



Our next Probus General Meeting

Will take place on Thursday,

May 18th, 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;

Madison Mailey

Topic:

A Story of Resilience



Probus Club of Maple Ridge

President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

What an Active Club we are!

Probus Meeting, Program

May 18th , 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

It is said that an important aspect of wellbeing in retirement years is being active. Well, to borrow a phrase from Bridge, we do that in Spades!

As you may note, on page 8 we have a graphic display of our Members' Monthly Social calendar, which shows only one day of the month with no activity or event planned. In addition to these Membership Special Interest Group meetings, we also have various committee activities that take place, so physical and mental stimulation seems to be alive and well here!

One new activity is the 'Word Weavers' writing group. This takes place every second Monday, currently meeting by Zoom. This Writing for Fun collection of would-be authors have stories to tell—some of which may well be seen in the Newsletter! If you have memories to share with your Grandchildren but are not sure how to lay them down, this is the group for you!

In addition to our various individual group activities, our Social Committee has been busy planning for our Club's Summer Outdoor Events schedule. They even have a start on the planning of our Annual Christmas Dinner! Stay tuned for more details of these annual, fun activities, the Summer Outdoor Events are always a hit.

We look forward to providing our members with a stimulating activity plan, if you have a suggestion as to what may fill that blank Wednesday, please let us know!!

*For May, we have no slogardie a-night. The seson priketh every gentil herte,
And maketh him out of his slepe to sterte. Geoffrey Chaucer*



Introducing our Guest Speaker:

Prepared by Michael Buckingham

Madison Mailey



Northeastern's Madison Mailey has earned her place in history as an elite athlete after sitting in six-seat of the Gold Medal Canadian Women's Eight at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games. This was the first medal in the event since 1992. She was the glue in her boat and helped nine women dream big, work with intention and embrace individuality.

Graduating from Boston's Northeastern University in 2018, she received her BSBA concentrating in Management and Entrepreneurship and received a joint certificate of Merit in Music Performance from the New England Conservatory.

As a Husky, Madison received The President's Award in 2018, which recognizes the recipient's outstanding academic and athletic achievement and an athlete who impacted the school community.

Currently, Madison is working as a Wealth Advisor with the Mailey Rogers Group of Scotia McLeod and resides in Vancouver, BC. She also sits on the Health Equity Emerging Leaders board with the BC Women's Hospital Foundation and on the Kay Meek Board of Directors, a local theatre in West Vancouver. She loves giving back to her community and is excited to be here today to share her story of resilience.

Speaker's Notes:

by Chris Frandsen

SPEAKER: Vickie Jensen

Kathleen introduced Vickie to share her vast knowledge and development in the world of undersea exploration. Vickie detailed in a snapshot of the job of undersea divers in her 14th, no-fiction book "Deep, Dark and Dangerous". It took her 4 years of research and writings from interviews with subsea pioneers to make this book happen. Vicki was raised in the cornfields of Iowa and had minimal qualifications and experience when she entered the undersea mining world. Her first job was with Westcoast Mariner magazine as editor and knew nothing about boats. But she was to learn. She spent 4 years going out on different work boats and interviewing crews.

That job was her introduction to BC Waters and its maritime businesses. She met a reader of the magazine who encouraged her to write about under the water as well as above. Together they wrote a book, "Build your Own Robot and Underwater Robotics: Science, Design & Fabrication."

Revolutionizing changes happened in commercial diving over 3 decades 1950-1980. The need to work at even greater depths would see improvements in diving equipment and techniques. But it would also create the invention of Atmospheric Diving Suits, submersibles, ROV's (remotely operated vehicles and AUV (autonomous underwater vehicles).

In the 1960's the subsea business evolved from divers to submersibles, 1970 it shifted to ROV's and in the 1980's, the evolutions of the AUV. This tether less craft operates independently using pre-programmed instructions.

In 1964, Subsea Pioneers, Don Trice, Don Sorte and Mark Thompson formed International Hydrodynamics (HYCO) and designed the submersible "Pisces". By 1970, It became so popular around the world that it created a surplus on the market and hence the collapse of HYCO but opened the door for new operations. HYCO is referred to as "the place where it all began".

Another, subsea pioneer is Phil Nuytten. At a very young age, dropped out of high school and opened the first diving shop in Vancouver. At age 16, he was the first rescue diver on scene when the Second Narrows bridge collapsed in 1958. In 1969, Phil co-founded Oceaneering International and eventually acquired the rights to the Jim suit and developed his Nuytsuit and changed the decompression process for divers. He continues to revolutionize diving equipment. In 1984 it was the (Atmospheric Diving Suit). Currently working on the Ironsuit capable of diving to 2000 ft. In 1998, developed Deepworker, one person submersible and Dual Deepworker with 2 people and equipped with a computer.

Things are forever changing.

Ocean observatories are a linked subsea network of Hybrid power and fibre-optic cables that connect to nodes and sensors. These produce underwater data 24/7/365. Generally, this data is free.

There is so much more to this industry that we don't know and understand. If you have not watched the video presentation from Vickie Jensen recorded from our General meeting on April 20, 2023 on this industry's evolution, you may want to watch it. There is so much more to learn.

Also, look for more of Vickie Jensen's books.

Ascension Day in the Netherlands

By Josine Eikelenboom

As far as I know, Ascension Day is not an important Christian holiday here. In the Netherlands though, it might be that 80% of the population doesn't know where it comes from, but it always has been a Stat Holiday, much like our Victoria Day. In fact: just a spring day off work. In certain areas of the Netherlands, the day is celebrated by an early morning walk, called something like "dew stepping".

In our family it was a tradition to wake up by 6 am, and set out for a long walk or bicycle tour, with a picnic on the way. I have fond memories of those expeditions, listening to birds singing, and looking for flowers. My mom's favourite was honeysuckle. Oh, that lovely smell! Broom was in bloom at that time of spring as well. Sometimes we walked in the forest, sometimes biked through the heather, to end up in an inn to get a pancake breakfast, those huge Dutch pancakes with bacon and thick syrup. Once we walked all the way to the next town where my grandmother was living. But that was too far to walk all the way back, so we boarded a bus to bring us home.

When I had my own family, I continued the tradition and set out early in the morning with the kids, and my sister in law with her children, who lived next door. The husbands could not be persuaded, the one leaving early for work, the other looking after his nursery.

The two families usually took the bike, as the area we lived in was flat farmland with bicycle paths along narrow canals and through the pastures. Windmills were turning and herons were looking for prey along the waterways. Cows and sheep were peacefully grazing in the lush fields. Occasionally we met other families on a similar trip.

Do I still set out for an early morning "dew stepping" trip? I have to confess that nowadays my direction is always the same; the barn. In spring that is interesting enough, because there are baby lambs and more eggs in the layer boxes than in wintertime.

For me, although there are no more long-distance walks or bike trips anymore, nothing is better than the outdoors.

Through the Lens

Curated by Rick O'Doherty

Garden Scenes



Heritage Park, Mission *by Sam*



The Culpepper Herb Garden, Leeds Castle, Kent. *By Sam*



Hawaiian Garden *by Michaela*



Siren's Cove, Quadra Island *by Michaela*



Cozy Corner *by Michaela*

The Garden at 216 *by Theo*



Memory Lane:

In 1991, I wrote and broadcast this radio editorial. It proves;

The more things change, the more they remain the same.

By Dick Drew



CANADIAN ACHIEVERS

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IN A MOMENT A TIMELY EDITORIAL WRITTEN ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY FOUR YEARS AGO.

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NO ONE WILL DENY THAT WE ARE GOING THROUGH TOUGH TIMES. NO ONE WILL DENY THAT WE ARE IN A RECESSION AND MONEY PEOPLE ARE BEING HURT. BUT THIS ISN'T THE FIRST TIME WE'VE KNOWN TOUGH TIMES NOR WILL IT BE THE LAST. IN TED HARRIOTS EXCELLENT BOOK "HEADS I WIN, TAILS YOU LOSE", HE QUOTES FROM AN ARTICLE IN HARPERS MAGAZINE PRINTED IN OCTOBER 1857. I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT FOR YOU NOW...REMEMBER THIS WAS PRINTED IN 1857, ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX YEARS AGO...LISTEN CAREFULLY. HERE IT IS..."IT IS A GLOOMY MOMENT IN THE HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. NOT IN THE LIFETIME OF MOST MEN HAS THERE BEEN SO MUCH GRAVE AND DEEP APPREHENSION; NEVER HAS THE FUTURE SEEMED SO INCALCULABLE AS AT THIS TIME. THE DOMESTIC ECONOMIC SITUATION IS IN CHAOS. OUR DOLLAR IS WEAK THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. PRICES ARE SO HIGH AS TO BE UTTERLY IMPOSSIBLE. THE POLITICAL CAULDRON SEETHES AND BUBBLES WITH UNCERTAINTY. RUSSIA HANGS AS USUAL, LIKE A CLOUD, DARK AND SILENT UPON THE HORIZON. IT IS A SOLEMN MOMENT. OF OUR TROUBLES, NO MAN CAN SEE THE END."

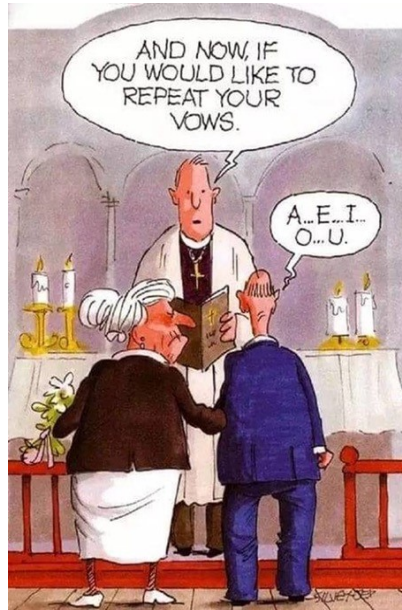
THAT WAS PRINTED IN 1857 ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY SIX YEARS AGO. THE TOUGH TIMES WE ARE GOING THROUGH NOW ARE NOT NEW. THEY'RE NOT PLEASANT, BUT THEY'RE NOT NEW. AS DR. ROBERT SCHULLER SAID IN HIS WONDERFUL BOOK OF THE SAME TITLE, "TOUGH TIMES NEVER LAST -- BUT TOUGH PEOPLE DO" ...I 'LL RETURN IN A MOMENT.

Member Happenings

Members' Monthly Social Calendar

Week	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Wednesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
One	9:30 Table Tennis 2pm Bridge group	9am Walking Group 9:30am Table Tennis	10am Coffee Morning	10am Discussion Group	9:30am Table Tennis
Two	9:30 Table Tennis 2pm Word Weavers	9am Walking Group 9:30am Table Tennis 1:30pm Book Club	1pm Craft Group	6pm Dining Group	9:30am Table Tennis
Three	9:30 Table Tennis 2pm Bridge group	9am Walking Group 9:30 Table Tennis 6pm Dine Away Group		10am Members General Meeting	9:30am Table Tennis
Four	9:30 Table Tennis	9am Walking Group 9:30am Table Tennis	10am Computer Group	12 noon Lunch group	9:30am Table Tennis 5pm Wine Club

Monthly Mirth



This Is the Reason Why You Should Not Wait Until Retirement:- to Travel!

Secrets to a long happy marriage



A old woman was sipping on a glass of wine, while sitting on the patio with her husband, and she says, "I love you so much, I don't know how I could ever live without you"... Her husband asks, "Is that you, or the wine talking?"... She replies, "It's me... talking to the wine."



A Tennessee couple - Billy and Rebecca - both bona fide rednecks, had 9 children. They went to the doctor to see about getting Dave "fixed." The doctor gladly started the required procedure and asked the couple what finally made them make the decision. Dave replied that they had read a recent article that 1 out of 10 children being born in the United States was Mexican, and they don't want to take a chance on having a Mexican baby because neither of them could speak spanish.

Geezer Planet

5 ants moved into an apartment with 5 other ants. Now they're.... tenants!

Taking a dog named Shark to the beach is not a good idea



Messages, Notices and Information

Wanted:

Stories for:

Memory Lane:

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Through the Lens

Probus in-person 'Coffee Morning'

First Wednesday of the month, at 10am

Next meeting: May 3rd.

Maple Ridge Music Society

bringing world-class music to our community

ROSE GELLERT STRING QUARTET

Sunday May 7, 3:00 pm

Established in 2016, the Quartet is ensemble in residence at Langley Community School of Music

Tickets: \$40.

Phone: 604 467 3162

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Watch for more MRMS concerts!

Origin of the Phrase:

A 'SHOT OF WHISKEY'

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink.

This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

Special Interest Groups

Book Club: *Convenor, Carla Reed*

Meets 1:30pm, second Tuesday, monthly

Bridge: *Convenor: Kathleen Spiess*

Meets, 2pm First & third Monday, monthly

Camping: *Convenor: Michaela O'Doherty*

Computer/Photography: *Convenor:*

Simon Modera

Meets, 10am, last Wednesday, monthly.

Crafts: *Convenor, Michaela*

micricgoingplaces@gmail.com

Dining: *Convenors: Marie Slessor/Carla Reed*

Meets 6pm second Thursdays, monthly

Dine Away: *Convenor, Michaela*

Meets 6pm third Tuesdays, 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, weekly

Walking: *Convenor, Renate*

Meets 9am Tuesdays, weekly

Wine Club: *Convenor: Sam Lewindon*

Meets, 5pm last Friday, monthly

Word Weavers: *Convenor, Tracey Lewindon*

Meets, 2pm second Monday, monthly

"Groaner" of the Month:

What washes up on tiny beaches?
Microwaves.