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North Shore Vancouver**

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## NEWSLETTER

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**Monday, December 20, 2021 at 10:00 am at Kay Meek Arts Centre**

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### The Hot Mammias

The **HOT MAMMAS** will bring us a wonderful seasonal musical feast as our special year-end event.

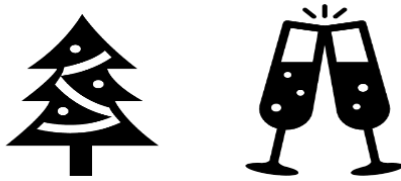
The Hot Mammias are the whole shebang - a delicious, all-you-can-eat feast for the eyes and ears. Seasoned entertainers Georgina Arntzen, Julie Brown and Mary Ella Young channel sizzling chemistry and infectious joy into live performances that feature cascading harmonies delivered as one voice. Their interpretations of jazz, traditional pop goodies and original compositions will make you smile.

These ladies come from an extensive performing arts background that has spanned decades and includes professional work in radio, television, theatre and film. The Hot Mammias bring a spirit of gratitude, positivity and deep love for music to everything they do, delighting audiences of all ages.



Georgina Arntzen, Julie Brown and Mary Ella Young

## President's Greeting



It was great to see so many members, 117, attend our November speaker meeting in such terrible weather. Also, our speaker, Kevin Obermeyer of the Pacific Pilotage Authority, made heroic efforts in commuting in from Mission, by train and Uber to make it for 9:30 am to give a fascinating and interesting presentation.

The November storms to hit our province are unprecedented and our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected by the recent catastrophic floods in B.C.

2021 has been an amazing year of change for our Women's Probus Club, all while going through multiple waves of the COVID pandemic and finally vaccines. It is a time to celebrate the hard work of the Management Committee taking the Club through so many changes, listing just few below:

- ZOOM meetings to In-Person with COVID safety protocols
- Fabulous new venue at Kay Meek Arts Centre with Box Office registrations
- New Website
- New Roster Listing
- New handling of newsletter and mailings\*
- 246 renewed members plus 26 new members
- Management Committee Changes – 6 retired and 8 new joined

Also special thanks to all our Member volunteers at our events, helping with check-ins, Covid vaccine checks, coat checks, and question cards. Your support is greatly appreciated.

AND no better way to celebrate this year than with a fun upbeat concert with the HOT MAMMAS! Book your seats early as this is sure to be a popular event. Our House and Events Committees have also planned an additional special treat for all members attending this event.

On behalf of the Management Committee, I wish all members a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year, stay safe and see you in the new year.

Sincerely

Carolyn Armstrong, President  
Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver

\*Any Probus North Shore Vancouver member who is not receiving her newsletter should please contact [newsprobusnsvan@gmail.com](mailto:newsprobusnsvan@gmail.com)

## **SPEAKER'S EVENT - IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Due to current Covid protocols for events, and to ensure the safety of attendees, Kay Meek Arts Centre and our Probus Club have the following **MANDATORY** requirements for attendees:

- **All attendees must provide a Proof of Vaccination and photo ID at entry to the Centre. If an attendee does not have the Proof of Vaccination, they will be denied entry.**
- **All attendees must wear a mask on entering and exiting the Centre and remain wearing the mask during the event.**
- **All attendees must have pre-registered for the event and received a pre-assigned seat.**
- **Non-member guests are not being invited to attend at the present time.**

**If you are not feeling well or have any COVID symptoms, we ask for the safety of other members, and the staff and volunteers at the Kay Meek Theatre that you do not attend.**

## **HOW TO REGISTER**

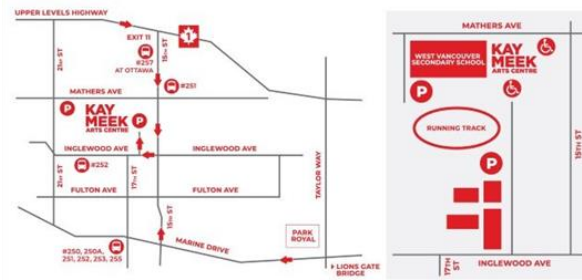
Go to the registration link on the front page **BOOK YOUR SEAT**, which will take you to the Kay Meek Arts Centre box office site for our event. You will then be able to select your seat from the seating chart. You have 2 choices in how to get your ticket – you can have the ticket sent to you to either print at home or have electronically on your smart phone **OR** choose to pick the ticket up at **WILL CALL** at the Kay Meek box office in the lobby level the day of the event. This process is the same as if you were buying a concert ticket, though as a **PROBUS** member there is no charge for the event. Ticket/Seat reservation booking will **CLOSE** on Sunday 19 December at 8:00 pm. Please book your seat right away.

If you are having difficulty registering, complete instructions and booking options can be found on our website [www.wprobusnsvan.com](http://www.wprobusnsvan.com) under Members Information/Kay Meek Box Office Registration Info. On-line booking for seating is preferred so as not to overload the Kay Meek Box Office. However, if you are unable to book on line, you can phone **Kay Meek Box Office at 604-981-6335, Monday to Thursday 1-4pm.**

### **PARKING - Kay Meek Arts Centre, 1700 Mathers Ave, West Vancouver (west of 15<sup>th</sup> Street)**

There are 3 handicap parking spots on Mathers Ave in front of the Centre and a drop off area. Mathers Ave Kay Meek entry has elevator access to the theatre lobby level. There is no other parking along Mathers near the Centre. **PLEASE DO NOT PARK** in the West Vancouver Secondary School lot west of the school, this is reserved for the teachers and students during school hours.

There is lots of parking at the back of the Kay Meek Centre, south side. To access parking, turn west off 15<sup>th</sup> Street onto Inglewood Avenue, and turn north at a lane behind the Centre. There is a large flat parking area, marked for Kay Meek parking on the left, below the running track, that has plenty of room. There are several handicap parking spots closer to the theatre at the back and regular parking spots as well. Members are asked to preserve the upper parking spots for more mobility challenged members. From this south parking area, there are stairs up to the Kay Meek Arts Centre.



## KAY MEEK ARTS CENTRE – ENTRY

**REMEMBER TO WEAR YOUR NAME BADGE – New members can pick up their name badge at the front entrance PROBUS Club desk**

There are two entrances to the Centre, one from Mathers Avenue which has elevator access to the theatre lobby level, and a side entrance at the theatre lobby level. WILL CALL members can pick up their tickets at the Box Office on the lobby theatre level. Members should have their electronic or printed tickets with pre-selected seating ready for scanning as well as their **Proof of Vaccination and photo ID**. Upon entry, please proceed directly to your reserved seats to avoid congestion in the lobby area. Due to Covid restrictions, there will be no refreshments served. Volunteers are available to assist with seating. No drinks (other than water) or food are allowed in the theatre.

## PROGRAM summary of November Meeting

**Captain Kevin Obermeyer, CEO Pacific Pilotage Authority**

Monday 15 November 2021 will be remembered for the atmospheric river of rain that drowned British Columbia and caused such devastating flooding, mudslides and damage to the province. Our speaker's journey from home was severely hampered by the weather but he arrived safely and provided a fascinating and informative talk on the role and mission of the Pacific pilots who are responsible for the safe handling of most large vessels, and all cruise ships and tankers on the Pacific Coast. Many of our members also braved the drenching rain to come and hear Captain Obermeyer and they were not disappointed.

Capt. Obermeyer outlined the history of pilotage which goes back to 350 BCE to Pytheas and his voyage, and he set out the various significant laws which have guided pilotage through the centuries. Pilots on the west coast are subject to very rigorous training and testing, and the world-wide community of pilots use several training facilities around the world including a new simulation facility here in Canada.

The highly experienced pilots of the Pacific region of the authority take conduct of vessels in any of the coastal waters of the west coast, including the Salish Sea and all the waters around Vancouver Island and Haida Gwaii, and bring them safely to their moorage and conduct them away to sea when they depart. There are an average of 12,500 pilotage assignments every year; Capt. Obermeyer mentioned that there had been no major incidents involving tankers while under pilotage on the west coast, while there have been an average of 5 non-tanker incidents per year (successful pilotages = 99.96%).

Margaret Landstrom officiated at this very interesting speaker meeting.

**JANUARY 2022 SPEAKER MEETING**  
**Monday, January 17, 2022 at Kay Meek Arts Centre**

**Speaker: Ms. Zulie Sachedina, General Counsel and Chief Legal Officer, Provincial Health Services Authority**, is responsible for overseeing the Legal, Risk, Privacy, the Patient Care Quality, and the Technology Development offices at the BC Provincial Health Services Authority.

**Speaker Topic: Globalization, Health Care and post Covid challenges**

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**VOLUNTEER SECTION**



**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 [presidentwprobusnsvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobusnsvan@gmail.com))**

- Vice-President – assisting the President in Management Committee duties
- Member at Large – Communications/Newsletters

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

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

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**NAME TAGS**

New members are invited to pick up their name tags at the front desk.

All members are asked to wear their name tags to every meeting. If you have lost your name tag, please contact Fran Hodgkins or Joanne Pugh to have it replaced. The cost is \$15 by cheque payable to Women's Probus of North Shore Vancouver.

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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (skwxwú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitulh), and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) peoples