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PRESIDENT'S GREETING

Welcome back PROBUS Ladies of North Shore Vancouver as we start an exciting new year for the Club. As your new President for this 2021-2022 year, along with your Management Committee, we would like to thank all the members who took the time to vote at our AGM and for the prompt Membership Renewals. As Covid fades in the rearview mirror due to the successful vaccine campaigns, we are starting again to plan in-person meetings for the Club this Fall.

We have 235 renewed members, including 12 new members to start this year. As passed at the AGM, there will be a Membership Roster including Members' names and telephone numbers sent out to each member in September by email. This will assist Members to connect with one another. The Management Committee also has eliminated the New Member Waiting List so a new member can join the Club and participate at any time in the year with a pro-rated member fee.

Our Management Committee (MC) welcomes 4 new member volunteers, Heather Miller as Secretary, Joanne Thorpe as Treasurer, Alison Parkinson as Member at Large – Membership, and Jeanette Froese as Member at Large – Programs. At the same time, we have 5 long time MC Members retiring – Margaret Landstrom, Ann Carroll, Joan McLeod, Anne Mitchell and Lois Woolley. Each of these ladies have served several years on the MC and contributed significantly to the Club we have today. I would like to say a special thanks to Gail Fleming our Technical Director, whose skills have allowed the Club to bring a great list of speakers to you through ZOOM Webinar technology during this Covid period. Also, great thanks go to Anne Carroll, our Past President, who has steered the Club through this past challenging year of Covid.

The MC is now actively planning to have in-person meetings this Fall at our new meeting location, the beautiful Kay Meek Arts Centre in West Vancouver. The timing of the meetings will be subject to BC's Restart Plan Phase 4, with PHO Guidelines expected September 7th. For this first meeting, we are not going to offer the usual refreshments and social time prior to the speaker meeting as we are working with a new venue and uncertain Covid rules at this time. This Theatre, for those who do not know it, is a traditional proscenium arch theatre with continental seating that offers comfort and excellent sightlines. Professional acoustics and lighting along with Kay Meek technical support will add to the enjoyment of our speakers' presentations. The

Kay Meek Arts Centre comes with ample parking at the rear of the Centre along with handicap parking and elevator access. We are anticipating that the Kay Meek Arts Centre will be using on-line bookings for seat reservations for our September meeting - more details will be coming in the regular September newsletter on this, and on parking.

Another exciting new announcement is the Fall launch of our new Club Website. This will allow members to keep up to date with the newsletters, events, speakers and club MC contacts. It will also allow potential new members to learn more about who we are and how to join.

We still require more volunteers. We are an all-volunteer Club and your involvement is critical to keep the Club going. (see below)

I look forward to meeting many of you in-person at our upcoming Fall Speaker Events.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Armstrong, President



Kay Meek Theatre

Meet the new members of the Management Committee

Management Committee 2021 - 2022

Officers

President	Carolyn Armstrong
Vice-President	VACANT
Secretary	Heather Miller
Treasurer	Joanne Thorpe
Past President	-

Directors and Committee Chairs

Programs	Allison Shand (1)
Membership	Diana Sonderhoff (2)
Communications	Alison Watt
Tech/Zoom	Gail Fleming
House	Fran Hodgkins Joanne Pugh
Special Events	Georgie Reddington Wendie Kottmeier

Members at Large

(1) Programs	Jeanette Froese
(2) Membership	Alison Parkinson
Communications	VACANT
Technology	VACANT

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers needed: We are an all-volunteer Club and your involvement is critical to keep the Club going.

Management Committee (please contact Carolyn Armstrong at president@wprobusnsvan.org)

Vice-President
Member at Large - Communications
Member at Large – Technology

We're in a New Venue and We Need Your Help!

At each Probus meeting, four Greeters and several Volunteers will be required to help with simple but necessary tasks. If you are willing to help, please contact Fran Hodgkins at (604) 980-9887 or Joanne Pugh at (604) 926-6341.

2021/2022 Speaker Meeting Dates

(normally the third Monday at 10 am)

SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

OCTOBER 18, 2021

NOVEMBER 15, 2021

DECEMBER 20, 2021

JANUARY 17, 2022

FEBRUARY 28, 2022 *

MARCH 21, 2022

APRIL 25, 2022*

MAY 16, 2022 **

JUNE 20, 2022

- Please note that some dates do not follow the normal schedule because of Statutory holidays or prior bookings at Kay Meek Theatre.

Speaker Meeting 20 September, 2021

The first Speaker meeting of 2021/22 is scheduled for Monday 20 September, 2021 at the Kay Meek Theatre, **1700 Mathers Avenue, West Vancouver**. The meeting will start promptly at 10 am and we would advise arriving closer to 9:30 am so you can find your way into the Theatre and get settled in good time.

There will be no refreshments at this first meeting – we hope that members will understand that we are taking this precautionary step in September because we are starting in a new location and with uncertain Covid rules. [All of this assumes that we are moving along the gradual reopening continuum, stage by stage, as outlined in Public Health Orders.]

No Waiting List now

Do you have friends who want to join our PROBUS Club now?

Please contact Diana Sonderhoff – Membership Chair at **membership@wprobussvan.org** for a membership application form.

New Members:

The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is delighted to welcome several new members and we will introduce them in the regular newsletters starting in September.

Name Tags

New members are invited to pick up their name tags at the front desk and meet the Management Committee.

Returning members – please **find** your name tag and bring it to the next and every meeting. Name tags are required for members to attend Speaker meetings. In order to replace a lost name tag, members must contact Fran Hodgkins or Joanne Pugh and pay \$15 to have it replaced.

AGM Motions

119 members accessed the AGM voting link – quorum was met.

- 1 Motion to approve the 2021/22 Management Committee - Approved unanimously
- 2 Motion to approve 2020-2021 Financial Statement - Approved unanimously
- 3 Motion to approve the Bylaw Amendment on the roster.- Approved with 3 abstentions

[Link to the voting response summary](#)

Changed your Email Address?

Follow the link at the end of the newsletter to report your new e-mail address and continue to receive this newsletter.

Change of Status?

If you have moved or changed your status, or know of any other member who has moved or changed her status, please contact our membership Coordinator: Diana Sonderhoff at membership@wprobusnsvan.org

Your Management Committee 2020/2021

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The Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver's email is wprobusnsvan.org Please contact the following Committee members using these email addresses:

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