

P.O. Box 466, Lantzville, BC, V0R 2H0

Regular Meetings: 4th Thursday of every month at 9:30 am. At Costin Hall, Lantzville.



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

www.probus.org

December 2013

MEMBERSHIP

As of the 0. Of December our membership stands at 218

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801	<u>lvw1944@gmail.com</u>
Vice-President:	Keith McGregor	250-758-6384	<u>hikerliker@shaw.ca</u>
Past President:	Carole Bullock	250-751-3709	<u>cbullock2@shaw.ca</u>
Treasurer:	George Norris	250-585-3601	<u>grnorris@shaw.ca</u>
Secretary:	Doreen Schaefer	250-729-8007	<u>dwschaefer@shaw.ca</u>
Membership:	Dan & Sharon Tettamanti	250-729-9668	<u>dstettamanti@hotmail.com</u>
Social Activities:	Vacant!!!		
Sunshine Person:	Lia Van Wassenaar	250-751-1801	<u>lvw1944@gmail.com</u>
Newsletter:	Peter Barker	250-756-9643	<u>liznpeterbarker@telus.net</u>

Web Page Links (press and hold 'Ctrl' key and 'left Click' to access the link)

Minutes of the last General Meeting [click here](#) –

<http://lantzvilleprobus.org/policy-and-procedures-manual/general-meeting-minutes/>

President's Message



December, a month of nostalgia and reflections of past Christmas's with family and friends. May you have a peaceful, joyous and a little bit of naughty, thrown in the holiday season.

In the New Year we will be looking at some changes, Peter Barker who is in charge of our monthly newspaper and has done an excellent job in the past would like to retire starting February first. If anyone is interested in taking over from him please let me know. Dianna Bradley will be taking on the position of Sunshine person starting February first as well. Other positions that need volunteers are head of the social committee and someone who would like to be in charge of excursions and outings. We are very fortunate in our club to have 3 members that hold distinctive honours for jobs well done. Ron Medd and Keith Trail have life membership in Probus which entails having voting privileges. Jim Tucker who started Lantzville Probus has an honorary membership which did not include voting privileges; therefore the management committee has changed Jim Tucker designation to Life member so that he has voting privileges

Have a great month and stay healthy.

Lia

IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS, PLEASE CONTACT Keith McGregor at 250-758-6384 or hikerliker@shaw.ca

PROBUS CANADA GROUP TRAVEL INSURANCE - website www.johnson.ca/probus

Don't forget, **BYOCM to the General Meetings, please.** *Peter*

NO PROMOTION, ADVERTISEMENTS OR SOLICITATION FOR NON-PROBUS RELATED CAUSES IS PERMITTED AT OUR GENERAL MEETINGS OR OUR ACTIVITIES

Meeting Speaker January 23rd, 2014

John Ruttan was born in [Anchorage, Alaska](#) and later moved with his parents to [Victoria, British Columbia](#). His mother was born in Nome, Alaska; his father in Manitoba. His ancestors were Loyalists from New York and New Jersey, who arrived from Lorraine, France in the 1600s, and settled in Hay Bay, Ontario. He was educated at Monterey Elementary School, [Oak Bay High School](#) and [Victoria College](#). He has lived in the Nanaimo area for over 45 years.

Ruttan has owned Nanaimo Travel and Cruise since 1980. He has also been president of Ruttan Holdings since 1993. In 2008 the Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce recognized Ruttan with the Sterling Community Award for "Citizen of the Year". He currently resides in [Lantzville](#), British Columbia with his wife Dianne. They have two adult children. He was elected as Mayor of Nanaimo in 2008.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2013

BRIDGE, MIXED - Conveners, Mervyn & Marlene Jones 250-751-1785 or call Gary & Suzanne Brothers (when the Jones are away) 250-758-0877 the location is St. Philips-by-the-Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Road; meets **every other** Thursday at 7:00 p.m. starting **September** 12th.

BOWLING Convener, **Vacant**
The North Nanaimo Probus Club has invited the Lantzville Club to bowl with them the Last Tuesday of each month at 3:30pm 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 756 4679, (joansaw@shaw) Helpers wanted, contact Joan.

Shirley Jones & Gaye Culpepper signed up for November 2013.

CRAFTS - Convener (Group 1), Arlene McCulloch 250-751-8898.
Convener (Group 2), Margaret Carmichael 250-758-4729.
Convener (Group 3), Lia VanWassenaar 250-751-1801

CURLING - Convener, Doreen Schaefer 250-729-8007

CYCLING GROUP - Convener – Anita White, 250-816-4668 or anita8white@hotmail.com

Interest Groups and Conveners 2013

DINING OUT

Conveners, Helen Lemmon 250-753-6681 & Suzanne Brothers 250-758-0877
Meets the 4th Friday of every month at 6:00pm at a restaurant to be selected.

DINING OUT GROUP **JANUARY 24th, 2014 @ 6:00 PM**
THE KEG STEAKHOUSE AND BAR
350 ROBSON STREET
NANAIMO
250 741-1111

DRINKS and APPIES NIGHT - Convener, Carole Bullock 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca.

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. Call Carole at 250-751-3709 or email. Info for where and when to be on a sign-up sheet at each General Meeting

EXCURSIONS Ad hoc organization by interested parties

GOLF, MIXED - Convener, Mervyn Jones 250-751-1785 or mandmjones@shaw.ca.

HELPING HANDS - A list of members who have volunteered to help anyone needing assistance. Call **Dianne Tucker**, at 250-758-8042 or **Berta Trail** at 250-751-1055.
Back up-Janet McGregor at 250-758-6384, Claire Martens 250-751-0930,
Carmen Aziz at 250-758-4258

HIKING GROUP -- Convener, **Any hiker** who wishes to lead the group at any week.
Meets Every Thursday but *not* the 4th Thursday.
"The established policy of the 'Hiking Group' is that "NO DOGS are allowed on the hikes". It would be appreciated by the members if this policy is observed.

iPAD 'APPY GANG - Convener, Trevor Craddock, 250-468-9489. Meeting third Thursday of each month at 4:00 pm at The Buzz Coffee Shop, Dufferin Crescent. (Opposite Country Grocers)..

LADIES BOOK CLUB – Group 1 Convener Adele Klatt, len-adele@shaw.ca, 250 758 0906
Group 2 Convener Janet McGregor, hikerliker@shaw.ca 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 P.M. at members' homes.

LADIES BRIDGE – Convener, Barb Myden, bmyden@shaw.ca, phone 250-756-0804. Ladies Monday Afternoon Bridge Group, Dates -: alternate Monday afternoons. Time: 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT - Convener Barb Norris @ 250-585-3601 or e-mail at gnorris@shaw.ca
2:00PM, 2nd Tuesday at Serious Coffee, beside Piper's Pub at 4700 Hammond Bay Rd, Nanaimo, BC.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2013

LADIES LUNCH GROUP -- Convener is Barb Samarin at 250-390-2805. Meets the 2nd Thursday of each month.

January 9th



The January Ladies Lunch will be held at Frankie's Modern Diner (formerly Moxie's) located at 102-6750 Island Highway N - [MAP](#)

MEN'S BRIDGE -- Convener, Lawrence Johnson 250-760-0113, there are two groups who meet on alternating Wednesdays September thru April, with a 4 week break around Christmas. Each player takes a turn hosting in their home at 6:30 p.m. We are always looking for new players as regulars or those who are willing to substitute on an "as needed" basis.

MEN'S COFFEE -- Convener, Ron Walker 250-756-1949. The group meets, every **Tuesday at 10:00am** at the Windward Pub, Beaufort Centre, Boundary Crescent, across from the hospital.

MEN'S POKER -- **Convener, REQUIRED!!**. Two groups. Call??? The groups meet on alternate Monday nights at 6:30-10: PM in player's homes.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2013

MIXED BRIDGE

Conveners - Merv and Marlene Jones, Gary and Suzanne Brothers



Mixed Bridge will be held Thursday October 10th and meeting alternate Thursdays thereafter.

The group meets at 7:00 p.m. at St Philips by the Sea Anglican Church on Lantzville Rd, Lantzville [MAP](#).

NIGHT AT THE MOVIES - Convener is Barb Samarin at 250-390-2805, bjsamarin@shaw.ca. 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 -- Conveners, Carolyn Fyfe 250-756-1307 or Alan Whittall 250-758-7965. Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month.

PHOTO CLUB -- Convener Lia Van Wassenaar lw1944@gmail.com, 250-751-1801, Back up Margaret Pierce, marmar@island.net, 250-390-4893. Every 1st and 3rd Tuesday, 8:30A.M-12:30pm including on location shoot and 'show and tell' with lunch to follow. Meeting location to be determined monthly.

PROBUS RAMBLERS - , John Halliwell halliwellfour@shaw.ca

Meets Thursdays but *not* the 4th Thursday

"The established policy of the Rambling Group is that "NO DOGS are allowed on the rambles".

Ramblers will be notified by e-mail if a ramble is planned.

SKIING/SNOW SPORTS -- Convener Anita White, anita8white@hotmail.com Hope to see you on the slopes NEXT Season.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2013

SOUND MAN – Gary Brothers at 250-758-0877, garyw@brothers.ca 250-816-4668 Back-up, Keith Trail at 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 Lia Van Wassenaar, lvw1944@gmail.com or 250-751. Please notify Lia if you know of anyone who would appreciate a card.

December BIRTHDAYS -- Al Whitcomb, Anne Henderson, Anne Thomas, Bill Bradley, Bill Joss, David Hammons, Florence Whittall, Jed Dagenais, Linda Fulton, Margaret Fyfe, Mary Lou Nordstrom, Shirley Jones, Violet Kilback.

THEATRE GROUP: Convener, Marie Rickwood 250-758-0121 Meeting as required for rehearsals.

WALKING GROUP –

Unless otherwise stated all walks start at 10:00 a.m. and last for about an hour and a half usually finishing at a coffee shop to discuss current events and set the world to rights.

December Walks

All walks begin at 10:00 A.M., are on well established trails and take approximately one to one and one half hours.



Dec. 18 – Nanaimo Waterfront – meet at Maffeo Sutton Park. - [MAP](#)

NOTE - Lunch to follow at Mrs Ritchie's at 11:30 - [MAP](#)

If you plan to join us please confirm with Phil and Barb Wilson - pbwilson@shaw.ca
Conveners - Phil Wilson and Doreen Schaefer Conveners - Phil Wilson and Doreen Schaefer

WEBMASTER – Trevor Craddock at 250-468-9489 (craddock@shaw.ca) assisted by Brendan Rogers at 250-585-6684 o (annabel.rogers@gmail.com).

Advance Notice – Spring Lunch – CORRECTION



April 15th - Bayshore Inn, Parksville

Please note that the date was inadvertently quoted on a previous post.

This will serve as advance notice that the Spring Lunch has been booked at the Bayshore Inn, Parksville on April 15th, 2014.

Snowbirds - it is time to come home to meet and greet your fellow Probus Members and discover what you have been missing over the winter months!



Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Come One, Come All!

Celebrate the Christmas Season at the Mistletoe Buffet

The Lantzville Probus Club Christmas Banquet

Tuesday, December 17, 2013

Coast Bastion Inn, Main Meeting Room

11 Bastion Street, Nanaimo, B.C.

11:30 A.M. Cash Bar, 12:30 P.M. Dinner

Entertainment

Parking on the Street or Port pay park

To avoid leaving during the entertainment,

Please allow 5 hours on your parking meter

Mistletoe Buffet

Classical Caesar Salad, Greek Salad

Marinated Mushroom and Artichoke Salad and Italian Dressing

Rotini and Asparagus Salad with Sun Dried Tomato Dressing

Roast Baron of Beef, Au Jus, carved at the serving table

Stuffed Filet of Sole with Crab and Shrimp-Dill dressing

Cauliflower, Glazed Carrots and Breen Beans

Garlic whipped Potatoes

Rolls and Butter

\$32.00 for Members, \$37.00 for Guests, No Refunds.

Tickets go on Sale at the Probus Meetings

October 24th and November 28th, 2013

By Dan and Sharon Tettamanti, Membership Chairpersons

All Ticket Reservations paid for in advance will be honoured

PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE
MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
NOV. 28, 2013

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:30 by Keith McGregor who was standing in for Lia who was absent. Keith told a joke to open the meeting.

Minutes: Margaret Pierce moved and Arlene McCulloch seconded that the minutes from the October 24th meeting be adopted as distributed.

Attendance/Membership: Dan Tettamanti reported that we have 102 attending today. We have 218 members total.

Treasurer's Report: George Norris reported that we have a Cash Position of \$6,738.69 and \$5706.39 in a GIC account for a Net position of \$12,445.08.

President's Report:

- A stack of chairs will be kept on a trolley at the back of the hall for the extra members that will show up at the general meeting during the peak seasons.
- The seating of the chairs will remain the same since if an isle is put down the middle it will take away the seats that are required and will interfere with the coffee line up and the activities table at the side of the hall.
- Could members who have to leave early, please leave during the coffee break so as not to disturb the speaker.
- Remember to put enough money into the parking meter at the Xmas luncheon. Allow for 5 hours, so you don't have to leave early.
- The proposed updated by-laws have been put onto the website and as well in the newsletter. Please take some time to read them since they will be voted on at the February meeting. The club needs to allow 60 days to read the changes to be voted on in February.

Vice President Report: Keith announced our speaker for today will be Herman Maldonado who will speak on senior safety in the home. No speaker in December. January speaker will be Mayor John Ruttan. February will be Arthur Black, who is a humorist and author. In March we will be having the Pancake Breakfast, so there will be no speaker. April is Jan Ferguson from Tourism Nanaimo. May's speaker will be Jeff Morris, the CEO of Angel Flight who volunteers pilots to fly sick children from remote locations to the hospital. June will be Richard Harding from Parks and Recreation.

Sunshine Report: Cards were sent to Gaye Culpepper, Hap Armstrong, Judy Reid and Carolyn Fyfe. The November birthdays were also announced.

Web Master Report: No report

Committee Reports:

Xmas Luncheon: Margaret Pierce announced 114 tickets were sold to the Xmas buffet. The cut-off for tickets is today. Cash Bar is at 11:30 and the lunch is at 12:30.

Curling: **Wayne Schaefer** talked about the Fun Curling Bonspiel coming up on February 16th. There are only 16 spots available so sign up early on the sheet on the table. The curling club provides equipment. Registration is at 2:00 and on the ice at 2:30 and supper is at 6:00 with the curling club catering.

Summer barbecue: Volunteers are needed.

Pub Lunch: Longwood Brew Pub – upstairs.

Coffee Break: at 9:50.

Speaker: Herman Maldonado spoke on Senior Safety in the home.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 11:30



PROPOSED BY-LAWS OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

Earlier this year Probud Canada issued a revised Constitution and suggested By-laws for clubs to follow. These were passed to a By-laws Review Sub-committee consisting of Margaret Pierce (Chair), Gary Brothers and David Hammons who have reported back to the Management Committee with some changes for our own club By-laws. We are obliged to follow the Constitution which has a small impact on our present By-laws. In addition some of the suggested By-laws made good sense to the committee. These suggested changes have been ratified by the Management Committee and are now published here in order to provide a minimum of 60 days notice for ratification by the General Membership. Given that there is no General Meeting in December the Management Committee will bring these changes forward for discussion and ratification at the February, 2014 meeting.

In reading the [proposed By-laws](#) the following should be pointed out:

1. Items in **Black** are taken directly from the existing Lantzville Probud By-Laws as ratified in July, 2012.
2. Items in **Red** are taken from the Probud Canada Constitution, 2013 which we are required to follow.
3. Items in **Blue** are taken from the Probud Canada Suggested By-Laws, 2013 and which have been chosen by our By-Laws Review sub-committee.
4. Items removed from the 2012 By-Laws are shown with a strike through - **[thusly]**.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. The aims and objectives of the Club shall be:
 - (a) To provide regular meetings for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons and others with like backgrounds, who appreciate and value increased opportunities for social contacts, addresses on and discussion of topical subjects.
 - (b) To arrange visits by members to places and organizations of interest for members.
 - (c) To arrange social activities of interest to members.
2. Because many of the members may already be active in service to the community, the activities of the Club shall be directed solely towards acquaintance and fellowship.
3. The Club shall not be competitive with any other organization.
4. The Club shall be non-political and non-sectarian.
5. The Club shall not be, nor appear to be, a fund raising or service club.
6. No promotion, advertisements or solicitation for non-Probud related causes is permitted at the general meetings or activities.
7. The Club shall encourage volunteer participation.

II. MEMBERSHIP

1. The Club shall be for both men and women with professional or business backgrounds, and others who have had some measure of responsibility or achievement in any field of worthy endeavour.
2. Applications for membership shall be sponsored by at least one member in good standing and approved by the Management Committee.
3. Regular attendance at Club meetings is not mandatory.
4. Membership may be held in more than one Probus Club.
5. Where it is deemed necessary for the good and welfare of the Club, the Management Committee shall have authority to revoke, for cause, any existing membership.
6. When a waiting list exists and an opening occurs, priority shall be given to an applicant who is not a member of any Probus Club.
7. Membership caps shall be determined by a vote of the Management Committee
8. Honorary membership may be conferred on a person by a majority of members voting at a General meeting. An Honorary member shall not be required to pay the annual membership fee and shall enjoy all privileges of membership except voting and election of office. No more than 2% of the membership may be honorary members at any given time.
9. Life membership may be conferred, by a majority of members voting at a General meeting, upon a member who has rendered outstanding service to the Club. A Life member shall not be required to pay the annual membership fee, and shall enjoy all privileges of membership. No more than 2% of the membership may be Life members at any given time.

III. MANAGEMENT

1. The Club shall be managed by a Management Committee consisting of a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, the immediate Past President, the Membership Chairperson, the Social Chairperson, the Sunshine Chairperson and the Newsletter Editor.
2. The *quorum* at a Management Committee meeting shall be 50% plus one of the Committee.
3. All members of the Management Committee shall have equal voting privileges.
4. In the event of a tie vote, the President shall poll the votes of any missing, reasonably-available Management Committee members.
5. ~~[A motion that receives an equal number of affirmative and negative votes shall be considered lost.]~~
6. The Management Committee shall meet monthly, or as the need arises.
7. The Management Committee shall have authority to appoint sub-committees.
8. The Club President shall normally serve for 1 (one) year, but may not serve for more than 2 (two) years.
9. The Management Committee shall have authority to fill vacancies, other than that of President, that may arise between elections
10. The Membership Chairperson shall be responsible for the list of members' names, addresses, phone numbers, and such other information required by Club bylaw. This list must not be used for commercial purposes.

11. If an executive member/officer, other than the President, is unable to fulfil their duties, the Management Committee shall appoint an acting replacement for the remainder of the term of said executive member/officer.
12. If the President is unable to fulfil his/her duties, the Vice-President shall assume the duties of the President and a bi-election shall be held by the general membership for a new Vice-President. The new President and Vice-President shall continue their term into the following fiscal year.
13. The Club shall co-operate with Rotary and other Probus Clubs in the formation of new Probus Clubs.
14. The Past President shall review the [Standard Constitution for Clubs](#), and the [Lantzville Probus Club By-Laws](#) with all members of the Management Committee prior to, or at, the first Management Committee meeting following the establishment of a new Management Committee.
15. All new Management Committee members shall review the "Management Committee Duties" part of the [Procedures/Policy Manual](#) prior to the first Management Committee meeting.

IV. **GENERAL MEETINGS**

1. General meetings of the Club shall be held monthly, or as determined by the Club.
2. The Annual General Meeting shall be held in the month of September. In advance of the meeting, members shall be provided with a financial statement for the twelve months prior to the Annual General Meeting.
3. At each Annual General Meeting, the presiding officer shall present nominations from the Nominating Committee for positions on the Management Committee. Elections, when necessary, shall be by ballot.
4. The *quorum* at all General meetings shall be 25% of the total membership.
5. Meetings shall be conducted according to commonly accepted rules of parliamentary procedure in keeping with Roberts Rules of Order. A motion that receives an equal number of affirmative and negative votes shall be considered lost.
6. Any notice of motions shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary, the Newsletter Editor and the Webmaster for posting on-line one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.

V. **ANNUAL RETURNS**

1. The financial year of the Club shall be October 1st to September 30th, which will appropriately coincide with the Annual General Meeting.
2. The Secretary shall advise Probus Centre-Canada Inc. by December 31st each year, of the Club's regular meeting place, day and time, the number of its members as of the previous September 30th and the names, addresses and telephone numbers of its President and Secretary.
3. The Treasurer shall remit to Probus Centre-Canada Inc. the annual assessment levied by Probus Centre-Canada Inc.

VI. **MEMBERSHIP FEES**

1. Each member of the Club shall pay the annual membership fee in an amount determined by the Club Management Committee.

2. The annual membership fee shall be paid to the Membership Chairperson by September 30th of each year and no later than the General Meeting in October. Failure to do so will leave a member “not in good standing”.

VII. NON-PROFITABILITY

1. The income and property of the Club shall be applied solely towards the objectives of Probus and no portion thereof transferred directly or indirectly to the members. Nothing herein shall prevent the advancement of funds approved for remuneration for goods and/or services actually rendered to the Club.
2. The financial resources of the Club shall be utilized solely for the benefit of the Club unless prior approval has been granted by a simple majority at a General meeting.

VIII. DISSOLUTION

In recognition of Rotary clubs' service contribution towards the expansion of Probus, any funds remaining on the dissolution of the Club shall be donated to The Rotary Foundation (Canada), or to another registered charitable organization **as approved by a majority of the Club members present and voting at a General Meeting.**

IX. ACTIVITIES

1. Activities of the Club shall be primarily for the benefit of Lantzville Probus Club members in good standing, or as otherwise directed by the Management Committee.
2. **An individual member of the Club shall not gain from a discount, commission, gratuity or other benefit arising from any Club activity.**

X. BY-LAWS

1. These By-laws and their amendments shall be consistent with the Probus Canada Standard Constitution.
2. Amendments to these By-laws shall be considered at a General Meeting of the Club, shall require 60 days prior notice to be transmitted to all Club members, and shall require a **two-thirds** majority of the members present and voting. The amendments shall be effective when it has been communicated to and approved by Probus Centre - Canada, Inc.
3. The name or gender composition of the Club may be changed at any General Meeting of the Club, the *quorum* required by Club bylaw being present, by a **two-thirds** majority of the members present and voting. The amendment shall be effective when it has been communicated to Probus Centre - Canada, Inc.

Revised: 2013 xx xx

Ratified: 2013 xx xx