

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NANOOSE BAY  
FRIDAY MARCH 15, 2024**

**WELCOME:**

President Darrell Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:30am. Seconded by Stan Wood.

Darrell Robertson thanked Ann Lawson for her work and leadership as 2023 President and thanked Maggie Carter for her work as President, Vice-President and Past President. Both were given a floral bouquet.

Meeting attendance – 63 members

**TREASURER:** Esther Reed

Chequing: \$6663.60

Savings : \$3774.54

**SOCIAL:** Fiona Been & Vicki Beasley

Vicki is organizing a tour of Milner Gardens and lunch following at Qualicum Beach Café. Thursday April 25<sup>th</sup>. 11:00 meet at gardens. 12:30 lunch reservation. Contact Vicki if interested.

Fiona is organizing a walk into Ammonite Falls . May 2<sup>nd</sup> is the preferred date (week day) or May 11<sup>th</sup> (weekend). Interested members would meet at the Nanoose Community Centre parking lot. Carpooling could be arranged. Participating members should bring water and a food snack. Contact Fiona if interested.

Prisma -Sail to the Symphony June 29<sup>th</sup>

Organized by Ann Lawson. Has been booked and paid for. More travel to/from the event information will be coming from Ann.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jane Currie

Jane encouraged any interested members wanting to help with, and learn more about NB Probus Club website work and newsletter work to please contact her.

**SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:** Brian Freestone

Brian announced all speakers for general meetings are now in place for balance of the year. A speaker has also been arranged for February 2025.

Brian will be taking on role of club Vice-President and would like two extra members to join the Speakers Committee team. Brian thanks existing team members Graham Farstad and Jo Graham.

**SUNSHINE:** Ethel Vincent Lambert

Ethel asked all members to contact her if a card (sympathy/get well or condolences) should be sent to another member.

**SIGs :** Brian Freestone

Brian thanks Jane Currie and Vicki Beasley for their work on including all updated Special Interest Group information on the website. All SIG information is on the NB Probus website.

Les Wineaux - Vicki Beasley announced a new wine group is being formed. Les Petits Wineaux. This group will focus on learning more about different wines. Meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of month. Meetings will be held at members' homes. Format will be to taste and discuss two wines along with enjoying appetizer foods (light dinner) made by group members. Jo Graham and Sharon Jackson are organizers. Please contact either by email if interested. Maximum number of people in this group will be 20.

Jane Currie will be organizing a new SIG. A dog walkers group. Anyone that wants to participate and enjoy a group walk with their dog is welcome. First dog walk will take place Friday morning March 22 at 9:00am. Meet up at the end of Collingwood Drive. Please send Jane Currie an email if attending.

**CATERING:**

Darrell Robertson thanked Jenny Ransom our kitchen organizer and the kitchen volunteers, Kerstin & Borje Fredrikson, Chris & Brian Steen for organizing the coffee and food. Jenny Ransom asked for more members to volunteer for kitchen duty. Please contact her to do this.

**New Business:** Member Marion Clark, announced a fundraiser for the Nanoose Community Services a Golf Tournament. May 10<sup>th</sup> Fairwinds Golf Club. 9:30 registration. 11:00 Shotgun Raffle, prizes, dinner. Check [www.nanoosecommunityservices.org](http://www.nanoosecommunityservices.org)

**COFFEE BREAK****SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

Brian Freestone introduced Pamela May-Straka, President, Oceanside Classical Concerts. "Concept to Concert and Beyond – The Origin and Evolution of Oceanside Classical Concerts Society"

President, Darrell Robertson, moved to adjourn the meeting at 10:45. Seconded by Esther Reed. Next Probus Club of Nanoose Bay General meeting will be April 19<sup>th</sup>.