



# The Women's Probus Club of North Shore Vancouver

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**End of the Year Newsletter**  
**20 June, 2024**

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**Women's Probud Club of North Shore Vancouver  
Annual General Meeting June 17, 2024**

**Location:** West Vancouver Yacht Club

**Quorum** met with 107 member attendees

Presented by Carolyn Armstrong, President

AGM opened at 10:00 am

Annual General Meeting notice was sent out to members in early May with a summary report on the Club's year of events along with two motions below.

- 1. Motion to Approve 2024 – 2025 slate of volunteer nominees for the Management Committee** put forward by past presidents Anne Carroll and Margaret Landstrom. There are eleven returning Committee members and two new volunteers. Carolyn Armstrong and Karen Shalansky will serve as Co-Presidents for the year.  
**Motion unanimously approved.** See attached Slate of volunteers and position on the Management Committee  
Six volunteers retired from the Management Committee this June. There remain 5 open volunteer positions on the Management Committee to be filled, included

  - Vice President,
  - Speaker Program Committee,
  - House Committee
  - Communications newsletter and
  - Membership emailing.
- 2. Motion to Approve the 2023-2024 Club's financial statement of revenue and expenses for the past year ending in May, 2023.** The year ended with 225 members with 44 new members joining. The Club's revenue stream is mainly from membership dues and a small contribution from guest fees. Revenues less expenses for the past year shows a small excess of just over \$3,000, almost breaking even. Probud Canada recommends that Clubs keep at least one year's worth of expenses in reserve, which the Club has complied thanks to savings during the COVID years. We have an addition reserve of about \$13,000 as a cushion if membership renewal revenue falls. We need 200 members renewing at \$100 each to break even with our expenses. Thanks to Joanne Thorpe, the Club's Treasurer for all her work on the finances.  
**Motion unanimously approved.**

AGM Closed at 10:10 am

## Management Committee for 2024– 2025

Motions forwarded by : Anne Carroll and Margaret Landstrom – Past Presidents

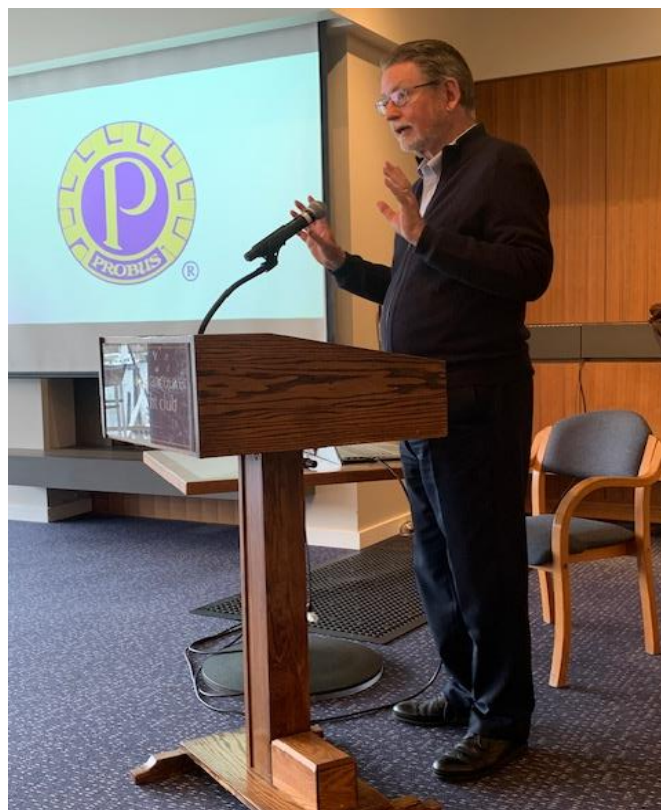
**CO-PRESIDENT** – Carolyn Armstrong  
**CO-PRESIDENT** – **Karen Shalansky**  
**VICE PRESIDENT** – VACANT  
**SECRETARY** – Heather Miller  
**PAST PRESIDENT** – VACANT  
**TREASURER** – **Jacquie Fitzgerald**  
**PROGRAMS** – Judith Berg, Vi Roden, Karen Shalansky  
**MEMBERSHIP** – **Wendy Trousdell**, Diana Sonderhoff  
**HOUSE** – Susan Hayto, Terre Swan, Johanna Harrison  
**COMMUNICATIONS** – Alison Watt  
**EMAILINGS and ZOOM** – VACANT  
**SPECIAL EVENTS** – Inga Harding, Diana Sonderhoff  
**WEBSITE** - Position under outside contract

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### Speaker – 17 June, 2024 – Dr. Paul Evans, Professor Emeritus, UBC: China Revisited

After being introduced by Club President, Carolyn Armstrong and welcomed for his third visit, Dr. Paul Evans commented that he was somewhat of a Probus “groupie” – he estimates he has spoken approximately 15 times to various clubs over the past years and really enjoyed these sessions with the Probus members who are interested and engaged participants in the speaker sessions. Paul focused his talk about the signs of change in China and its relations with the rest of the world.

Over the past few years while China’s economy has grown primarily driven by the creative private sector, the focus of President Xi Jinping’s government has been to exert more control within China.



This is seen by increased political supervision, more repression coupled with efforts to force assimilation on those areas not conforming to Beijing's line (Uyghurs, and Hong Kong now a Chinese city, not an international city as it was before), and taking a more aggressive or assertive (Paul's word) in territorial matters such as Taiwan. China is intent on joining and changing the direction of many international organizations, influencing them away from western liberal democratic principles.

China and the US – China was seen as utilizing technological developments ten years ago, it has now moved to the point of successful innovation in strategic areas of importance, Electric vehicles, biopharmaceuticals, telecommunications, renewable energy, high tech and critical minerals. China is now a major threat to the global domination of the US economy.

As a result of this increased and effective presence in the global economy, the US has actively worked to reduce its economic connections with China and to some extent, Canada is being pulled into that same decoupling net because of our close ties with the US economy.

The government sees this as an era where democracy clashes with autocracy and is seeking to strengthen ties with friendly governments which are more aligned with Canadian values. This has partly been driven by events such as the imprisonment of the two Michaels which was a huge focus in Canada but which was more like a minor irritant to China. Paul sees a huge change in the relationship in the academic world with China – national security issues are becoming increasingly important and are affecting research and collaboration between academics who now are subjected to intense screening, and are actually being barred from various disciplines. While caution is needed in this area, Paul favours more openness, dialogue and collaboration.

Towards the end of his talk Paul noted that international students are a significant financial factor in universities; at UBC 20% of the students are international students and produce 60% of the tuition income. Ten years ago or so, the majority of international students were from China; now the majority come from India. He also mentioned that in the past 85% of international students intended to stay in Canada at the conclusion of their studies. Now he said that 85% of Chinese students return to China when their studies are finished, and the three main reasons for returning home are a) family, b) economic opportunities in China and c) life is more convenient in China.

It was a full house at this last Speaker event of the season, and the audience was very appreciative of Paul's presentation.

### **Membership Renewal – due 30 June, 2024**

1. By cheque payable to Women's PROBUS Club North Shore Vancouver mailed along with your completed membership form
2. By e-transfer to [womensprobusnorthshore@gmail.com](mailto:womensprobusnorthshore@gmail.com) AND mail or drop off your completed membership form\* If you require a replacement name tag please pay \$115.00 (\$15.00 for the tag)

Address: Women's PROBUS Club of North Shore Vancouver, PO Box 91624, West Vancouver, B.C. V7V 3P3

Please do not send cash in the mail •

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## 2024/2025 Scheduled Events

Please note there are three **Tuesdays** in the 2024/2025 schedule as the normal Monday date could not be booked at the West Vancouver Yacht Club because of prior bookings.

| 2024                                        | Speaker                                                                            | Topic                           |
|---------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, September 16, 2024                  | Dr. Veronica Dahl, Professor Emeritus, SFU                                         | Artificial Intelligence         |
| <b>Tuesday</b> , October 22, 2024           | Dr. Kyle Wellband, BC Fisheries and Oceans                                         | Status of Oceans Today          |
| Monday, November 18, 2024                   | Dr. Arielle Beauchesne, SPH Pharmacist, St. Paul's Hospital                        | Oxycontin and the Opioid Crisis |
| Monday, December 2, 2024 Christmas Luncheon | Linda Buchanan, Mayor City of North Vancouver                                      | "North Shore Issues Today"      |
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| 2025                                        | Speaker                                                                            | Topic                           |
| Monday, January 20, 2025                    | Behzad Saffari, Public Educ. Director North Vancouver Search and Rescue            |                                 |
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| Monday, February 17, 2025                   | Dr. Elaine Lum, VGH Pharmacist-Cardiology                                          | Women's Healthy Heart           |
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| Monday, March 17, 2025                      | TBD                                                                                |                                 |
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| <b>Tuesday</b> , April 22, 2025             | Cathy Peters                                                                       | Child Sex Trafficking in Canada |
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| <b>Tuesday</b> , May 20, 2025               | Dr. Vera Frinton and colleague, Gynecologists                                      | Menopause and Beyond            |
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| Monday, June 16, 2025                       | Speaker from TRIUMF – Canada's national particle accelerator centre located at UBC | Research in Medical Isotopes    |

**Management Committee Volunteers Needed**  
**June 2024 – June 2025**

**Vice-President**  
**Speaker Program**  
**House Committee**  
**Membership emailing**  
**Communications**

Come and join this great team of ladies!

**Management Committee membership**

Co-Presidents Carolyn Armstrong and Karen Shalansky – [presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com](mailto:presidentwprobussvan@gmail.com)  
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