



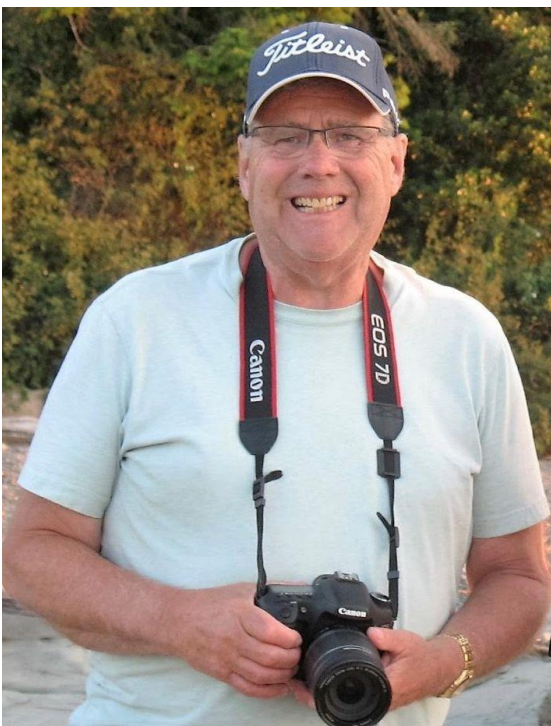
The PROBUS LANTZVILLE CLUB NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We are just a few days away from the official start of spring. Someone should inform Mother Nature of that fact. It certainly has been a cold and snowy winter this year. Hopefully we can soon move forward with our outdoor club activities.

2017 is Probus Canada's 30th anniversary. We have 238 active Probus clubs in Canada with 34,500 members. March is National Probus month and we're celebrating that with our annual Pancake Breakfast. Please plan to attend this fun event for a delicious breakfast of sausage, pancakes and scrambled eggs.

I'm really looking forward to our Spring Lunch on Tuesday April 25th at the Fairwinds Golf Club. The doors open at 11:30 and lunch is at 12:30. Lola will be selling tickets at the Pancake Breakfast. Please remember to bring your chequebook.

Lynda Farrell asked members to do a survey at our February meeting. She is moving forward with some ideas for some excursions for us to enjoy. Lynda is looking at some day trips as well as the possibility of some overnight activities. Details will be announced as they become available.

Please plan to enjoy the activities our conveners have organized for you. Try something new this spring.

Barry Chapman, President

Thursday 23rd March – General Meeting & Pancake Breakfast

9:00 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	Barry Chapman	250-758-6976
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MEMBERSHIP

As of February 27th we had **194** members. A copy of the current members list is available upon request by email from Dan Tettamanti (dstettamanti@hotmail.com).

MEETING NOTICES

FEBRUARY 23rd (last meeting)

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

MARCH 23rd (next meeting)

No Speaker – Pancake Breakfast and Fun Activities. Doors open 09:00.

APRIL 20th (following meeting)

Speaker – Wendi Gilson

Our April speaker will be Wendi Gilson, who is a BC Apiary Inspector and beekeeper who lives on Salt Spring Island. She is an expert in bees and will be giving us an update on what is happening in North America and on the island with regards to the troubling state of the bee population. She will discuss the ramifications of the decimation of the bee population on agriculture and our food supply.

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 VanWassenaar, Marcy Blood, Mary Holland, Roy Sheppard, Val Alcock, Val Fenton.

APRIL

Barry Lapointe, Donna McAskile, Doug Slowski, George Norris, Keith Trail, Margaret Carmichael, Margaret Pierce, Mike Finch, Ray Honig, Verlie Carney.

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 15** Bowen Park – meet in the parking lot behind the tennis courts.
- March 22** Rath Trevor Beach (Parksville) – meet in the main parking lot.
- March 29** Jacks Point – meet in the Jacks Point parking lot near the Duke Point Ferry Terminal.
- April 5** Westwood Lake – meet at the Westwood parking lot at the top of Westwood Rd.
- April 12** Morrell Sanctuary – meet in the parking lot off Nanaimo Lakes Rd.
- April 19** Nanaimo Waterfront – meet in the upper parking lot of Maffeo Sutton Park.
- April 26** Little Qualicum Falls – Follow Highway 4 past Whiskey Creek and the sign is on the right about 2km after Cruiser's Grill.

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

Ladies Luncheon

The next Ladies Luncheon will be on:

Thursday, April 13th, @ 12:00

The Nest Bistro,

77 Skinner St,

Nanaimo, V9R 5G9. (250) 591-2721

Coordinator: Barbara Samarin, 250 390-2805

Dining Out Group

The February Dining Out evening will be on:

Friday, March 24th, @ 6:00pm

The Discovery Room,

Building 300, Vancouver Island University,

900 Fifth St,

Nanaimo, V9R 5S5 (250 740-6338)

Coordinator: Suzanne Brothers (250 758-0877)

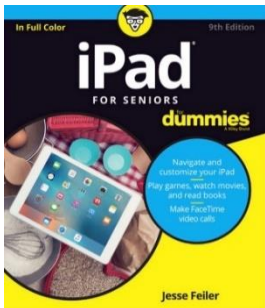
Note that there will be no Dining Out Group in April, since we are doing the Spring Luncheon.

Pub Night

- March 21** The Quarterway, Nanaimo
April 18 Carlos O'Bryan's, Nanaimo
May 16 The Fox and Hounds, Ladysmith
June 20 The Sawmill, Chemainus

Coordinator: Alan Whittall, 250 729-3108

iPad Face-to-Face Tutorial



Several members of the iPad Mailing List have expressed a desire to meet for a tutorial on getting the best use out of their iPads. Some folk are still soaking up their Vitamin D ration and will not be back until early April. I have therefore booked the meeting room at the **North Nanaimo Library on Dover Rd for Saturday afternoon, April 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00**. This, incidentally, was the ONLY slot available in April!

The purpose of the tutorial will be to introduce "newbies" (NOT dummies!) to some of the lesser known tricks when using an iPad - e.g. the external switches, the control panel, accessibility, Siri, use of the split screen, picture in picture, back-ups, restores, @AppleSupport.

If anyone planning to attend has a specific question they need to have answered please let me know and I will attempt to include it in the tutorial. Can you also drop me an email to let me know if you do plan to be there so that we can arrange the seating accordingly.

Trevor Craddock – craddock@shaw.ca

Yoga For Seniors

We have been presented with an opportunity for our members to participate in a **Seniors Yoga Class** from **Brenda Savage** and **Carol Halliwell** through the Lantzville Seaside Community Society. This sounds like a terrific opportunity to participate in this activity at a very attractive cost with a good instructor. They'd like to see what kind of interest there is before moving forward with organizing it.

YOGA FOR SENIORS – Is there any interest amongst our members to participate in an hour of yoga on Friday mornings at Costin Hall? This is an invitation to a **non-Probus activity**. Therefore, please contact Carol Halliwell (halliwellfour@shaw.ca 390-3443) or Brenda Savage (brendasavage170@shaw.ca 390-3368) for further details.

Lantzville Probus Spring Luncheon

The Spring Luncheon this year will be held on:

Tuesday, April 25th at **Fairwinds Golf Course**

Cost: Members \$28.00; Guests \$33.00

Tickets: On sale at the **March** General Meeting

Menu Herb Roasted Pork and Wild Salmon with Lemon Dill Sauce and all the trimmings.

Contact – Lola Denesyk, landbdenesyk@shaw.ca, (250) 248-2753

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 most recent issue (**February 2017**) 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](#).

A Toast to Irish Humour

Colleen had not been home for over five years. Upon her return her slightly hard of hearing, and angry father berated her.

“Where have you been all this time, you selfish girl! Why didn't you write to us, not even a line to let us know how you were doing? Why didn't you call? Don't you know what you put your Mum through??!!”

Colleen, crying, replied, “Sniff, sniff... Dad, I am so sorry, but I became a prostitute...”

“You what!!? Out of here, you shameless harlot! Sinner! You're a disgrace to this family. Your Mum won't want to know you!”

“OK, Dad - as you wish. But before I go I just want to say that I've earned a lot of money and I just came back to give my darling Mum this luxurious fur coat, and a savings certificate for a million dollars.”

“I've also brought my little brother Sean, this gold Rolex, my sister Kathleen this diamond bracelet and a full set of golf clubs for Granddad.”

“And for you my loving Daddy, the sparkling new Mercedes limited edition convertible that's parked outside plus a life membership to the country club.”

“I also want to invite the whole family to spend Christmas and New Year on board my new yacht on the Riviera, and...”

Her Dad interrupted. “Just a minute, Colleen. Now what was it you said you had become?”

Colleen slowly repeated what she had told him before, “I am sorry Dad, but I can't tell a lie - I have become a prostitute!”

“Oh! Thanks be to God! You scared me half to death, girl! I thought you said you'd become a *Protestant*. Come here and give your old man a big hug!”

Johnny the Englishman, Hamish the Scotsman and Paddy the Irishman were without tickets for the opening ceremonies of the summer Olympics but hoped to be able to talk their way in at the gate. Security was very tight, however, and each of their attempts was met with a stern refusal.

While wandering around outside the stadium, the Englishman came upon a construction site, which gave him an idea. Grabbing a length of scaffolding, he presented himself at the gate and said, “Johnson, the Pole Vault,” and was admitted.

The Scotsman, overhearing this, went at once to search the site. When he came up with a sledge hammer, he presented himself at the gate and said, “McTavish, the Hammer.” He was also admitted.

Paddy the Irishman combed the construction site for over an hour and was nearly ready to give up when he spotted his ticket in. Seizing a roll of barbed wire, he presented himself at the gate and announced, “O'Sullivan, Fencing.”