



**Our next Probus General Meeting**

**Will take place on Thursday,**

**March 16th, 2023**

**At 10:00 am,**

**via Zoom.**

*The Invitation & Link will be sent a day or two before the meeting, by email.*

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Our invited speaker is;**

**Elaine Yamamoto**

**Topic:**

**Literacy Education**



# Probus Club of Maple Ridge

## President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

### **Welcoming your newly elected Management Committee Members**

### **Probus Meeting, Program**

**March 16th, 2023**

9:40	Sign -in
10:00	Welcome
10:05	Introduction of Guest Speaker
10:10	Guest Speaker
10:40	Q & A
10:55	Thank you
11:00	Club speaker
11:20	Club business
11:45	Meeting closes

Our recent, and **Fifth Anniversary Annual General Meeting**, held at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club, was attended by 40 members who, as part of the meeting's agenda, elected a full slate of 16 officers for the Club's 2023 operating year.

Please welcome new faces to your Management Committee Team: **Simon Modera, Chris Frandsen, Bob Grist, Noelleen Modera**-our new Treasurer, and the return of **Kathleen Spiess** as a Member at Large. A full list of the positions and duties can be found on page 9 of this newsletter.

As we welcome new faces, we also thank those who are stepping down. We appreciate their time and services to the club: **Jason Leemans, Josine Eikelenboom** and **Laurie Freebairn!** Josine will still coordinate the "Memory Lane" page of the newsletter and Laurie will serve as a Member at Large. Jason is relocating to Penticton and will initially oversee the orientation of the new Treasurer, so they will still be involved in one way or another. Jason may well be the first Okanagan Valley member of our club! We wish him well in his new location and 'Retirement'!

With a membership close to 70 and a member retention rate of almost 90%, we have something to be truly proud of as we enter this next year of operation. With our sincere thanks to all members for their support and participation in Club activities, we look forward to another amazing year of **Fellowship, Friendship and Fun!**

*All the months are crude experiments. Virginia Woolf*



# Introducing our Guest Speaker:

Prepared by Michael Buckingham

## **Elaine Yamamoto**



### **Literary outreach coordinator & community developer**

Elaine is honoured to have been elected vice-chair of the MAPLE RIDGE SCHOOL BOARD in her first term as Trustee.

A 23-year resident of Maple Ridge, Elaine has deep roots in this area where her grandparents were pioneers.

She has a bachelor of arts in international relations (UofT), and years of experience in government and business.

Her passion, however, is community development. Fourteen years ago, Elaine left the commute to Vancouver to focus on community development in Maple Ridge.

As literacy outreach coordinator and coordinator of the Hive Neighbourhood Centre at Eric Langton, she has enjoyed delivering literacy, food skills, and gardening programming that help adults and families build resiliency.

Elaine is the proud mother of three graduated, SD42 French immersion students.

## **If Turkeys Can't Fly, Can Colonel's Announce.???**

By Dick Drew

Do you remember the 1978 monster TV hit series “WKRP in Cincinnati”? It told the hilarious misadventures of a struggling radio station. One memorable misadventure was the flying turkey's episode. As a station promotion they threw turkeys out of an helicopter only to discover, to their dismay, that turkeys cannot fly. Even today people still recall and laugh about that episode. [\[Enjoy it again on YouTube\]](#)

As I watched each episode back then I could not help but think back to some of my own memorable misadventures at my first radio station in 1958, the English language, privately owned 250 watt radio station CJQC in Quebec City.

WKRP had attractive downtown studios and gorgeous receptionist, Lonnie Anderson. We had no comparison. Enough said.

CJQC was located in a very old farmhouse miles out of town. Indoor water and plumbing had recently been added. Other than that, it was just as it had been when the Clampets likely lived there. But it was a place to start a new career, make mistakes, dream of bigger and better things. Aline and I loved Quebec City, we made friendships there that we still cherish today.

Let me share with you one memorable true incident that equals the flying turkey's story. One day CJQC Manager Harold Burnside told me there was an army Colonel at the army base Camp Val Cartier, just up the road from us, coming in to audition for a job. The Colonel was retiring soon and wanted to remain in Quebec City. He felt he had a good radio voice. CJQC was to be his launching pad. I was ordered to prepare a stand up microphone, cue up theme music for our program “Music For my Lady” and write a five second personal intro for him as he was going to do his audition LIVE to air. Yes I said “Live to air” unheard of but remember this was 1958, a 250 watt English language radio station in 99.9 % French speaking Quebec City.

Colonel Jim Jones arrived, [alias given to protect the innocent]. His eyes widened when told he would host the program “Music for My Lady” live. He was given his program introduction, given earphones, and told to stand by the mic and watch my hand for his cue.

The hand on the studio clock finally hit the hour, theme music started then faded down, I gave the Colonel his cue.

He began “Good morning ladies, this is Jim Jones speaking, welcome to Music for my Lady...” he then stiffened straight up erect in his best army Colonel position, and fainted, falling backwards straight as a board, striking his head on the floor, out like a light. When he came to, he stood up, never said a word, brushed himself off, marched out of the studio, down the hall, out the front door, never to be seen or heard on CJQC again.

Aline and I soon left Quebec City for beautiful BC. CJQC closed soon after thus ending the possible radio career of army Colonel Jim Jones.

# Through the Lens

Curated by Rick O'Doherty

## Local Scenes



Port Haney Wharf *by Sam*



Katie Dock & Golden Ears Bridge *by Sam.*



Jerry Sulina Park *by Sam*



Beyond Bright River Bridge *by Simon*

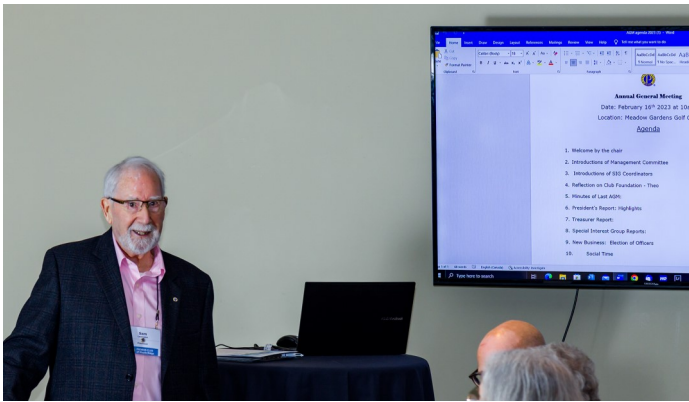


Panoramic view of Grant Narrows *by Sam*

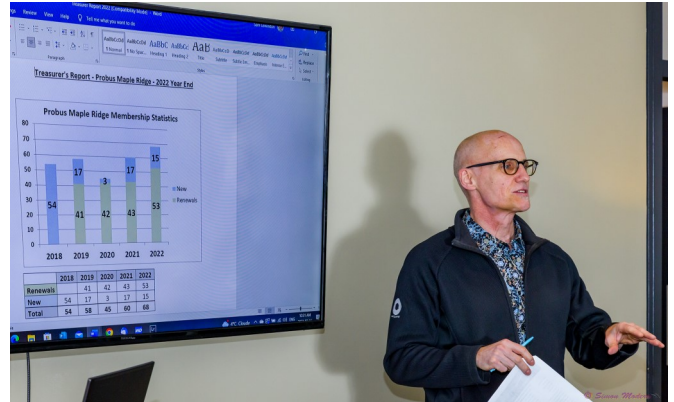
# Member Happenings

## 5th Anniversary Membership Meeting –AGM

Photos by Simon Modera



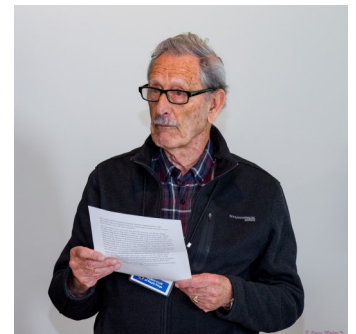
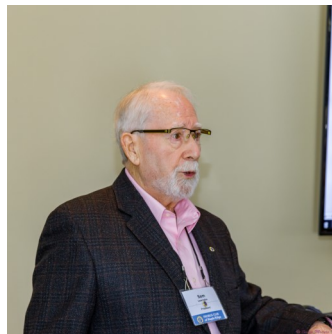
Sam introducing the Agenda



Jason presenting the Treasurer's Report



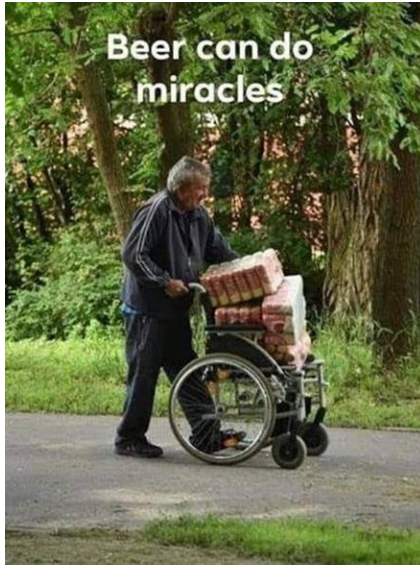
Executive Giving the Reports



### Members Listening to the Reports



# Monthly Mirth



I had this delicious omlette this morning. I seasoned the eggs with sugar, oil, and chocolate, and threw in a little flour for texture...



Anyway, there I was at 40,000 feet in my own private balloon not bothering anyone....



"I followed this Chinese balloon for almost 200 miles only to eventually realize it was bird poop on my windshield."



# Messages, Notices and Information

## Wanted:

Stories for:

**Memory Lane:**

Contact Josine at: [eikelenboom@telus.net](mailto:eikelenboom@telus.net)

Photos for: **Through the Lens**

Contact Rick at: [micricgoingplaces@gmail.com](mailto:micricgoingplaces@gmail.com)

## The Photography Group is planning a "Field Trip" in April!



If you wish to learn about camera settings and other basic functions of your DSLR camera let Simon know, and come join us on a visit to Maple Ridge Park for an exciting "Shoot"!

Then join in the following lunch event at the Black Sheep to discuss what results were obtained from our adventure!

Contact Simon at: [simon.modera@gmail.com](mailto:simon.modera@gmail.com)

## Origin of the Phrase:

### Turn a blind eye

**Definition:** To ignore facts or situations deliberately.

**Origin:** Admiral Horatio Nelson was a British Naval hero with one blind eye. One time, the British forces sent him signals to stop their attack on the Danish fleet. But Nelson raised the telescope to his blind eye, and claimed he did not see any signal. He went on to attack anyway and won the battle.

## Probus in-person 'Coffee Morning'

**First Wednesday of the month, at 10am**

**Next meeting: *March 1st***

## Special Interest Groups

**Book Club:** *Convenor, Carla Reed*

*Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly*

**Bridge:** *Convenor: Kathleen Spiess*

*Meets, 2pm third Monday, monthly*

**Camping:** *Convenor: Michaela O'Doherty*

**Computer/Photography:**

*Convenor:: Simon Modera*

*Meets, 10am, last Wednesday, monthly.*

**Crafts:** *Convenor, contact, Michaela*

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

**Dining:** *Convenors: Marie Slessor/Michaela*

*Meets 6pm second Thursday,/Tuesday monthly*

**Discussion:** *Convenor, Theo Rathonyi Reusz*

*Meets, 10am first Thursday monthly*

**Lunch:** *Convenor. Aline Drew*

*Meets, noon last Thursday, monthly*

**Table Tennis:** *Convenor; Michael Buckingham*

*Meets, Tuesday and Friday mornings*

**Walking:** *Convenor, Renate*

*Meets 9am Tuesdays, weekly*

**Wine Club:** *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

*Meets, 5pm last Friday, monthly*

## **"Groaner" of the Month:**

**Underwear bandit caught,  
admits to brief crime spree**