

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

Regular Meetings: 4th Thursday of every month at 9:30 am.



PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE

NEWSLETTER

Chartered October 25, 2001 with 80 charter members

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Aug 2010

MEMBERSHIP

As of the 10th of August, our membership stands at 208

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

President:	Margaret Pierce	250-390-4893	marmar@island.net
Vice-President	Earl Culpepper	250-758-6473	gneculp@telus.net
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Treasurer:	George Norris	250-585-3601	grnorris@shaw.ca
Secretary:	Doreen Schaefer	250-729-8007	dwschaefer@shaw.ca
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The Presidents Message for AUGUST 2010

As the end of my term as your President nears I looked into the minutes of past management and general meetings to see what we have done during this past year. Every now and then I hear President Obama summing up progress achieved made against promises made; for a universal health care bill, an end to the Middle East Wars, bail outs for failing monetary systems while battling the recession etc. etc.

Not quite our agenda, but I think I can use the same format.

First of all I do not think I made any promises except to try to follow the lead of our past Presidents. That immediately lets me off the hook up to a point, the point being that all contributed to our present well being and endeavoured successes; not a small achievement with so many thoughtful and independent minds working on it.

I do know our first move this term was to change the job description of the Social Convener, that I inherited in addition to my role as President, to make it more of a facilitating function. That done we were able to persuade Brenda Savage and Sharon Tettamanti to co-convene this most important role, giving our social life a renewed burst of energy and competence while reducing my work load by half. Thank heaven Lynda Farrell put on the cheering Christmas banquet until the new team was ready to take over. I think you will agree that our banquets continue to be a success while we look forward to the BBQ on Thursday, August 26th. Last year about 35 attended the BYO picnic; this year we have 99 signed up for the *catered* BBQ; we like to be fed by someone else.

Your Board agreed to a new sound system and projector, both monitored by competent hands, notably by our Sound Man, Past President, Gary Brothers. We sold rights to two other Probus Clubs to use our projection screen that provided some funds towards our purchases.

We streamlined announcements, using our new sound system, by having those who wish to make an announcement come forward to use the mikes. Every Convener came forward to speak to their activity; lots of us had no *idea* what takes place in some of our available activities.

Book club members culled and reorganized the books in our library for the two clubs now using them. (Yes, currently it is in disarray. Anyone wanting to organize them into the labelled boxes at the start of meetings,(please do it!)

We lowered our dues for one year to reduce our surplus.

We looked into additional liability insurance, but found it inappropriate for us except to remind us that all activity groups must have non members sign-in, for insurance purposes, **every** time he/she attends a group meeting. Conveners will be given a form at the September meeting to use for their groups.

In this letter you will find the web site and a print out of the latest offering and contact numbers for the **updated group Travel Insurance offered by Probus Canada**. If you need travel insurance this is an especially good deal.

Two representatives went to the B.C. Probus Conference returning with a lot of good ideas and a promise from your board to send representatives each year.

Lavern Hillier was surprised to see how many sympathy, get well and courage cards were needed to be sent; it is where we are in life, these days, but we persevere with encouragement and Helping Hands from our friends in and outside of Probus.

Our members have come up with some great trips; recently the happy day trip to see 'The Lion King', last January a trip to Ulcuelet's luxury Black Rock Resort for storm watching, hiking and eating, Phil Wilson's June west coast successful fishing trip, a day trip to Vancouver to view the Olympic

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Venues before the games started and the Great Canoe BBQ a few weeks ago that proved many of us were not born, or even able, canoeists.

It was noted at one of our management meetings that a good number of our new members are widows or women facing a life on their own, again. It was pointed out that, in this couple's world, it is often intimidating for widows *and* widowers, especially those new to it, to participate in a group that has so many couples in it. It is great tribute to all of you that we welcome these folks into our midst to encourage them to take advantage of the many opportunities to continue to use and share their talents/ skills with us, just as they have been doing all of their lives. We *need* all the talent and skills we can get!

I see our agenda and activities do not quite compare to the complex agenda of President Obama, but our well being has been in good hands and, in our own way, we have made peace in our little world and been good for one other.

Now if we could transfer that to nations.....

Cheers,
Margaret Pierce, President

GENERAL MEETING

Speakers for August meeting.

There will not be a General Meeting in August due to the Summer Bar-B-Q

Earl.

**IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR SPEAKERS OR TOPICS, PLEASE CONTACT
Earl Culpepper at 250-758-64**

NEWSLETTER

I would just like to apologize in advance for the LATE issue of this month's Newsletter. Liz and I had the opportunity to take a week's fishing trip on a friends boat.

We were up around the Broughton Archipelago doing some Crabbing, (no luck though) some Prawning, (we got 2) and some fishing. We managed to land a nice sized Coho but we could not keep it as the Coho fishing closed on Aug. 1st. I guess the Coho didn't know what day it was.

MEMBERSHIP DUES REMINDER

All membership fees of **\$20.00** per person are due by **September 30th 2010**. Membership dues **unpaid** by the General Meeting of **October 28th 2010** will be assumed that you no longer wish to be a member of the Club and will be deemed as having resigned. It would be appreciated if Members planning on resigning please contact **Neil Johnson at 250-758-2030** or e-mail, neilanddot@shaw.ca , so he can sign up prospective members on the waiting list. Members planning on being away over the deadline date, or will not be at the **September 23rd Meeting**, please pay before going away. Dues can be paid by cheque, payable to the **Probus Club of Lantzville** or cash at the General Meeting in September or October, (cheques are preferred) or by mailing your cheque to:

Neil Johnson
6337 Desmond Road
Nanaimo, BC.
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Thank you and I wish you all good health, fellowship and fun in the coming year.
Respectfully, Neil.

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

Interest Groups and Conveners 2010

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

BOWLING Convener, **(Not assigned)**,
The **North Nanaimo Probus Club** has invited us 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- **Stan Mackey** 756 1631 **Keith Trail** 250-751-1055 Helpers welcome. Contact Stan.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2010 (continued)

- COFFEE SET UP-** **Joan Sawicki** 756 4679, **Michele Keenan** 250-585-5512 Helpers welcome. Contact Joan.
- CRAFTS -** Convener (Group 1), **Arlene McCulloch** 250-751-8898. Convener (Group 2), **Margaret Carmichael** 250-758-4729.
- CURLING -** Convener, **Doreen Schaefer**, 250-729-8007
- CYCLING –** Convener, **Lynda Farrell** 250756-7705 Mondays if there is enough interest.
- DINING OUT** Conveners, **Helen Lemmon** 250-753-6681 & **Suzanne Brothers** 250-758-0877 Meets the **last** Friday of every month. See the newsletter.

There will be **NO DINING OUT** in August.

Dining Out in **September** will be at **FISH TALES Cafe** at 3336 Island Hwy. West, in QUALICUM BEACH on the **24th** at **6:00pm**.

- DRINKS and APPIES NIGHT** - Convener, **Carole Bullock** 250-751-3709. cbullock2@shaw.ca. We meet on the third weekend of the month with the choice for Friday, Saturday, or Sunday at the request of the Home Host.

For the Month of **September**:

Host Home #1 is **Doreen & Hugh Veach**, Friday the 17th.

Host Home #2 is **Janet & Keith McGregor**, Saturday the 18th.

Anyone wishing to join the "Group" please call **Carole Bullock 250-751-3709** (cbullock2@shaw.ca) before you sign-up, to confirm membership. Thanks, Carole.

- .GOLF, MIXED -** Convener, **Mervyn Jones** 250-751-1785 or mandmjones@shaw.ca. 9 and Dine at Fairwinds Golf Club on July 14th which will cost \$44.95 each. Merv will be away, but Earl Culpepper has agreed to oversee the golf while he is away.

- HELPING HANDS** -- Has the 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

Interest Groups and Conveners 2010 (continued)

HIKING GROUP -- Convener, **John Halliwell** – 250-390-3443 or halliwellfour@shaw.ca. Meets Every Thursday but *not* the 4th Thursday.

LADIES BOOK CLUB - Convener, **Margaret Pierce** 250-390-4893 or marmar@island.net. The group has space for some new lady members and meets on the **first Wednesday** of each month from **1:30 to 3:30** p.m. at members' homes.

LADIES COFFEE 'N CHAT - Convener **Dolly Fyfe** 250-758-2012.
2:00PM, 2nd TUESDAY at 'Haz Beans' Coffee House on the corner of Rutherford Rd and the Island Highway.

LADIES LUNCH GROUP -- Conveners are **Barb Samarin** at 250-390-2805 and **Gerry Armstrong** at 250- 755-1418 meets the 2nd Thursday of each month **EXCEPT** July and August.

The **Aug. Luncheon** on the **12th** – **NO LUNCH THIS MONTH.**

The **Sep. Luncheon** on the **9th** – at **Simon Holts** on Applecross Rd. at Calinda.

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 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 at the **Nanaimo Golf Club** on Tuesday mornings at 10:00 AM

MEN'S POKER -- Convener, **Doug Krenz** 250-751-2410. sub? Two groups. Call Doug Krenz 250-751-2410 the groups meet on alternate Monday nights at 6:30-10: PM in player's homes.

PUB NIGHT -- Conveners, **Carolyn Fyfe** 250-756-1307 or **Alan Whittall** 250-758-7965.
Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Watch your Newsletter for pub locations

July – Location will be The '**Rockinghorse**'

SKIING -- Convener, **Barry Lapointe** at 250-390-1890, jblapointe@shaw.ca. See notes in the newsletter.

SUNSHINE CONVENER -- Notify Lavern Hillier 250- 729-0885 for cards to be sent to those who are ill, bereaved etc.

Interest Groups and Conveners 2010 (continued)

WALKING GROUP -- Convener **Phil Wilson** - 250-468-9418. - Meets weekly on Wednesday at 10:00 at various locations, takes approximately 1.5hours. See newsletter for destinations or call Phil.

Aug. 25th – Colliery Dam -- Meet in the parking lot at the end of Wakesiah Avenue.

Sept 1st – Cable Bay – Meet at the Cable Bay parking lot. Follow Holdon Corso Road (which changes into Barnes Road) and watch for the ‘small’ sign on your LEFT. (Pack a lunch)

Sept. 8th. -- . Bowen Park / Buttertubs Marsh – meet in the parking lot by the Bowen Park tennis courts.

Sept. 15th. -- Rath Trevor Beach – meet at the parking lot at Tigh-Na-Mara Resort.

Sept. 22nd. -- Stamp Falls (Port Alberni) – meet at the ‘Staples North’ parking lot to car pool

Sept. 29th. -- Westwood Lake – meet in the Westwood Lake parking lot.

All walks start at 10:00am, and take approximately one to one and a half hours, and usually end up at one of the areas finer dining establishments for after walk coffee and discussions of the local, provincial and world concerns.

The walks are on well established trails and relatively easy walking. If you have any questions or concerns contact **Phil Wilson** at 250-468-9418 or **Doreen Schaefer** at 250-729-8007

Some More Humour

A teenage Boy had just passed his driving test and enquired of his Father as to when they could discuss the use of the car. His Father said he would make a deal with his son: 'You bring your grades up from a C to a B average, study your Bible a little, and get your hair cut. Then we'll talk about the car.' The boy thought about that for a moment, decided he'd settle for the offer, and they agreed on it.

After about six weeks his father said, 'Son, you've brought your grades up and I've observed that you've been studying your Bible, but I'm disappointed you haven't had your hair cut. The boy said, 'You know, Dad, I've been thinking about that, and I've noticed in my studies of the Bible that Samson had long hair, John the Baptist had long hair, Moses had long hair....and there's strong evidence that Jesus had long hair.

'You're going to love the dad's reply.'

His father replied, 'Did you also noticed they walked everywhere they went?'

Life is short...So Remember to Live Well & Laugh Often!

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 **Lavern Hillier at 250-729-0885**

August Birthday Congratulations to -- Alec Harper, Bev Johnson, Bonnie Bullock, Carole Bullock, Dianne Harrop, Douglas Reid, Earl Johnson, Eleanor Langer, Helen Lemmon, James Hughes, Joan Lapointe, Joan Sawicki, June Batey, Lawrence Johnson, Lola Denesyk, Marlene Yurichuk, Michele Keenan, Ralph Miller, Ray Hudson, Ron Medd, Sandy Rodgers, Scott Greene, Shirley Gray.

If your Birthday is missing and you wish it to be included, or listed incorrectly, please notify **Lavern**, at 250-729-0885 or e-mail her at, lavern-frank@shaw.ca

APPENDIX 1

PROBUS CLUB OF LANTZVILLE MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING HELD THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010

Call to Order: Margaret called the meeting to order at 9:30 by ringing of the bell. Four new members stood up and introduced themselves: Fay Silcocks, Eleanor Kendall, Charlotte Gillis, and Ruby Meers

Larry McCafferty told a joke about a special watch.

Minutes: Berta Trail adopted and Arlene McCullough seconded that the minutes be adopted as distributed. All in favor.

Treasurer: George Norris reported that there is a balance of \$9486.30 in the bank. The treasurer's report was filed for audit.

Announcements:

Margaret talked about getting additional liability insurance for our members if they should sue each other for negligence etc. However, after talking to Gary Laasko of Cooperators Insurance who holds the Insurance for Probus, it was determined that no insurance company would take on this type of insurance. So, in the future if we have guests (not members) at an activity they will be asked to sign a sheet each time they attend that event, so they will be covered under the current insurance.

Membership: Neil announced we have 202 members at present. We also have 4 new members who have joined or will join and they will be introduced and inducted at our Sept. meeting. There were 85 members present at today's meeting.

Vice President's Report:

Earl Culpepper announced that the nominations for the executive for next year is now closed. We have all the management positions filled for next year. Trevor Cradduck has agreed to have his name stand for Vice President which is the only remaining position open.

Up-coming speakers:

Our August general meeting will be our Annual BBQ.
September our speaker will be Trevor Cradduck who will talk on Radio Isotopes.

Committee Reports:

Keith Trail talked about the upcoming Probus International Rendevous September 13 - 15, 2011 to be held in Vancouver. Guest speakers may include Rick Hansen and the new Governor General.

Today's speakers will be Graham & Brenda Savage who will talk about their trip to South Africa.

Trevor Cradduck talked about a European River Tour that goes from Amsterdam to Budapest. It is an all-inclusive trip. There is more information and sign-up sheets on the table. There will be a 7% discount if we get 15 or more people signed up. The trip would be in Sept. 2011.

Doreen Schaefer talked about the walk on the Seawall in Vancouver on August 18, taking the 8:30 ferry and returning about 3:00.

Brenda talked about the BBQ in August and said they still need volunteers to help with the games.

Today's Speaker:

Graham and Brenda Savage gave an interesting and informative talk about their trip to South Africa.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:30

Next meeting: Sept. 23, 2010.

APPENDIX 2

Travel Insurance offered by Probus Canada

This LINK will get you to the Probus website and you can download the original form from Probus Canada

<http://www.probus.org/instrvl2.pdf>