

**GENERAL MEETING OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF NANOOSE BAY**  
**FRIDAY April 19, 2024**

**WELCOME:**

President Darrell Robertson called the meeting to order at 9:10am.

Member guests – Brian Freestone introduced Peter & Karen Kawerau

Meeting attendance – 63 members

**TREASURER:** submitted by Darrell Robertson for Esther Reed who was absent

During the past month money for both Prisma and the Chemainus April 14<sup>th</sup> production, and the deposit for the year, came in and went out. There have been no other significant changes or expenses.

Chequing: \$6,070.15

Savings : \$3777.74

Total: \$9,847.89

Further monies will be spent on the upcoming summer picnic. Price per person this year is \$10 down from \$15 last year.

**SOCIAL:** Wendy Hayes

Monday June 10 or Tuesday June 11 a walk around Protection Island is being planned. The walk is 4.83 km. After the walk the group will meet at the Dingy Dock Pub for refreshments. 3:30pm meet up time at the pub. MEMBERS NEED TO SIGN UP FOR THIS EVENT. PUB WILL NEED EXACT NUMBER OF PEOPLE PLANNING ON GOING TO THE PUB

The NB Probus club summer picnic date is July 18.

Members interested in attending must sign up for this picnic. The picnic will once again be held at Rathtrevor Park.

Vicki Beazley – Thursday April 25 – a trip and walk around Milner Gardens is planned. There will be a lunch at the Qualicum Beach Café in advance of the walk. Members needed to sign up by end of April 19th.

July 27 – a day trip to Salt Spring Island is being planned. Members will meet at the Salt Spring Market. Planned activities include a walk around the market, Lunch at the Salt Spring Cheese company, a visit to the Salt Spring Apple orchard and cidery, and a last stop at a winery on the way to the ferry.

Ann Lawson - Prisma Sail to the Symphony, June 29 , there is one ticket available. This ticket could be purchased by member or non member.

August 27 - Gold River trip. (Uchuck) A new hotel will provide accommodation. A boat tour of Nootka Sound will be arranged. Ann Lawson noted seeing many humpback whales on previous

years trips. Members will stay one night, or two, if wanting to do so. Members need to sign up if interested in attending.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Jane Currie

Members are asked to note there will be mention of a later start time for the Friday general meetings included in the upcoming newsletter. 9:30am instead of 9:15am is being considered. Please look for a link to send comments on change of meeting time.

**SPEAKERS COMMITTEE:** Brian Freestone

Brian chaired the Probus Speaker Network Committee meeting on Wednesday of this week, representing all seven Mid-Island Probus Clubs, which has proven to be highly successful in the sharing of Speaker related information for the benefit of all member Clubs. At this time our NB Committee has speakers arranged into 2025.

Brian will be moving away from participating in the NB Probus group Speakers Committee as he has taken on the role of Vice President of the NB Probus Club. Brian is asking for two more members to join the NB Probus group Speakers Committee. Please contact Brian for more information.

**SUNSHINE :** Ethel Vincent Lambert

Ethel reported sending cards to members recovering from various surgeries within the past month. Ethel also noted member, Patti Page's husband Bill, recently passed away.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Ethel Vincent Lambert for Mary Laudien who was absent.

Ethel noted the membership badge box still contains member badges. The remaining badges must be collected from the badge box and taken home with members. Each member should bring and wear their badge to the Friday general meetings. The member badge box will no longer be brought to the general meetings.

**SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:** Brian Freestone

All updated information on Special Interest Groups can be found on the website. nbprobus.org

\*\*Darrell Robertson asks any member interested in forming a new special interest group to contact himself or Brian Freestone.

One special request announcement: Jackie Townsend reminded members of an Elder College presentation tomorrow, Saturday 20th at the Nanoose Bay Community Centre. "Canada and the Arctic" 10:00am Tickets at the door. \$10.00

**CATERING:** Jenny Ransom

Darrell Robertson thanked the kitchen volunteers, Bev & Jim Watson, and Ron & Andrea Commander for organizing the coffee and snacks for April 19 meeting.

Jenny noted kitchen volunteers are now needed for meetings in the fall. Please contact Jenny to volunteer.

## **COFFEE BREAK**

### **SPEAKER PRESENTATION**

Brian Freestone introduces speaker, Onnig Cavoukian, portrait photographer.

Mr Cavoukian spoke about his remarkable life and his career as a world-renowned portrait photographer.

President Darrell Robertson moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:15am. Seconded by Tony Ransom.

Next general meeting of Probus Club of Nanoose Bay will be Friday May 17, 2024.