Drove them to school,
- Came home, picked up clothes for the dry cleaners,
- Dropped them at the cleaners, via the bank,
- Went grocery shopping,
- Drove home to put away the groceries,
- Paid the bills and balanced the accounts,
- He cleaned the cat's litter box and walked the dog.

Then, it was already 1 p.m.

- He hurried to do the laundry, vacuum, mop the kitchen floor, and clean the bathrooms,
- Drove to the school to pick up the children and got into an argument with them on the way home.
- Set out milk and cookies and got them organised to do their homework.
- Then, set up the ironing board and watched TV while he did the ironing.
- At 4:30 he began peeling potatoes and washing vegetables for salad, breaded the pork chops and cooked supper.
- After supper, he cleaned the kitchen, and loaded the dishwasher,
- Then bathed the children, read them stories and put them to bed.
- He emptied the drier, folded the laundry and put it away.
- At 9 p.m. he was exhausted and, though his daily chores weren't finished, he went to bed where he was expected to make love - which he managed to get through without complaint.

The next morning, he awoke and immediately knelt by the bed and said:

"Lord, I don't know what I was thinking. I was so wrong to envy my wife's being able to stay home all day. Please, Oh! please, let us trade back. Amen."

The Lord, in his infinite wisdom, replied:

"My son, I feel you have learned your lesson and I will be happy to change things back to the way they were.

You'll have to wait nine months, though: you got pregnant last night!"

## INTEREST GROUPS

- BRIDGE, MIXED** Convenors, **Mervyn & Marlene Jones** 250-751-1785. 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** Curling will not be going this year due to lack of interest for the last 2 years. If anyone is interested in coordinating the curling, please call **Doreen Schaefer** on 250-729-8007.
- 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, **George Norris** 250-585-3601.
- 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, Hospital Commons, 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)