



# PROBUS Club of Sidney

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## Management Committee

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**To contact members of the Management Committee**

- consult your Membership list for the appropriate email address or phone number

**To contribute to the newsletter**

- send an email to Pat Currie



## Jude Somers (the chatterbox)

Jude Somers's life veered unexpectedly on her 60th birthday. She was chosen to be on the inaugural season of "The Great Canadian Baking Show". Surprisingly, Jude's career in educational technology and animation inspired her creations and she will share her story with PROBUS on November 12, 2024 at the Mary Winspear.

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### New Members

Please welcome two new members this month: **Valerie Parks and Nola Low**. They will have a blue dot on the top right corner of their name tags so please introduce yourself to them and chat.



## From Your President



So, this is my first message as your President of the Probis Club of Sidney. My term began less than auspiciously as I was unable to attend my first meeting of your Management Committee. Thanks to VP John Cotton for stepping in and getting things off to a smooth start.

You may be wondering why I have a picture of a lovely fall dinner preceding this missive. While I was pondering what insightful thoughts I might have for our members, it occurred to me that so many of our events focus around food. We have our soon upcoming and fully subscribed Camosun College dinner, followed soon after by our anticipated Christmas dinner at the Shoal Centre on December 10. This dinner is especially interesting as it will be held jointly with the Brentwood Bay Probis Club. If you haven't yet signed up for the Christmas dinner please do so as soon as your schedule allows as the cutoff for registration is November 19. Check your emails from Norah Franklin for registration information. Thanks to our past & present Events Committee members, Viv Harding, Marian Marsh and Marnie Dennis for their hard work in organizing these, along with our treasurer, Bob Witzel who must keep track of the finances!

In addition to these foodie items, on November 12 we have a talk by Jude Somers on her earlier experience as contestant on "The Great Canadian Bake-Off". Jude is apparently an expert on gingerbread, but we did not request that she supply the cookies for the meeting!

Further related to food are our long-standing Probis Dine-Out Groups. I honestly don't know how many of these there are, how they work, how a new group might be formed, but I do know they appear to be our most successful interest group. If a member has some information about the above, I'd like to hear about it.

Speaking of interest groups, your Management Committee is soliciting suggestions for activities that might be of interest to our members – and of course- someone to champion that activity. Remarkably the one suggestion that has come forward from Bob & Karen Witzel involves -not food- but wine! I expect some uptake on that. However, we are open to activities that do not involve taking in calories, but burning them, so if you have a suggestion for one and are willing to pursue it, please let Past President John Lewis know. John can be reached at [johnjarvislewis@gmail.com](mailto:johnjarvislewis@gmail.com) See you on November 12 to learn about the world of competitive baking!

Ken Marsh

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Christmas Party at Shoal Tuesday December 10

THE PROBUS CLUB OF SIDNEY and  
THE PROBUS CLUB OF BRENTWOOD BAY

## CHRISTMAS DINNER SHOAL CENTRE

**DECEMBER 10, 2024**

**DOORS OPEN AT 5:30 PM**

Appetizers & Cocktails 5:30 – 6:30 pm Dinner 6:30 pm

Cash Bar: Beer & Wine \$7.00 or 3 for \$20.00, Bottles of Wine, \$20.00

## MENU

Appetizers at your table

Chicken breast stuffed with goat cheese & cranberries, wrapped with bacon  
and served with a tarragon/sherry sauce

Mashed Potatoes with cream & butter, carrots, cauliflower & broccoli

Mince tarts, shortbread, butter tarts, Christmas cake, ginger cookies

Tea & Coffee

At time of registration, please advise [marniedennis@shaw.ca](mailto:marniedennis@shaw.ca) of diet  
restrictions. You will be accommodated.

To register: e-transfer \$60.00 or \$65.00 for guests to

[sidneyprobustreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:sidneyprobustreasurer@gmail.com)

Registration deadline: November 16, 2024