

GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NANOOSE BAY
FRIDAY JANUARY 26, 2024

WELCOME:

President Ann Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:15am. Seconded by Ron Commander. 60 members attended. 3 guests present. Guests introduced by Graham Farstad and Brian Beasley.

Announcements: Ann Lawson announced renewed year long lease with St Mary's Church. Thank you to Ethel Vincent Lambert for agreeing to take on Sunshine Coordinator role for NB Probus Club.

Next month, February marks the 25th anniversary of the formation of the Probus Club of Nanoose Bay. A celebration of this event will be included in the summer picnic.

Annual General Meeting, Friday March 15th. A Vice President is needed to replace Darrell Robertson. The new Vice President must be prepared to take on role of President 2025, and Past President 2026. Any member interested please contact Ann Lawson by Monday February 5th.

MEMBERSHIP: Mary Laudien

172 active members.

Mary informed all attending members of changes to membership badges while attending meetings and events. All members will now take their badges home with them and wear to each meeting/event. The change notice will also be included in NB Probus Club website and newsletter.

TREASURER: Esther Reed

Chequing: \$5511.66

Savings : \$3768.36

All members have paid annual dues. (\$42.50)

SOCIAL: Wendy Hayes

35 members attended the Appy Hour at NB Café on January 24.

5 Pin Bowling is being organised by Jackie Clement. \$13.00 per person. This event will be held February 23, 4:00 – 6:00 at Sunset Lanes in Parksville. The bowling alley does have a wine/beer bar. Dinner following at Boston Pizza.

April 26th – Vicki Beasley is organizing a day trip to Milner Gardens. Walk through the gardens and a lunch afterwards at Qualicum Beach Café.

Prisma – music event in Powell River. Ann Lawson is organizing this event. June 29th. Attendees will take the ferry from Comox to Powell River, attend the concert, lunch, and return ferry to Comox.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie

The newsletter is sent out to member emails during the first week of each month. Jane asks members to look for the link to updated 2024 membership roster. All members should print this updated roster. The membership roster link will only be available for two months. Jane asks new members to submit a short biography and photo if they wish to. Jane will include this in a newsletter.

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert

Ethel asks members to contact her with names of members that could receive a condolences/sympathy/get-well card from the NB Probus Club.

SPEAKERS COMMITTEE: Brian Freestone

Brian informs members about the Probus Speaker Network Committee, made up of 7 island clubs. This group is now meeting regularly and sharing roster of possible speakers/topics. Brian asks for one more member to join the NB Probus Club Speaker Committee. Anyone interested please contact Brian.

SIG : Darrell Robertson

Darrell thanks members for sending updated SIG information to Jane Currie. All SIG information is included on the website. Darrell encourages members to look at SIG info. Book Exchange – Melba Nelson. Melba reminds members not to bring hard cover books to the exchange.

Les Wineaux – Brian Beasley. A wine pairing dinner is being planned. Location will be the Fairwinds Golf Club. Date to be determined. Either late February or early March.

CATERING:

Ann Lawson thanked Linda and Bill Hamilton and Doug Leslie Horsman for organizing the coffee break. Two members are needed to help with coffee break work for March meeting. Members are asked to contact Jenny Ransom or Ann Lawson.

COFFEE BREAK

SPEAKER PRESENTATION

Brian Freestone introduced NB Probus Club Vice President Darrell Robertson. “ROADS TO RICHES, CANADA’S NORTHWEST TERRITORIES”. Managing safety on roads servicing the diamond mines located in the Northwest Territories.

President moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:45am. Seconded by Brian Freestone

NEXT GENERAL PROBUS MEETING - FRIDAY February 16, 2024

Special announcement by member Patrick Sali. The Arrowsmith Community Justice Society (Restorative Justice) , has a position for Treasurer. Anyone interested is to contact Patrick Sali.