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Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 5th, 2021 @ 10:00 a.m. (via Zoom)

Presidents Message: (Shirley Mathews 905-636-8680 mathews@sympatico.ca)



"The spring has sprung, the grass has riz", and now it's covered in snow. As I write this, I look out of my study window and all I see is a sea of white. I think Mother Nature is playing tricks on us.

What with inclement weather and the challenges of living through the second year of COVID, it is more important than ever to stay connected to our Probus family, even though it is done remotely.

We are learning to be more creative in how we spend our free time. I came across the following, which I found interesting and fun. I hope you do too.

A little English lesson: Homographs are words that are spelt the same but with different meanings.

Heteronyms are words that have the same spelling but have different meanings and pronunciation.

e.g. The bandage was "wound" around the "wound".

The farm was used to "produce" "produce".

The dump was so full that it had to "refuse" more "refuse".

We must "polish" the "Polish" furniture.





From the Secretary: (Susan Popp 905-876-3241 susulucky66@icloud.com)

This is my first month in the role of Secretary. I have taken over the role from Walter Eadie.....a tough act to follow.

Bob Streeter our Property Director attended the Hybrid Meeting hosted by Probus Canada on Zoom on how to run a Zoom meeting in the sports centre when we eventually return to meeting in person. There are many challenges that need to be ironed out before we get to that stage.

David Wentzell and Brian Murphy have been working on the digital Membership Directory to be emailed out. For those who don't have email, theirs will be mailed out.

There were no summer General Meetings last July and August 2020. It was agreed by the Management Committee that there will be no General Meeting this year for those months this year.

From Our Program Directors: Carol Streeter 343-996-7519

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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.

June Speaker

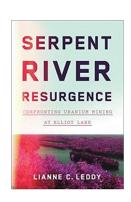
Lianne Leddy is an associate professor of Indigenous Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University and a member of Serpent River First Nation.



You can learn about Indigenous Women, Storytelling, and Activism.

Dr. Lianne Leddy will discuss what Indigenous women's voices teach us about our unique histories.

"Lianne will share some of what she has learned from interviewing Elders, providing examples about the 'Indian Homemaker's Club' from the 1950s to demonstrate the power of Indigenous women's activism in our communities,"



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

Prospective New Members Welcome!

Anne Eadie, Membership Director

From our Fellowship Directors: (Jim Miller 905-854-2313; jimmiller@rogers.com) (Patricia McIntyre 905-876-4040; pat.mcintyre@sympatico.ca)

Greeting Cards



Dear Probus Members:

If you are aware of a member who is ill, hospitalized or lost a loved one, please advise the Fellowship Team or a member of the Management Committee.

Jim Miller......905 854 2313 or <u>jimmiller@rogers.com</u> Pat McIntyre....905 876 4040 or <u>pat.mcintyre@simpatico.ca</u>

Thank you.

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

Scavenger Hunt

Please join us on May 6, 2021 at 7:00pm (6:45pm for socializing) for a Scavenger Hunt. For this event we will need participants to let us know that they will be attending by the end of the day May 4th. Once we know who wishes to attend, we will send out a Zoom-link.

Approximately an hour or so prior to the actual event, we will send an e-mail to all who have responded and intend to participate, with a list of things you need to find or have on hand to participate in the scavenger hunt. Please keep in mind, you can get as bizarre as you like, eg. if we ask for a "fork" you don't have to show an eating utensil! Get creative! This way we will have lots of laughs as we show each other what we have found.

As always, if you don't want to participate, you are very welcome to join in the craziness and sit back and watch, but please let us know for this event.

We look forward to seeing all of you!

Please RSVP Henry Popp 19hooper38@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

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

Hello Bridge players: I am starting to feel sorry for David Hunt, our newsletter editor, who asks me faithfully every month for a bridge report. However, there is not much to say other than we played on Zoom and had fun. So, I will try something different and do a quick profile of our bridge players each month which, I hope, our members may find interesting. I will call it "Meet the Bridge Group" or something similar.

The questions will be:

- 1. How long have you played bridge?
- 2. Where/how did you learn to play?
- 3. what is your favourite bridge story?

BRIDGE - MEET THE PLAYERS

Over the next months we will be presenting profiles of our Probus bridge players. This month, we introduce our Past-President, David Wentzell.

How long have you been playing bridge? I was introduced to the game in the late 70's but have been playing seriously for about seven years. Since my retirement, I have been playing more regularly.

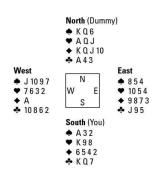
Where did you learn to play? Three friends and I taught ourselves to play bridge while we were in law school. One knew a little bit about the game. I began because I had the pretentious thought that bridge was more cerebral and required more skill than other card games. I am not sure that it made any of us more cerebral but it was a good excuse for beer and snacks.

What is your best bridge story? Our university foursome always played men against the women and the men would often "stink bid" just to make our spouses angry. One of the women would say, "Let's double them, shall we?" and the other one would always answer, "Yes, let's shall." More often than not, their doubling was more effective than our stink bidding.

I will be calling one of you next month to ask you these questions so I can submit something for the next newsletter.

Looking forward to hearing your stories!! Kathy





5 Friday Bid Euchre (Joe & Zina Yaworski 905-878-3959; joe_zina@hotmail.com)

Our Friday Bid Euchre group continues to zoom every second Friday. We catchup on what people are doing, play some Trivia, and sometimes Family Feud.

Anne Taylor hosted the Trivia for March. She had a wonderful assortment of questions. It was interesting how some of the "easy" questions were not so "easy".

Caroll and John Williams hosted the Trivia for April. Their questions were multiple choice but that proved not to be too helpful. The questions were very unique such as:

What is a group of unicorns called?

Who invented the word"vomit"?

Our next zoom gathering will be on May 14th at 3pm, hosted by Joe and Zina Yaworski.

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

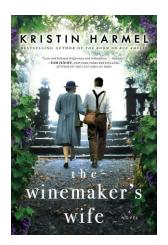
So much for spring having sprung. I believe that Mother Nature has sprung a joke on us. As I am writing this I am viewing a fresh fall of snow on the Ernest Drury school playing field. "Ugh!!!" The weather prior to this has been somewhat mixed with sun and warmth one week to wet and dreary the next. But this is too much for anyone like me that is longing for the warmth of spring. Hopefully, most of us have had at least one dose of a covid vaccine so that we can say like our politicians that we are rounding the corner on this thing.

Now on to happier information. This month we have amassed another 713,253 steps (with a week to go in April) from an average number of participants of 30.25. I am not sure where the quarter person comes from, perhaps from someone with a partial split personality. This brings us to a combined total of 84,603,403 steps.

Until next month, all stay safe in the hopes of group hikes together soon.



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



As is usual for our group, the meeting began with a 'catchup of news', from vaccinations to congratulations and a thank you to our old and new Probus Committee volunteers. Our book this month was The Winemaker's Wife by Kristin Harmel. And NATURALLY -most of us enjoyed a glass of wine as we shared ideas! The author ties an eccentric elderly grandmother with a granddaughter to tell a story of events amid the champagne vineyards of northern France during World War II.





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

The Suds Sippers met by Zoom again for their monthly meeting in April. Shirley and Ray Mathews were our 'hosts' and selected a forward-looking theme to cheer us up in these dark times – share a beer that reminds you of good times in the summer.

This brought out a wide variety of memories and an equally broad selection of beers. We talked about pubs in Dublin, canoeing in Halton, summer in Prague, climbing Kilimanjaro, and youthful bush parties with beer. The beer memories ranged from Kilimanjaro (the one to celebrate with after a successful summit) to good old Labatt Blue – with genuine Dublin Guinness, Czech beer and Helles Lager in between. Like most Probus groups, we spend more time talking than anything else and we'd love to have you join us some month. Next meeting is May 18th.











12 Bookies (Diane Miller; dianemiller@rogers.com)

The Bookies had a very enjoyable meeting. We discussed and reviewed "The Outlander" by Gil Adamson. Some thought the book was depressing, others thought it was a book showing how we can move through tough times. Some didn't have an opportunity to read it.

Our meeting involved talking about far off lands, Covid vaccines, and looking forward to vacationing in our own country or Portugal, anywhere other than the USA.

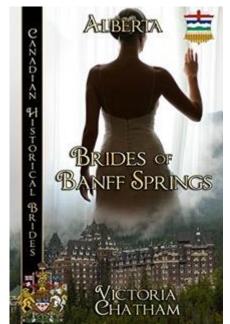
The Bookies met on Wednesday, April 21 to discuss the book "A Man Called Ove" written by Fredrik Backman published in 2012. The Bookies give it an all thumbs up! It is a delightful book brimming with compassion, understanding and comedy.

The Swedish comedy-drama **film** based on the book was released to cinemas in Sweden, December 2015. The **film** was written and directed by Hannes Holm.

Tom Hanks will be producing and starring in a North American movie version of the book scheduled to be released in 2022... that's how good it is.

The Bookies also enjoyed discussing where to buy a bike, home improvements, Covid vaccines, the lockdown repercussions and how things could be better handled ... if only.

The next book on our agenda is titled ""Brides of Banff Springs" by Victoria Chatham



In the Dirty Thirties jobs were hard to come by. Having lost her father and her home in southern Alberta, Tilly McCormack is thrilled when her application for a position as a chambermaid at the prestigious Banff Springs Hotel, one of Canada's great railway hotels, is accepted.

In celebration of Canada's 150th Birthday, Books We Love, with the support of the Government of Canada, is publishing a series of novels set in each of the Canadian Provinces and Territories. Each book features a historical event or location as well as the story of a bride and groom, representative of the men and women who came to Canada in search of a new life and new freedoms. These books combine fact and fiction to show how these brides and grooms, all from diverse backgrounds, joined in marriage to create new lives and build a great country.

Most books can be borrowed through Milton Public Library at www.mpl.on.ca, or you can download an audiobook or ebook to read on your iPad, Kobo, or other device through the libraries free Hoopla app at

www.hoopladigital.com.

For reading fun and frivolity please feel free to contact me Diane Miller by phone 905-854-2313 or <u>email dianemiller@rogers.com</u>. I look forward to hearing from you... the more the merrier.

Our next Zoom meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 19 from 1:30 - 2:30 pm.

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

At our April meeting we enjoyed sharing our efforts at capturing Signs of Spring through the camera. As luck would have it, our meeting was just hours before the arrival of the last snow of the year. The photos that follow show the many indications of the new season experienced by the eight Shutterbugs in attendance. For our May session we are planning an exploration of the impact of colour composition in photographs. Join us May 18 at 2 p.m.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83604462228?pwd=SXIZeng0allpdDFtcXQxaTNkNFlQdz09



Marlene Murphy captured this pair of Canada Geese on an outcropping at Rattlesnake Point.



Alice Carey found Spring beauty amid the manmade clutter of the city.



With Summer days ahead, the early shoots on this clematis promise beautiful blooms. Photo by Tom Carey.



Nothing says Spring like a profusion of golden forsythia. Photo by Nancy Lynn.



Taken on Pelee Island, Diane Miller's photograph reflects the patience and anticipation that accompanies the change of seasons.



What a "Saucy Fellow" is the first Robin of Spring. Photo by David Wentzell.



George Morita captures the longing for the great outdoors that must be felt by this geranium after a long winter inside. [George shared with us his PhotoShop secrets behind this great image.]



The song of spring can be heard in an arrangement of daffodils on a sunny morning. Photo by Kathy Sellers using an iPhone camera. Anyone with a love of photography can be a Shutterbug. Join us, won't you?

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

At our April meeting, Michael Hooker introduced us to the artistry of two of the great sopranos of the 1950's. We heard the incomparable voices of Elizabeth Schwarzkopf and Victoria de los Angeles in selections that ranged from the German operettas of Lehar to the art songs of Schubert, Faure, Granados and Turina. You are invited to join us in May for "Three, Two, One...A Chamber Classical Countdown", featuring small ensemble and solo performances of instrumental music. No blaring brass, crashing cymbals or dynamic drums, just music that is easy to listen to.







Victoria de los Angeles

We always welcome new listeners.

Please join us Wednesday, May 12 at 2 pm with the link below. Or contact david.g.wentzell@gmail.com for more information.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89921460253?pwd=aHISOHJHTTAyaEoreHdmSkxnNmEydz09

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JOKES AND WISE WORDS OF THE MONTH

(Send your submission for possible inclusion in a future newsletter)



I MAY LOOK LIKE I'M
HAVING DEEP
THOUGHTS BUT
99% OF THE
TIME I'M THINKING
ABOUT WHAT I'M
GOING TO EAT LATER





Glaciers creep their way across vast regions, spreading their hefty mass of hundreds of years of compacted snow and ice all swaths of land standing in their way. Some glaciers appear dusty and rocky and others radiate such a brilliant aquamarine color, it looks as if they're lighted from within by an intense halogen bulb.

All expedition travelers should see a glacier in their lifetimes. Here are 10 interesting facts about glaciers:

- 10. Approximately 10 percent of the Earth is covered by glaciers; during the last Ice Age, they covered one-third of the Earth's surface.
- 9. Glacier ice is the largest reservoir of fresh water on the planet, storing an estimated 75 percent of the world's supply.
- 8. Glaciers are found in 47 countries.

- 7. A glacier can range in length from the equivalent of a football field to more than 100 miles.
- 6. The <u>Antarctic</u> ice sheet is actually a glacier and has existed for at least 40 million years. If it were to melt in its entirety, sea levels would rise 210 feet worldwide, according to the U.S. Geological Service.
- 5. Though it sits on the equator, Mount Kilimanjaro is glaciated.
- 4. On steep slopes, a glacier can be as thin as 50 feet.
- 3. Mountain valleys are typically "V" shaped before being taken oven by a glacier; during glaciation, the valley widens and deepens and thus becomes "U" shaped.
- 2. A single glacier ice crystal can grow to be as large as a baseball.
- 1. Alaska is estimated to have more than 100,000 glaciers. Most remain unnamed.

Elissa Leibowitz Poma, WWF Travel Manager (from 2009, I wonder about the volume today)

Mother Nature and a Higher power have a message for us:

The earth whispered but you did not hear.

The earth spoke but you did not listen.

The earth screamed but you turned her off.

And so I was born...

I was not born to punish you.

I was born to awaken you.

The earth cried out for help...

Massive flooding. But you didn't listen.

Burning fires. But you didn't listen.

Strong hurricanes. But you didn't listen.

Terrifying tornadoes. But you didn't listen.

You still don't listen to the earth when

ocean animals are dying due to pollutants in the waters.

Glaciers melting at an alarming rate.

Severe drought.

You didn't listen to how much negativity the earth is receiving.

Non-stop wars.

Non-stop greed.

You just kept going on with your life.

No matter how much hate there was.

No matter how many killings daily.

It was more important to get that latest iPhone than worry about what the was earth trying to tell you.

But now I am here.

And I've made the world stop in its tracks.

I've made YOU finally listen.

I've made you take refuge.

I've made you stop thinking about materialistic things.

Now you are like the earth...

You are only worried about YOUR survival.

How does that feel?

I give you fever, as the fires burn on earth.

I give you respiratory issues, as pollution filled the earth's air.

I give you weakness as the earth weakens every day.

I took away your comforts...

Your outings.

The things you would use to forget about the planet and its pain.

And I made the world stop...

And now...

China has better air quality. Skies are clear blue because factories are not spewing pollution into the earth's air.

The water in Venice is clean because the gondola boats that pollute the water are not being used.

YOU are having to take time to reflect on what is important in your life.

Again I am not here to punish you. I am here to Awaken you.

When all this is over and I am gone... Please remember these moments.

Listen to the earth.

Listen to your soul.

Stop polluting the earth.

Stop fighting amongst each other.

Stop caring about materialistic things.

And start loving your neighbors.

Start caring about the earth and all its creatures.

Start believing in a Creator.

Because next time I may come back even stronger.

Signed,

Coronavirus...

An old Newf is stopped by the police around 2 a.m. and asked where he's going at this time of night.

The Newf says, "I'm on my way to a lecture about alcohol abuse and the effects it has on the human body, as well smoking and staying out late."

The officer than asks, "Really, who is giving this lecture at this time of night?"

The Newf says, "that would be da wife."

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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
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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
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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
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Tastings – Beer – Suds Sippers	3rd Tues 7:00 pm	Walter Eadie	905-691-5100	walter.eadie@cogeco.ca
Tastings – Wine - Grape Expectations	Alice Carey	905-336-6309	carealic@sympatico.ca	
Travel – Event Coordinator		Zina Yaworski	905-878-3959	joe_zina@hotmail.com
Walkers – The Hiking Club	Every Mon 9:30 am	Marilyn Morita	905-854-5046	george.morita@sympatico.ca