



The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver

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1 UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday September 19 - Speaker Meeting at Kay Meek Arts Centre 10:00 am

Patient Pathways - Connie Jorsvik Navigating the BC Healthcare System: Community (doctors, specialists, and Emergency).

Monday September 26th Women's Probus Club Fall Luncheon Cruise Indian Arm

We are pleased to invite all members to our first special event after a long break!

When: Monday, September 26th, 2022

Time: 11.00 am BOARDING AT 10:30 AM

Place: Harbour Cruises Pier: Vancouver, 501
Denman Street V6G 2W9

We were able to negotiate 15% discount as a group: \$92.00 - 15% = \$78.20 + \$6.44 gratuity + 5% tax = \$88.87 (final).

To purchase a ticket please call 604 688-7246
code: "Probus" for the clerk to apply discount.
If needed, our contact person is Jessie Liu.
Payment is not refundable. Space is limited.
Book early to avoid disappointment.



[Lunch details can be viewed here.](#)

Members may also purchase a ticket for one guest.

Pay parking is available close by (499 Denman St.). Bus #250 from West Vancouver and Bus #240 from North Vancouver: stop at West Georgia and Denman - 5 minute stroll to the pier.

If you have questions, please contact our Events Committee at outingswprobusnsvan@gmail.com

2 Annual General Meeting – 20 June, 2022 – Report to members

1 The meeting was called to order at 10:00 am. A quorum was achieved with 96 members in attendance.

2 Motion to Approve the proposed Management Committee Slate for 2022-2023

Moved by: Anne Carroll and Margaret Landstrom – Nominating Committee

PRESIDENT – Carolyn Armstrong (2nd term)

VICE PRESIDENT – Anne Adams (by vote of Management Committee 2 July 2022)

SECRETARY – Heather Miller

PAST PRESIDENT –

TREASURER – Joanne Thorpe

PROGRAMS – Allison Shand, Gail Youldon (Zoom)

MEMBERSHIP – Diana Sonderhoff, Marie Harlow (Website)

HOUSE – Fran Hodgkins, Joanne Pugh

COMMUNICATIONS – Alison Watt (Newsletter)

SPECIAL EVENTS – Johanna Harrison, Barbara Budzynski

MEMBER AT LARGE – (Communications) – Vacant

MEMBER AT LARGE – (Programs) - Vacant

Approved unanimously



The 2022/2023 Management Committee

L to R: Barbara Budzynski, Gail Youldon, Allison Shand, Carolyn Armstrong, Johanna Harrison, Fran Hodgkins, Diana Sonderhoff, Marie Harlow, Joanne Pugh, Heather Miller, Alison Watt
Joanne Thorpe and Anne Adams were not present.

Photo credit: Georgie Reddington

3 Motion to Approve the 2021-2022 Financial Statement of Revenues and Expenses.

Moved by: Joanne Thorpe and Alison Watt

Approved unanimously

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 am

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### **Final Speaker session of the Season – 20 June, 2022**

The weather held, and members enjoyed coffee and goodies on the patio level of Kay Meek prior to the AGM and the speakers' presentations. Thanks to our House committee group, Fran Hodgkins and Joanne Pugh and other members who helped out.

Our guest speaker was **John Pyrik** who made a very interesting presentation about Affinity Fraud: "Investor Beware!" - Affinity fraud occurs when the fraudster claims something in common with the victim to lower their guard. Many people, from all walks of life, are defrauded this way. He emphasised that once fraud has happened, there is very little chance of getting the money back, so the best advice is to exercise a high level of caution to prevent any fraud.

With affinity fraud, fraudsters try to get to know people and develop a connection with people. As a result potential victims may be less cautious, unlikely to ask tough questions and hesitate to confirm what the fraudster tells them.

Members of faith groups are particularly vulnerable because they are part of an inherently cohesive and trusting group. Sometimes a scammer will pretend that there is a benefit which aligns with the faith groups' values (supporting orphans), and interestingly, victims are reluctant to testify against the fraudster for fear of embarrassing the faith group.

Mr. Pyrik gave some useful organizations to assist in the prevention of fraud:

[InvestRight.org](http://InvestRight.org)

BC Securities Commission Investment Caution List

[Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre](http://CanadianAnti-FraudCentre.ca) 1 888-495-8501

BBB Better Business Bureau has several sites:

[Home improvement scammers take money, don't complete work](#)

Charge for an iPhone you didn't buy? Don't panic

[10 Steps to Avoid Scams](#)

[How to recognize a phony email](#)

Spot Scams

Report Scams

CRA – Canada Revenue Agency

[Scams and Fraud](#)

**West Vancouver Police Service – Sgt. Mark McLean**, Supervisor, Community Services spoke after John Pyrik. Mark talked initially about his own background and experience which illustrated that most local police officers are involved in physical crimes or traffic work, and don't have a lot of experience in fraud, which requires expertise in forensic accounting. There is a Fraud Squad with the RCMP Surrey Detachment with this expertise but they usually work only with large amount frauds (+\$800,000). On the smaller frauds not much is done from the police stand point.

Mark outlined that the most common frauds which target seniors are: Identity theft, Email scams, Telephone scams, Door-to-Door, Grandparent and Romance Scams.

Scams will almost always be high pressure and urgent. He noted one particular phone scam where a scammer will call and give a number where the victim can call back, but when the victim calls back the original call hasn't been disconnected, so the victim is still connected with the scammer. In cases where a number to call back is given, he recommended using a separate phone (cell) to call, or wait a couple of hours and the scammer will probably have hung up by then.

His major suggestions for how to protect oneself:

- Keep all personal documents in a secure place; don't need to carry birth certificate, passport or SIN card
- Never tell another person your PIN and take care when using bank machines and store purchase
- Safely dispose of old bills and statements – shredding is best
- Do not click on pop-up windows or respond to emails, open attachments or go to Website links sent by people you don't know. Banks will not send anything by email unless you ask them
- For car insurance information left in the car, have a photocopy with the address blacked out so if stolen thief does not get your address. Keep original at home.
- Ask for proof of identity of persons coming to work in your home, and check references.
- Be suspicious if someone asks you to send money, or a cheque or buy a gift card and send it to them.

In West Vancouver, the Police Non-emergency line is 604-925-7300.

Online reporting [www.westvanpolice.ca](http://www.westvanpolice.ca)



On 20 June, members enjoyed the outdoor catering before the AGM and Speaker Meeting.

This was the first social event possible after the Covid-19 restrictions were lifted. We hope we will be able to continue to offer pre-meeting refreshments going forward.

Thanks to our House Team Fran, Wendie, and Joanne!



### **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE!!**

If you need help, please contact our Membership Chair Diana Sonderhoff @ [membershipwprobustsvan@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwprobustsvan@gmail.com)

**NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!!**

The Women’s Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver is actively recruiting new retired and semi-retired professional business women. If you have any friends or contacts that may be interested in being connected with like-minded women and attend stimulating events encourage them to join. Bring them as guests to our events to see what we are about. Also you can refer them to our website [www.wprobussvan.com](http://www.wprobussvan.com) for information in the club and new membership application forms or contact Diana Sonderhoff @ [membershipwprobussvan@gmail.com](mailto:membershipwprobussvan@gmail.com). There is no sponsorship process involved, just a willingness to join.

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SPEAKER MEETING OCTOBER 17, 2022 at Kay Meek Arts Centre

Jason Ainslie of **PRINCIPALS** talent. www.principalstalent.com. **Movie Production**

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**WEBSITE [www.wprobussvan.com](http://www.wprobussvan.com)**

Members Information section is password protected for current members only – password is **NSW2020** but this will change for the 2022/23 year when the membership roster is updated after all the membership renewals have been processed in August. Check regularly for updated information:

- Most recent Newsletter – you will always have access to your newsletter as well as past copies
- Updated Speaker Schedules
- Kay Meek Booking instructions
- New Photo Gallery
- PROBUS Travel Insurance – If you are travelling, it is worth checking into the PROBUS discount with Johnson, Inc. MEDOC Travel Insurance.



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We acknowledge the opportunity to live, work, play, and learn on the traditional territory of the Squamish (sḵwǝwú7mesh), Tsleil-Waututh (selílwitulh), and Musqueam (xʷməθkʷəy̓əm) peoples.