

Survey Title: Special Events Survey
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Invitations Sent: 375
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Q2. If you have not attended any special event's in the years listed above please let us know why not. (Check each box that is applicable.)

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	13	Other (Please specify) : new member - attended recent Sea to Sky event-very good
2	20	Other (Please specify) : Unable to attend due to being a care giver
3	25	Other (Please specify) : Too short notice about the event, resulted in scheduling conflict
4	27	Other (Please specify) : Very recent new member.
5	31	Other (Please specify) : I am a new member and live out of Vancouver during several months each year.
6	32	Other (Please specify) : I enjoyed Barsd on the Beach, and Xmas breakfast
7	34	Other (Please specify) : Health Problems
8	37	Other (Please specify) : I only joined Probus in June 2015. I was unable to participate in the summer 2015 events due to conflicting events.
9	59	Other (Please specify) : I am a relatively new member and still find scheduling conflicts.
10	61	Other (Please specify) : 1. I am not to interested in group travel or visits. 2. I am unable to attend sometimes due to my wife's illness
11	72	Other (Please specify) : Despite being retired I seem to have a lot of my time occupied; This has been exacerbated since my wife became ill with dementia.
12	76	Other (Please specify) : Too busy with other things
13	79	Other (Please specify) : I'm a new member
14	80	Other (Please specify) : Over the years there is not much we have not seen or done in the local area.
15	97	Other (Please specify) : Can't remember what was offered ion 2013
16	104	Other (Please specify) : many of the options apply. I am sure they would have been interesting.
17	111	Other (Please specify) : I am relatively new to PROBUS and don't know very many of the fellows. Possibly as I get to know a few more members I will feel more comfortable attending a special event.

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(a). Other - Please Comment: Ballard Power Systems Tour - Jan2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	13	was not a member
2	21	I attended
3	27	Just joined.
4	30	attended
5	46	Travelling
6	48	Like the chance to do this in the future
7	51	not a member
8	59	not a member
9	65	new member Sept 15
10	79	Was away
11	108	I was in Arizona for the winter.
12	109	Not a member
13	111	See comment in #2 above

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(b). Other - Please Comment: UBC Wine Research Centre - Mar2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	18	Attended
2	28	Out of town
3	48	Excellent tour
4	51	not a member
5	70	Attended- good
6	75	ve hadone a number of these
7	80	I am often at UBC and can arrange personal tours
8	108	I was in Arizona for the winter.
9	109	Not a member
10	111	See above
11	114	didn't fit my schedule
12	116	Out of town

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Q4(c). Other - Please Comment: Translink O&M Facility - Apr2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	18	Attended
2	25	attended, great tour
3	28	out of town
4	51	not a member
5	70	Attended- good
6	108	I was in Arizona for the winter.
7	109	Not a member
8	111	See above
9	116	Out of town

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(d). Other - Please Comment: False Creek Walking Tour - May2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	51	not a member
2	109	Not a member
3	111	See above

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Q4(e). Other - Please Comment: Bard on the Beach - Jul2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	25	have seasons tickets
2	28	out of town
3	29	Attended
4	48	Fun and good friendliness
5	51	not a member
6	52	We are already heavily We are very involved with Bard, and attended this show separately.
7	59	already had tickets for it
8	61	Unable to attend due to wife's illness
9	111	See above

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(f). Other - Please Comment: Chinatown Walking Tour - Oct2014

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	51	not a member
2	56	Out of town
3	92	Attended
4	111	See above

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(g). Other - Please Comment: Convention Centre Tour - Feb2015

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	25	attended - great tour
2	29	Attended
3	30	attended
4	52	There was a major traffic accident on the Lions gate Bridge that morning so I returned home
5	108	I was in Arizona for the winter.
6	109	Attended this one
7	111	See above
8	116	Out of town

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(h). Other - Please Comment: Canadian Museum of Flight - May2015

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	56	can't remember why; I would have liked this
2	59	??

3	70	attended
4	78	I cannot remember
5	80	visited many other flight museums
6	89	Forgot about
7	109	Cancelled
8	111	See above
9	114	had other plans

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Q4(i). Other - Please Comment: Museum of Anthropology - Jun2015 (Event cancelled)

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	41	Because it was cancelled.
2	70	Many times
3	80	love the place ; have visited several times

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Q4(j). Other - Please Comment: Bard on the Beach - Jul2015

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	25	Have seasons tickets
2	28	out of town
3	29	Attended
4	48	Enjoyed the show! Although it was a bit wierd.
5	52	We are very involved with Bard, and attended this show separately.
6	59	already had tickets
7	61	unable to attend due to wife's illness
8	80	attend with friends
9	93	Did it on our own
10	108	Had seen the play once before.
11	111	See above

Please let us know your reasons for NOT attending the following special events that took place or were scheduled in the last two years. (Please check all relevant boxes or add your comments, if any)

Q4(k). Other - Please Comment: Sea to Sky Gondola - Oct2015

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	13	did attend - very good
2	21	Not interested
3	28	Interested
4	38	Plan to take the family another time
5	52	I had doubts about this time of year with visibility issues, I would go in summer.
6	80	great event but we pass it often on our way to Whistler. Easy to visit on our own.
7	89	Great Event
8	93	Don't like heights
9	108	Already had plans to do it with friends.
10	109	Out of town
11	111	See above

Q5. How do you think that we can make special events more attractive for you? (Please check all that apply)

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	7	Other (Please specify) : All events are interesting. Time constraints are my problem.
2	11	Other (Please specify) : more "advertising" and advance notice; generally doing just fine
3	12	Other (Please specify) : Rather do them myself if interested
4	15	Other (Please specify) : most interested in visits to innovative, world leading developments, co's, exhibitions & such. Would be keen to re-visit Washington Groups ship-building enterprise
5	18	Other (Please specify) : Schedule events which are not possible on an individual basis
6	20	Other (Please specify) : Give members a specific date to commit After that open to allow guests
7	30	Other (Please specify) : Overall Special Special Events has been handled very well
8	31	Other (Please specify) : There was a great variety of events some of which I would have attended and will do so in future years.
9	36	Other (Please specify) : I come to Probus primarily to hear the guest speakers and I find that I am not really interested in most of the special events or they conflict with vacations or other commitments.
10	46	Other (Please specify) : Only like specific events. Would like to tour the Boeing plant , but hear it's being converted to build another model so it's probably not open to tours at present.
11	47	Other (Please specify) : Car pooling or driving on my own seems to work better for me--having to catch a bus seem too restrictive
12	61	Other (Please specify) : Sorry to say I don't think we need many field trips. Probus is still a social senior organization based as a speakers club not a social activity club competing with other social clubs.
13	62	Other (Please specify) : I think the type of events are just great. I can see no reason for them to drop off in attendance. When I was in the power squadron I was in charge of a telephone committee and calling members made a great difference for a turnout
14	65	Other (Please specify) : Travel info and advice re visiting International cities presented by seasoned travellers
15	67	Other (Please specify) : happy with all events
16	69	Other (Please specify) : The skill of the guide is very important to the enjoyment of an event.
17	80	Other (Please specify) : I think the committee does a great job. I think some of us enjoy taking private initiatives to undertake such activities with relying on the club
18	83	Other (Please specify) : I do a fair amount of travel and checking things on my own, as well, I have lived in Vancouver since 1965 and have worked/consulted on many projects in the region
19	90	Other (Please specify) : The event with the Navy was great except very limited numbers could attend, I did not get selected.
20	92	Other (Please specify) : The events have been good. Keep them coming.
21	94	Other (Please specify) : The list looks really good. I am going to try to participate in the future when I am home.
22	102	Other (Please specify) : A number of the events that have been scheduled, I was either familiar with or had attended on my own or with others. Tours of venues normally off limits to the public would be of more interest.
23	104	Other (Please specify) : none of the above stand out. Time constraints are my main reason for not participating.
24	108	Other (Please specify) : (i) Fewer events (ii) Emphasis should be on 'special' or 'unique' which members ordinarily would not attend.
25	111	Other (Please specify) : I think the choices have been fine. Keep up the good work
26	112	Other (Please specify) : As above, I attend Probus for the speakers
27	116	Other (Please specify) : e.g , May be a Lecture and visiting Vancouver Aquarium

28	119	Other (Please specify) : Give me more time to things. ie Too busy already.
29	121	Other (Please specify) : Look for interesting things to see and do

Q9. Do you have any suggestions for a special event or events that you would like the Committee to organise?

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	1	We often try to get special speakers such as Preston Manning but cannot accommodate his schedule to tie in to our monthly Monday meetings. Arrange special;I speakers as special events.
2	3	Don't be discouraged. Although I was not able to attend many events, I still think you provided some interesting venues. Please keep up the good work you are doing.
3	8	Cirque de soleil was well attended a few years ago but has not been offered since.i would go as the group ticket prices and transportation was worthwhile
4	9	CO2 Capture at Squamish, Fusion Technology in Burnaby
5	10	Trip to Seattle to see the Toronto Blue Jays play the Mariners. Go to BC Cancer Agency research center for a tour and a couple of presentations about interesting research projects. Same for UBC Neurology or other department in Faculty of Medicine.
6	11	Vancouver police museum, try museum of anthropology again, Abbotsford air show again
7	13	1) West Coast railway museum in Squamish 2) Britannia mine museum
8	14	No. Committee doing a good job.
9	15	Washington Group facilities in North Van; one of our local aerospace mfr's; skytrain operations center
10	18	No
11	20	Rogers Sugar Van Airport Capilano Suspension Bridge Port of Vancouver Vancouver Sports Museum Vancouver Aquarium Reapeat -Trip to Boings,Lions Watershed
12	21	Another trip to the Reifel Bird Sanctuary would be nice
13	22	Airports,Boats,certain University programs, more golf,City planning,Sporting events,Theatre events,Wine tours
14	23	Vancouver airport behind the scenes.
15	25	Tour of the Seymour water treatment plant, tour of the Iona sewage treatment plant
16	28	harbor tour, new postal center, antique car collections,
17	36	Not that I can think of however, I did enjoy the Boeing tour a couple of years ago.
18	37	What about behind the scenes tours of operations of say YVR, Port of Vancouver, Coast Guard, Seaforth Highlander of Canada's Museum etc.?
19	38	Tour of North Shore movie studio, Tour of local high tech company
20	46	Boeing Plant tour. Tour of our port facilities
21	48	Kay Meek events ... theatre or music. A tour of a TV station. (Include spouses in these kind of events.) Winter tour to Whistler. Tour to Grouse Mountain.
22	52	In general I think your selection of events has been good
23	57	Brittanis shipyards in Steveston
24	59	**SFU Space Telescope; **Vancouver Aquarium with John Nightingale on the significance of climate change to Canada's Arctic .
25	62	Imax Theatre or Tea and Trumpets at the Orpheum
26	65	Vancouver International Car Show Reschedule Museum of Anthropology visit Grouse Mountain skytram and visit up top
27	66	Capilano Watershed Tour
28	67	art gallery,ubc gardens,little mountain arbitorium,bird sancuaries,horse races
29	69	container ship loading; rail yard train make up; air traffic control;China trade perhaps Seaspan Corp CEO; sea level rise implications for north shore; medical immune system, using DNA to target drugs and dose; submersibles

		and sub-sea oil/gas prod'n
30	70	I would like to see the water tunnel in Nortn Van, which I missed before. It was booked.
31	71	I'm generally pleased with the variety of events.
32	72	Ship loading, industries (like Ballard), scientific applications and Hi tech developments
33	73	Harbour Tour by Boat. There are several people in Probus that have boats (yachts).
34	75	no
35	77	continue to offer the popular ones / new members will be attracted. Add new events that have men's attention
36	83	Transportation - Burnaby Mountain tunnel boring.
37	89	Tour of wind turbine at top of Grouse, boat cruise tour/ commentary of the inner harbour and various terminals etc, bus tour of Christmas lights, Van Dousens garden light dinner (say 4:00) then tour of gardens
38	90	Places that are difficult to visit as an individual
39	92	More industrial facilities.
40	93	Water filtration plant again
41	96	No
42	97	Tour of Port Metro Vancouver communication facilities re ship activities, etc.
43	102	Seaspan North Van yards: Vancouver Port Authority facilities
44	105	mining museum at Britania, Vancouver art gallery
45	107	More of the same works for me
46	108	None that come to mind --- except, suggest making a specific request of members for suggestions --- see 10 below.
47	109	Canada Post's sorting facility near the airport
48	112	Not really
49	116	A visit to either Vancouver Jazz Festival or the Vancouver Film Festival might be of interest.
50	117	UBC working on many scientific problems....ex:Triumph, cancer research
51	120	Port Vancouver Visit (Possibly weekend when less busy?) Reifel Bird Sanctuary (April through October)

Q10. Do you have any other comments regarding special events and how we might make them more successful?

Sr.No.	Response No :	Response Text
1	2	Overall I think the group arranging events is doing a good job.
2	13	no
3	15	Ideas can be taken from current events news items as they appear
4	18	No
5	21	No
6	23	Great effort has gone into organizing varied events, keep up the good work.
7	28	use of bus transportation may be a factor
8	29	I think you do a good job. My absences coincide with foreign travel which will decrease soon.
9	33	I like what has been offered.
10	46	No, jsut keep up the great work. Really loved the tour of HMCS Calgary.
11	47	I did the incinerator, air museum, UBC wine tour and ubc Triumph tour--all excellent
12	48	More publicity and include spouses where feasible.
13	49	Unfortunately, I seem to be busy with other activities and conflict with the event. I do enjoy the morning presentations very much.
14	62	As merntioned above reminding people or Presenting an event as an exciting opportunity to attend this function.

15	69	We need personal radio receivers for each person and a transmitter for the guide such as are used by river boat cruise tour guides because too often we can't hear the guide;
16	70	1, Sometimes just too much money for the event, like a lunch. 2. It's a bit like going on a bus tour from the Old Folks Home. Sorry!
17	75	no - you seemed to be doing a very good and comprehensive job hitting all the highlights.
18	77	it is important for the events com. stay abreast of the subjects that are of interest to male seniors 60-90+. find sources of such.
19	80	I think an open discussion session scheduled to precede or follow one of our regular Monday morning presentations might evoke interesting comments.
20	83	Ideas and tours are generally great, have simply seen/done most.
21	86	Might it be worthwhile to spend a few minutes at a monthly meeting when the special event is first announced telling members what it will involve and why they should attend?
22	87	As with any group there is a diversity of ages and while we are all seniors there are functions that appeal more to one group than another. I would suggest you keep doing what you are doing.
23	90	Apart from the Navy I think everything has been very good
24	94	They sound terrific. Keep up the great work.
25	96	No
26	99	Committee is doing an excellent job organizing these interesting events - if I miss an outing it is because I am out of town!!
27	107	The chairman is incompetent and should be replaced asap
28	108	Ask members for suggestions --- as an incentive, offer a reward (bottle of wine, perhaps) if a suggestions implemented.
29	112	No
30	114	perhaps identify a person or persons as the leader. Perhaps a little commentary from this person prior to the outing.
31	116	Maybe organize events every second month to get more members participating in special events.
32	120	Presenter from Fraser Institute on topical/current Research project
33	121	Continue to look for interesting and topical things to see and do
34	122	Christmas lunch - let's go back to the previous menus of other years - this year had no turkey,no gravy,no shrimp,less desert selection,less choice of everything.If price is higher,so be it.Maybe try Joe Mathias Center for Christmas lunch.