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Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 7th, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

Presidents Message

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times..."



How did Charles Dickens know what life would be like in 2020? While the author may have had 18th Century revolutionary France in mind, it isn't much of a stretch to apply his pithy summary statement to our shared experience of the past twelve months. We were locked out of our meeting place. We were prevented from gathering for Special Interest Groups. We were cut off from friends and fellowship. We faced the unknown. These elements all point to the "worst of times." Any yet, in explicably, we can also identify signs of the "best of times". We adapted

quickly to new technology that allowed us a form of connection. Your management team came up with creative solutions to keep our club active and relevant. We engaged

a roster of top notch speakers for our monthly meetings. Our newsletter and web site continued to advance in quality of content and presentation. We had novel special event experiences with trivia, cooking and crafts. Special Interest Groups have continued to provide monthly opportunities for fellowship, expanding their scope and membership participation.

Now, as I write my last column as Club President, I look back and wonder, "where did the time go?" I offer my heartfelt thanks to each member of the Management Committee for their dedication and support. We venture into the year ahead with a motivated renewed management team under the leadership of our incoming President, Shirley Mathews.

Stay with Probus Club of Milton for more of the "best of times" that lie before us.

David Wentzell

[For those of you who tend to statistics, check out the encouraging information in the 16 Bad Things Decreasing and 16 Good Things Increasing graphs in this issue of Milton Probus Pulse]

From the Secretary (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100 (walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

Your Management Committee met on March 15th. Three members who are nominees for the 2021 Committee were invited to attend as guests.

The Club Policy on death of a member was amended by adding *""The death of a former member may be noted in the Club Newsletter after discussion with the Management Committee*"

A new Membership Application was approved and Marion Linkert will be inducted at the start of the April 7th general meeting.

The Committee discussed the preparations for the Club's Annual General Meeting which will take place in the second half of the April 7th meeting.

From the Membership Director (Anne Eadie 905-691-5100 aeadiehome@cogeco.ca)

2021 Membership Directory – Changes Anyone?

After the next meeting, which is the Annual General Meeting, the Membership Directory will be updated with new members being included and any changes required to current member information. Please check your information in the 2020 Directory and submit any changes you have to your home address, email address or preferred telephone number by the end of April.

Submit changes to aeadiehome@cogeco.ca

Thank you, Anne Eadie. Membership Coordinator

From the Editor: (David Hunt 905-875-0350 (david.hunt@cogeco.ca)

"Don't Get Ticked Off"

From Bonnie Chapman through Diane Miller, a reminder that Covid 19 isn't the only risk out there. As Spring breaks and we get into more nature hiking, please be aware of the dangers of Ticks and Lyme Disease.

https://carphaltonregionchapter.cmail19.com/t/r-l-tlqvht-htpjrjljt-k/

Tick Species	Adult Male	Adult Female	Habitat	Disease Transmission
Black-legged tick a.k.a. Deer tick (<i>lxodes scapularis</i>)	×	×	Needs moist habitats to survive. Prefers leaf litter (wooded areas) but can be found in tall grasses too.	Lyme disease Anaplasmosis Babesiosis a few others
American dog tick (Dermacentor variabilus)	No.	×	Hardier than the deer tick & can survive in drier habitats where there are tall grasses (open fields) .	Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF) a few others
Brown dog tick (Rhipicephalus sangineus)	×	×	Needs warm, protected indoor locations where there are dogs (its preferred host). Doesn't like our cold climate but has been seen in Toronto.	RMSF Babesiosis Ehrlichiosis
Lone Star tick (Amblyomma americanum)	×	Se	Wooded areas, especially in second- growth forests with thick underbrush; also found in transition zones between forests & grasslands.	Ehrlichiosis RMSF a few others

Upcoming Speakers

April Speaker

Christine Allum: Ontario Securities Commission. Fraud



Protect Your Money!

Christine Allum is Senior Advisor, Investor Engagement and Stakeholder Partnerships in Investor Office at the Ontario Securities Commission where she partners with various groups and organizations to deliver investor education and fraud prevention workshops. Prior to joining the OSC, she worked at the Toronto Stock Exchange. Her financial expertise includes adult training, curriculum resource development, relationship management and community outreach. She graduated from Ryerson University and Ontario Institute for Studies in Education of the University of Toronto.

The Protect Your Money presentation will highlight some common frauds and scams and the warning signs of investment fraud.

May Speaker

Elaine Charal - "Elaine Charal's "Power of the Pen"



is guaranteed to have everyone laughing while they discover how to communicate even more effectively with team members, co-workers, associates, clients and friends through knowing what the strokes of handwriting mean. Everyone will also learn about their own strengths as reflected in their handwriting. "The Power of the Pen" best fits under the category of "Something Different", "Communication" and a special form of "Team Building". Elaine will be the hit of your event, whether your theme is Customer Service, Leadership, Team Building, or Sales! Elaine is guaranteed to make you look good—she's the most entertaining, humourous Speaker you'll ever find. After the meeting... Elaine has agreed to do handwriting analysis for all members who wish to participate.

From our Membership Director: (Anne Eadie 905-878-7143; eadies@cogeco.ca)

As always, Prospective New Members Welcome! If you have a friend or neighbour that may be interested in joining our group, please invite them to attend one of our Zoom meetings.

Anne Eadie, Membership Director

From our Fellowship Directors: (Marlene Murphy 905-659-2288;

marlene_murphy@hotmail.com Jim Miller 905-876-3105; jimmiller@rogers.com)

Greeting Cards



If you know of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Director or a member of the management committee. If you or a fellow Probus member is moving out

of the area, please inform us.



Travel

To-date, 36 members have expressed interest in participating in a St Lawrence River cruise (Kingston to Montreal and return). The preferred time is the last week in June and the specific dates for 2022 are June 20-27. <u>https://www.stlawrencecruiselines.com/cruises/heritage-waterway-summer-cruise/</u>

The benefits for us are - staying relatively close to home - no airline flights required - no overseas travel insurance required - no daily packing and unpacking. We plan to add on bus transportation to and from Kingston.

The riverboat only has 20 of the lower priced staterooms on one level and it would be great if Probus could fill them all.

The 2022 prices are not yet confirmed but the same trip in 2021 will be \$3556 pp plus tax (we may get a group rate to offset any price increase for 2022). The bus cost and gratuities are extra. Singles rates are available but there are only 4 single cabins.

For our block booking, the deposit is only \$50 per stateroom with further payments starting 90 days prior to the cruise.

Please let me know ASAP if you are interested in joining us (walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)



Special Events: (Susan Popp 905-876-3241; susulucky66@icloud.com and Henry Popp 905-876-3241; hpopp1891@icloud.com)



We had a most enjoyable Zoom cooking class with Chef Philip. The recipe was Meatballs and sauce. As we cooked along with the Chef we were given useful tips to enhance the flavours as well as ease the cooking process. My husband does not cook but he thoroughly enjoyed making the meatballs. Maybe now I can leave this dish for him to prepare in the future.

Thank you Chef Philip for a fun and delicious cooking experience.



Special Interest Groups

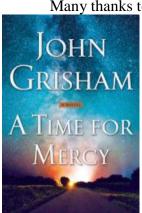
<u>2 Bridge</u> (Kathy Sellers 647-227-7036; <u>kathleensellers@hotmail.com</u>)

We welcome Judy McCrie to our March bridge game with the hopes that Judy will become a regular player. This brings us to three full tables of bridge aficionados. Plus, nobody is gaining weight from bridge snacks! We are always looking for players of any level of ability for an easy-going afternoon of cards and fun.

7 The Hiking Club (Co-Leader Terry Cole 905-845-0171; terryjane@sympatico.ca Leader Marilyn Morita 905-854-5046; george.morita@sympatico.ca)

"Spring has sprung" both figuratively and chronologically. This is most obviously apparent when one walks the dog one meets an increased number of friends and neighbours popping up like groundhogs coming out of hibernation. Lawns a being raked, trees and shrubs are being trimmed and garden waste bag are showing on curbs. The beautiful weather has also been good for PWG's numbers. Since my last writing our hikers have added a total of 772,065 steps. The year since Jan. 1 has been great for the numbers walkers out and about. We have averaged some 28 hikers per week. Thank you to all you intrepid souls for building our step count which now totals 83,917,150.

9 Spinecrackers (Nancy Lynn 905-319-0191; lynn67.personal@gmail.com



Many thanks to Linda for our novel this month, **A Time for Mercy** by John Grisham. As usual, our meeting began with a 'catch up' on how various members were doing and what they may be involved in. We had good news about the vaccine and good reviews from the Hungry Chef participants. It is so nice to be able to continue together on Zoom, thanks to our Probus Executive.

In this story, Jake Brigance (from a previous book, **A Time to Kill**) is called upon to defend a sixteen year old boy of murdering a deputy sheriff in the Southern town of Clanton, USA. We began our discussion with each of our members voting either guilty or not guilty if they had been on the jury described in the book. As can be seen by the rating, Grisham was successful in involving us in the murder and subsequent trial.





10 Grape Expectations Wine Club (Tom & Alice Carey 905-336-6309; carealic@sympatico.ca)

Our Wine Club met once again thanks to Zoom Technology. We got together on March 23rd to celebrate an evening of Wine & Song. The Hosts for the Evening were Anna Marie & Tom Jones, and their Theme was "A Song with Wine in the Title, or about Wine. Does the Song hold any Special Meaning for you? And what



Wine does it make You want to Drink?"

We had 19 Members in attendance and this time the chit chat was not about Vacations but rather about Vaccinations, "Have you had your Jab?" or "I got mine a week or so ago." Tom Jones started the Evening off with a song called "Old Dogs, Children and Watermelon Wine, so with a Glass of Watermelon Cider in hand, he recited the words of the song. There was a "Meiomi Pinot Noir" which went with the song...."Hide the Wine" also a "Gatto Negro" which was paired with a Song called "Black Cat". "The Dreaming

Tree Crush Red Blend" along with Dean Martin's "Little Ole Wine Drinker, Me," Heather was drinking "Canadian Vintage of Canada Dry Club Soda" singing along to "Two More Bottles of Wine". Neil Diamond was very much in evidence with "Crackling Rose" & "Red Red Wine". Thanks to those who provided the Music courtesy of their iPad. Thanks to all who attended.

Everyone enjoyed the Virtual Company, the stories of their choice of Wine and the Music.



11 Suds Sippers Beer Tasting Club (Walter Eadie 905-691-5100; walter.eadie@cogeco.ca)

Since our recent Suds Sippers meeting was held on the eve of St. Patrick's Day and given that Tom Jones was our host, it is no surprise that the theme was 'Everything Irish'.





True to form, most of us showed up wearing green and showing off our Irish beers. NOTE: real Irishmen (and women) and real beer drinkers do NOT drink green beer \Box

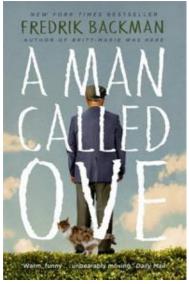
Tom regaled us with Irish jokes and a humorous list of "10 Irish inventions that changed the world". How about flavoured potato chips from Joseph 'Spud' Murphy?

Everyone had been to Ireland at one time or another so we moved on to great stories of Irish vacations and driving on narrow country roads!!

Another great Suds Sippers experience. Please come and join us on April 20th (no experience required!)

12 Bookies (Diane Miller; <u>dianemiller@rogers.com</u>)

The Book we are reading for our next meeting is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Suggested by Bookie Bette Ames.



A Man Called Ove is a novel by Swedish writer Fredrik Backman published by Forum in 2012. The novel was published in English in 2014 and reached the New York Times Best Seller list 18 months after its publication and stayed on the list for 42 weeks.

"You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll feel new sympathy for the curmudgeons in your life." —*People*

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell."

But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time? Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

Fredrik Backman's novel about the angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others. "If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this first novel by a Swedish blogger-turned-overnight-sensation would win hands down" (*Booklist*, starred review).

13 Shutterbugs (905-878-5862; david.g.wentzell@gmail.com)

Thanks to George Morita who shared with our group some of the wonders and mysteries of Photoshop as a digital image editor. Working with photographs submitted by group members, George introduced us to tools and techniques to enhance our images with a view to representing the reality of the moment. Join us on Zoom, April 20 at 2 pm for a meeting where we will share the Signs of Spring that we have captured with our cameras. Shutterbugs of all skill levels are welcome. Contact <u>david.g.wentzell@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom link.



14 Clässical Crüe (905-878-5862; <u>david.g.wentzell@gmail.com</u>)

Sometimes a piece of music becomes so well known, that we think of the composer as a "One Hit Wonder". Our March meeting explored the lesser known music composed by the creators of some of the most well-known tunes we encounter in movies and advertisements. Join us on Zoom, April 14 at 2 pm for Michael Hooker's presentation of "Two great mid-20th Century Sopranos - Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and Victoria de Los Angeles". Contact <u>david.g.wentzell@gmail.com</u> for the Zoom link.

JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH (Send your submission for possible inclusion

in a future newsletter)

A LITTLE LAUGHTER

A travel agent looked up from his desk to see an older lady and an older gentleman peering in the shop window at the posters showing the glamorous destinations around the world. The agent had had a good week and the dejected couple looking in the window gave him a rare feeling of generosity. He called them into his shop and said "I know that on your pension you could never hope to have a holiday, so I am sending you off to a fabulous resort at my expense, and I won't take no for an answer." He took them inside and asked his secretary to write two flight tickets and book a room in a five-star hotel. They, as can be expected, gladly accepted, and were on their way.

About a month later the little lady came in to his shop. "And how did you like your holiday?" he asked eagerly. "The flight was exciting and the room was lovely," she said. "I've come to thank you. But, one thing puzzled me. Who was that old guy I had to share the room with?

Thanks Marlene

A German Shepherd, a Doberman and a cat died.

In heaven, all three faced God, who wanted to know what they believed in.

The German Sheperd said,"I believe in discipline, training and loyalty to my master."

"Good" said God. "sit at my right side."

"Doberman, what do you belive in?" asked God. The Doberman answered, "I believe in the love, care and protection of my master."

"Aha said God "You may sit on my left."

Then God looked at the cat and asked, "And what do you believe in?"

The cat replied, "I believe you are sitting in my seat."



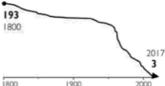




16 BAD THINGS DECREASING

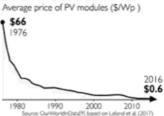
LEGAL SLAVERY

Countries where forced labor is legal or practiced by the state (out of 195)



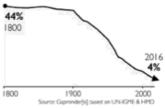
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EXPENSIVE SOLAR PANELS



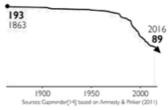
CHILDREN DYING

Percent dying before their fifth birthday



DEATH PENALTY

Countries with death penalty (of 195)

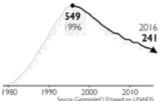


OIL SPILLS 1,000 tonnes oil spilled from tanker ships 636 1979 2016 6

1980 2000 Source

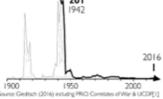
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HIV INFECTIONS New HIV infections per million people

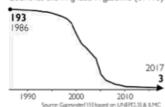


BATTLE DEATHS

Battle deaths per 100,000 people

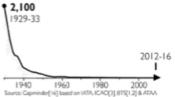


LEADED GASOLINE Countries allowing lead in gasoline (of 195)

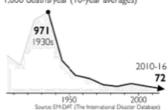


PLANE CRASH DEATHS

Deaths per 10 billion passenger miles (5-year averages)



DEATHS FROM DISASTER 1,000 deaths/year (10-year averages)



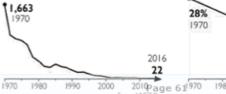
SMALLPOX

Countries with smallpox cases (of 195)



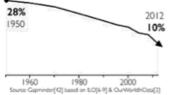
OZONE DEPLETION

1,000 tonnes ozone-depleting substances used

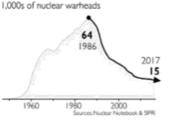


CHILD LABOR

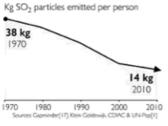
Share of children aged 5-14 who work full time under bad conditions



NUCLEAR ARMS

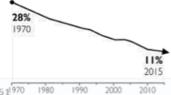


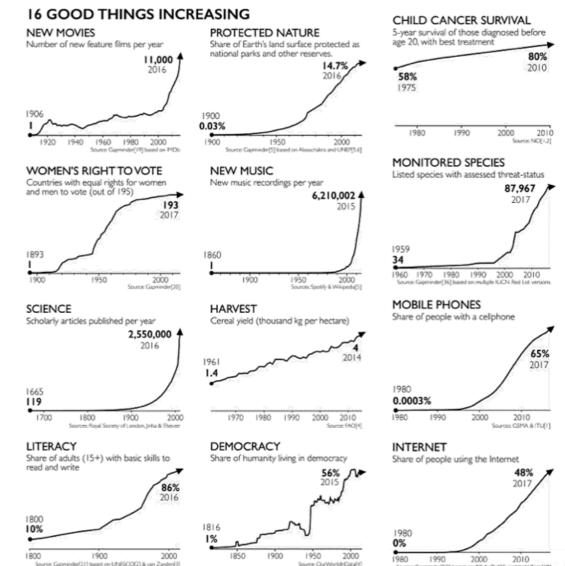
SMOKE PARTICLES



HUNGER

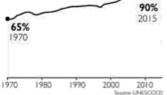
Share of people undernourished





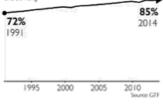
GIRLS IN SCHOOL

Share of girls of primary school age enrolled



ELECTRICITY COVERAGE

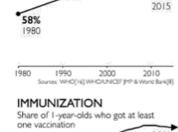
Share of people with some access to electricity



WATER

Share of people with water from protected source

88%





Management Committee: 2020/21

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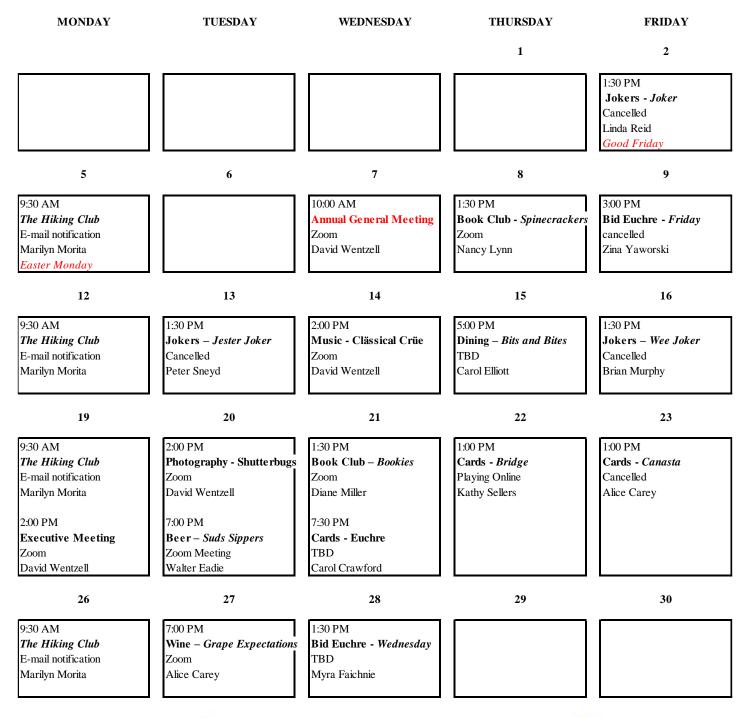
Club Activity Schedule

Club	Date/Time	Convenor	Telephone	Email
Board Games – Jokers - Joker	1st Fri 1:30 pm	Linda Reid	905-878-7717	dlreid@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers - Jester Joker	2nd Tues 1:30 pm	Peter Sneyd	905-693-1708	psneyd@sympatico.ca
Board Games – Jokers – Wee Joker	3rd Fri 1:30 pm	Brian Murphy	905-659-2288	b_e_murphy@hotmail.com
Book Club - Spinecrackers	2nd Thurs 1:30 pm	Nancy Lynn	905-319-0191	lynn67.personal@gmail.com
Book Club – Bookies	3^{rd} Wed – 1:30 pm	Diane Miller		dianemiller@rogers.com
Classical Music	2^{nd} Wed. $-2:00$ pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - Friday	2nd Fri. – 3:00 pm	Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Cards - Bid Euchre - Wednesday	4th Wed 1:30 pm	Myra Faichnie	905-878-6615	billmyra@sympatico.ca
Cards - Bridge	4th Thurs 1:00 pm	Kathy Sellers	647-227-7036	kathleensellers@hotmail.com
Cards - Canasta	4th Fri 1:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
Cards - Euchre	3rd Wed 7:30 pm	Carol Crawford	519-836-1985	dcraw4d@sympatico.ca
Dining – Bits and Bites	3rd Thurs 5:00 pm	Carol Elliott	905-875-3980	celliott7@cogeco.ca
Photography	3^{rd} Tues. – 2:00 pm	David Wentzell	905-878-5862	david.g.wentzell@gmail.com
Probus Info Network - PIN Online	only - no meetings	Bill Turnbull	905-878-9573	turnbullwt@yahoo.com
Tastings – Beer – Suds Sippers	3rd Tues 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - Grape Expectation	s 4th Tues 7:00 pm	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca
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Walkers – The Hiking Club

Every Mon. - 9:30 am Marilyn Morita

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MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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9:30 AM <i>The Hiking Club</i> E-mail notification Marilyn Morita		10:00 AM General Meeting Zoom David Wentzell		1:30 PM Jokers - Joker Cancelled Linda Reid
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17	18	19	20	21
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10:30 AM *The Hiking Club* E-mail notification Marilyn Morita



Queen Victoria was was a reigning monarch for 63 years, seven months and two days.



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