



# PROBUS Club of Sidney

## August 2025 Newsletter Volume 22: Issue 11

**Next Meeting at Mary Winspear Centre Tuesday Sept 9, 2025 at 10.00 am**

Hope those who reserved enjoy the barbecue on August 12<sup>th</sup>



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### New PROBUS Website

Sidney Probus is excited to announce its new updated website. Please visit us at <https://probussidneybc.org/>.

Questions, comments and suggestions can be directed to [heralph@gmail.com](mailto:heralph@gmail.com).

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Website: **[probussidneybc.org](https://probussidneybc.org)**

## From Your President



August! Somehow this month lurks in my psyche as the TRUE vacation month. No doubt a residue of my upbringing when the heat dissolved ambition from everyone and we looked forward to a “cool” evening of about 25C. August was time to enjoy a lemonade in the heat after work or make the drive to the beach on the weekend or – in my family’s case a weeklong stay in a very basic cottage with an outdoor shower – cold water only! Even now, as a retiree with a wide choice of possible holiday times, August seems like the REAL vacation month with a winding down or relaxing of various responsibilities.

And so it continues here in Sidney and greater Victoria. We have lots to help us enjoy the month. Concerts at Butchart Gardens, the bustle of the Sidney market, great weather for biking, kayaking and sailing, families scouring Glass Beach for treasures, art shows and car shows with dazzling examples of devotees effort and ingenuity.

At the same time, we step back from some of our usual obligations and routines and take time to connect with family members as they gravitate to our lovely moderate summer weather and to socialize at events such as our Barbeque in August. When you read this, our registration for our BBQ at Heritage Acres will be closed. The 48 members attending will be looking forward to a festive dinner provided by Island Caterers. Unfortunately liquor regulations have made it untenable to sanction the use of alcohol so we have asked attendees to bring their own non-alcoholic drinks. Our registration is somewhat disappointing relative to last year’s event which was in the 70s. It is possible that having it very close in time to the BBQ put on by our colleagues in Brentwood created a conflict for many. I would like to thank our Events Committee, Marian Marsh, Marnie Dennis and Valerie Parks for their hard work on this. With increasing formality and regulations being the order of the day such organizing is no small task.

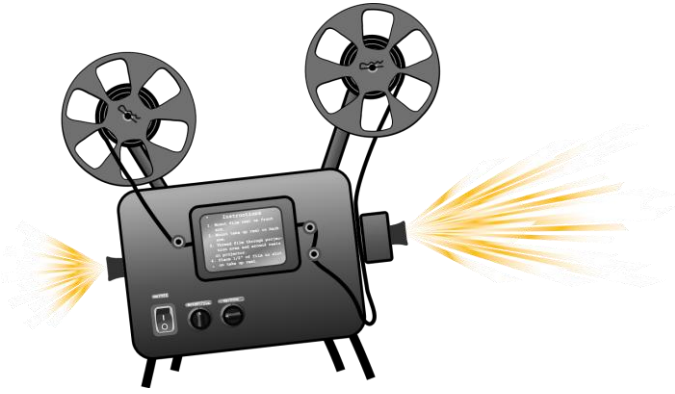
Stepping back from routines means there **IS NO MEETING** at Mary Winspear this month. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9. Meanwhile, you can keep up with events by checking out our new website, <https://probussidneybc.org/>. Our web master, Holly Ralph has created this so we no longer have to “piggyback” onto the web facilities of Bob Witzel’s son! The site is attractive and easy to navigate and should provide a base for keeping in touch with events both past and future. Holly is still working on this and is open to your suggestions. We are so lucky to have her!

Although August is a “down time” some of the Probus work still goes on. My work this month – along with my Past President, John Lewis- is to build out our executive for the coming year. Most pressing is finding a replacement for myself. We have approached several members but have yet to find someone willing to serve as President. In addition, we require a VP and a Secretary! **No organization can run without a President, so please consider offering to stand for this position.** The President’s and Vice-President’s jobs are supported immensely by strong individuals in other positions (Events, Speakers, Membership, Treasurer, Communications etc.) which make the job relatively easy.

One more item. On the theme of “winding down” for August, there will be NO CURRENT EVENTS group meeting this month as Ken will be away.

Enjoy the rest of August! Ken Marsh

## MOVIE MATINEE



This month the Probus film group choice was Jurassic World Rebirth, an action-packed adventure story in the Spielberg tradition. Led by Scarlett Johansson in a security role, the good guys survive miraculous escapes from loud, ravenous mutant dinosaurs that pursue them from sea, air and their jungle habitat. We left the Star rather dazed, but it certainly wasn't dull.

If you are interested in joining us every third Tuesday of the month at the Star Cinema matinee, please let me know.

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### MEMBERSHIP

We have one new PROBUS member - Darleen Harrison. Please welcome her to our club.

### PROBUS DINING OUT GROUP TWO



Our dining out group met for dinner this month at the RIVA restaurant in Sidney.

We are now in our 20th year of dining out once a month, and we still have eight founding members.

This month's dinner was held in honour of Peter Hurley a long-time member of our group, who passed away recently.



## **Peter Hurley will be Missed**

Peter passed away peacefully at age 92 on July 1st at Saanich Peninsula Hospital, with Jennie and son Kieran by his side. He died from pneumonia and complications related to heart and lung disease.

Born in London in 1932, Peter was evacuated with his sister Janet during WWII to Trimingham, where they were taken in by the Page family—who became lifelong friends. He returned to London during a lull in the war but eventually went back to Trimingham, where he rang church bells and was mentored by Reverend Townsend.

At 18, Peter joined the Air Force and began a lifelong career in telecommunications. In 1957, he moved to Montreal to join Northern Electric—originally "for a year"—and met Jennie. They married in 1961 and raised sons Sean and Kieran, enjoying sailing, skiing, and travel.

Peter spent much of his career at Teleglobe Canada and continued working globally in telecom during retirement. After relocating to North Saanich, he joined the Sidney and Brentwood Bay PROBUS clubs and enjoyed their camaraderie and speakers.

Peter and Jennie shared a deep love for travel, music, family, and the sea. Barbados became a second home, where they spent 40 years of holidays, joining local clubs and forming cherished friendships. In recent years, Zoom calls connected them with loved ones abroad.

He is deeply missed by Jennie, Kieran, Melanie, Sara, sister Janet, extended family, and many friends worldwide.