

PROBUS GENERAL MEETING Friday February 16, 2024

WELCOME:

President Ann Lawson called the meeting to order at 9:15a.m. 71 people attending.

Ann announced that it was our 25th anniversary and introduced Ian Kennedy, who is the Probus Canada Director for BC District 1 (Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands). Ian congratulated our club on being a thriving and vibrant club and presented Ann with a certificate from Probus Canada.

Next we heard from Jim Tucker, a member of the Lantzville Probus Club and the Rotary Club rep who assisted with the starting of our club in 1999

Ann also introduced Marie Emery, a charter member.

Jean Russell, also a charter member, gave a short talk about the starting of the club and how much it has contributed to the enjoyment of her (and many people's) retirement years. She summed it up with 4 words - Fun, Friendship, Laughter and Learning.

TREASURER: Chequing account: \$5259.87

Savings account: \$ 3,771.55

SOCIAL: Jackie Clements described upcoming events: Bowling in Parksville has been arranged for Friday Feb 23 from 4-6pm.

Singo - a bit like Bingo with songs, is taking place at the Lantzville pub on March 7 at 6p.m.

There is a sign up sheet for "Sail to the Symphony" in Powell River - June 29. Tickets will be available in March.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jane Currie announced that the updated membership list is available in the February newsletter for a limited time. Please download a copy for yourself using the secure link which will take you to a private page on our website. The list will be deleted on March 31.

SPEAKERS: Brian Freestone announced that we have speakers for all months this year and are already booking people for 2025. He is looking for interested members to join the Speakers Committee.

SUNSHINE: Ethel Vincent Lambert let people know that Earl King passed away earlier this month. Ethel has visited Lyn and taken a card and flowers. A card is also available for people to sign after the meeting. Two other cards were sent out.

Jackie Townsend spoke about Elder College which has separated from VIU and is attempting to continue functioning as a separate organization. Anyone wanting to keep updated was asked to add their emails to Jackie's contact list.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS: Darryl Robertson invited all the group leads to give updates. All SIG updates can be found on our website www.nbprobus.org

COFFEE BREAK: two large anniversary cakes were provided. Thanks to Mike and Sheila Durnin and Graham and Vivian Turgeon for their extra special kitchen help this morning.

Brian Freestone introduced our speaker Peter Kawerau, owner/ operator of MICE (Mid Island Computer Enterprises) who has been involved with computers in various capacities over many years. His talk “Adventures in Computing” discussed the early stages and development of computers and looked briefly at the future in terms of AI.

Ann Lawson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 am. Seconded by Carol Anne Faulkner.