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Current Issues for BC seniors

We are pleased to announce that our Feb13th speaker will be Isobel Mackenzie, the outgoing Seniors Provincial Advocate BC who will be talking on " Current Issues for BC Seniors".

Isobel has over 20 years' experience working with seniors in home care, licensed care, community services and volunteer services. She has led B.C.'s largest not-for-profit agency, serving over 6,000 seniors annually.

In this work, Isobel led the implementation of a new model of dementia care that has become a national best practice, and led the first safety accreditation for homecare workers, among many other accomplishments. Isobel has been widely recognized for her work and was named B.C. CEO of the Year for the not-for-profit sector and nominated as a Provincial Health Care Hero.

Prior to her appointment as the Seniors Advocate, Isobel served on a number of national and provincial boards and commissions, including the BC Medical Services Commission, the Canadian Homecare Association, BC Care Providers, BC Care Aide and Community Health Worker Registry, and the Capital Regional District Housing Corporation. Isobel also served on the University of Victoria's Board of Governors.

Isobel received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of Victoria and has a Certificate in Health Care Leadership from the University of Toronto.

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From Your President

This spell of warmer weather tells us that spring is just around the corner! We have an interesting program of talks and events lined up for the new year. Our next event, in March, is a visit to the Aviation Museum. If you have never been there, you have a treat in store – a large and eclectic collection of aircraft and aviation memorabilia, including one of the few surviving Lancaster bombers – an iconic aircraft of World War II. Our next talk, later this month, will be given by Isobel MacKenzie, the Seniors Advocate for BC. We are very grateful to her for agreeing to come to talk to us.

At our recent board meeting, we had an active discussion about the location for our talks. Prices for use of the Charlie White Theatre have increased substantially and are due for even more significant increases. We have therefore decided to shift to the smaller Room #2 for meetings, starting later this year. We talked about alternative venues, but Winspear has several advantages and we would prefer to remain there.

Thank you all for your support.

John

PUB LUNCHES

The next Pub Lunch will be at Ten Acres at the Pier, 2538 Beacon Avenue, Sidney. We will meet at 11.30am on **Friday, February 23**. If you would like to join us, please email us at dfstewart@shaw.ca or call us at 250-655-4151. We look forward to seeing you.

Alison & David Stewart



BC AVIATION MUSEUM TOUR

March 22, 2024 at 2 pm

Cost \$10.00 per person



See aircraft from the dawn of manned flight to modern flying machines. Guided tours in groups of 10 people. Approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours.

E-transfer payment to sidneyprobustreasurer@gmail.com or sign up at February or March meeting. If you are signing up at the meeting please have a cheque ready.

IN THE FUTURE

March 12	SPEAKER	Kevin Hackett & Wayne Blizzard	DNA and Crime
April	TOUR	Hand of Man Museum in Maple Bay	

OUR CLUB ON THE INTERNET

The Probus Club of Sidney, BC now has a website where club information can be accessed. The internet address (URL) is ProbusSidneyBC.ca, and contains current club information.

Please have a look at what is there, and feel free to pass along your thoughts to 'info@[ProbusSidneyBC.ca](mailto:info@ProbusSidneyBC.ca)' as to what you see there, or even what you don't see there that you feel should be there.

The site has just been created, so we are still in a 'start up' phase, and hopefully will be further tailoring the site to meet the members needs and preferences. So far, we have had mixed comments regarding the picture that appears when the site first loads on your screen so comments and/or suggestions on that aspect of the site will be particularly welcome. One suggestion that has been received on that topic is to have members submit photos for inclusion as the opening picture, and plan on changing the picture on a, perhaps, seasonal basis.

While typing in the URL is the best way to reach the site, you should also be able to search for it as Probus Sidney BC, but it may be a little way down the list of responses to the search.



Do you enjoy dining out?

DOG3 (Dining Out Group #3) is currently looking for another couple (or two) to join their group. They meet on the [first Wednesday](#) evening of each month at restaurants in and around Sidney. If you enjoy dining out, making new friends and good conversation, please contact Barbara Bolton (barbolt@gmail.com)