



March 2021 Newsletter

PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday March 10, 2021

Zoom Meeting No 11



Our March speaker was Baden Smith (Percy's son) who is Director of Information Security for Save On Foods. Baden presented a Power Point presentation regarding internet security and advice on how to avoid being defrauded. The presentation can be viewed on the website on the Recordings page in the Members only section. [Link to recording](#)



Our April speaker is Mark Bulgutch co-author with Peter Mansbridge of a new book titled "Extraordinary Canadians" He is an outstanding CBC producer who has been responsible for major broadcasts for many years including eight Olympics and major events.



Our speaker in May is retired RCMP Staff/Sgt/Major John Buis who spent 45 years on the Force. John was badly injured when shot in the leg during a routine stop of a car on Kingsway in Burnaby in 1979. John still suffers from the physical and mental ramifications of being shot and used as a barricade by the gunman. John has endured numerous surgeries on his leg and says he has had lasting psychological trauma. John also served with UN peacekeeping mission in the former Yugoslavia but had to evacuate on short notice because of death threats. John tells his remarkable story of stress and trauma and the wonderful treatment he has received.



Our June speaker is Nadine Sands an author of 2 books - Hold On, Let Go: Facing ALS With Courage and Hope & High & Wide: When Grief and Love Collide. Nadine's husband died of ALS. A man who read her book had also lost his partner, his wife. He was so moved by Nadine's book that they met and eventually married.

Management Committee and Activities

Management Committee

Serving on the PROBUS executive committee was a great experience - working with a group of friendly guys who would like to see the club continue in a sound manner. The group was dedicated and had good ideas. For those newer to the club, this is a wonderful way to get to know the members better and to make good connections in the group. I can't say enough about how it helped me in my

second year with the club. I encourage all members to take a little time and help PROBUS by volunteering to be part of the executive. We all travel, etc and find lots of excuses not to, but the truth is once you become involved, there is real satisfactions and rewards from interacting with these wonderful guys. Go for it!!!

Thanks Ross Leeder

Walking Group

The walking group has had successful walks and will continue in the spring. Cheers
– Stay Safe – Walk Solo, 🚶

Al Zemrau

Probus Walking Group Coordinator

Contact Al Zemrau at azemrau@shaw.ca to be added to the Group Distribution list. Please note that due to provincial health regulations all activities in this group maybe suspended for a period.

Investment Group

The Investment Discussion Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is scheduled for March 16th at 10:00am.

During COVID we meet via Zoom. If you wish to participate please contact me so I can have your name added to list. Once on the list you will be sent a link for each meeting & notices for any other notifications.

At this time we have evolved into having some company stock suggested by members. We are then asked to research each & come to the meeting with a recommendation as to whether we would want it in our portfolio. When this is finished we open the meeting to general discussion by those attending.

It has been suggested that, in future, we come to the meeting with a Buy, Hold, or Sell recommendation for the stocks we discuss."

The group is running again so please contact Gerry Burns at g-burns@telus.net if you want to receive an invite to the virtual meeting.

Book Club Group

Members only -- This Group meets every second Tuesday at 10 am via Zoom.

Please see the Activities Calendar for the next meeting. We will be discussing primarily non-fiction but fiction will be considered. The dates of the meetings will be communicated to group members by the Coordinator. All members welcome.

Please contact Bill Jones at bjones17@shaw.ca

Snowshoe Group

Al Zemrau

Snow Shoe Group Coordinator

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Probus Zoom Coffee Hour

Wednesday's 10 AM

We think we have a format which allows for a pleasant hour.

Format:

10:00 A.M. we say hello and then Bill Carlson pushes a button and we end up in groups of three for 15 minutes.

We returned to the large group and exchange any good ideas for a few moments.

Bill then sends us back to small groups for 15 minutes.

Back to large group for five or 10 minutes discussion and wrap up.

Everyone welcome.

This next group of Evening Coffee Hour meetings will include 3 meetings a week on Tuesday Thursday and Saturday only beginning Thursday Mar 11.

There will be no meetings on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday.

Member News

Thank you to our retirees that have served on the management committee.

FRANK PALMER
STEVE BANHAM
BART HILDEBRAND
ROSS LEEDER

Interest of the Month

WHO'S THAT MAN BILL CARLSON(YOUR I.T. GUY)

I was born in 1948 in Oliver BC and raised in Victoria. Family history includes a great-great grandfather who arrived in BC in the 1860's and a great grandfather who worked a claim on Bonanza Creek, Yukon 1898-1903 where my maternal Grandmother was born in 1901. All four of my grandparents had roots in different Countries. My father worked installing engines in ships (warships, then BC Ferries) and my mother was a Nurse. I have 1 younger brother.

In the summers I worked with the BC Parks Branch building trails during High School and the Forest Service while attending UVIC. Played Basketball at UVIC and earned a BSc in 1970.

I accepted a job with BC TEL in Victoria 2 weeks after graduation and did 2 years learning the business as a Management Trainee (otherwise referred to as the Division Manager's gofer, it was actually the most fun working I ever had). After transferring to Vancouver to do a real job, I met my wife Dianne (School Librarian) and we were married in 1975. I worked for BC TEL/Telus in Operator Service, Network Surveillance, Network Service Computer Center, Customer Service and Call Center Support. My Job title at retirement was Director, Performance Management, where it was my responsibility to make sure nothing went wrong in

the Call Centers and everybody did what they were paid to do. Impossible so I retired at 55 with 33 years of service.

Dianne and I have traveled a lot during our working lives as well as in retirement, doing numerous Home Exchanges (UK, Europe, Canada), Cruises, RV trips, car tours and many trips to Hawaii.

Thanks to Vince for introducing me to Probus 3 years ago, it has been great.

Our man next month - [AL DAHL](#)

Smiles and Chuckles

When Forrest Gump died, he stood in front of St. Peter at the Pearly Gates. St. Peter said, "Welcome Forest we've heard a lot about you" He continued, "Unfortunately, it's getting pretty crowded up here and we find that we now have to give people an entrance examination before we let them in."

"Okay" said Forest. I hope it's not too hard. I've already been through a test. My momma used to say" Life is like a final exam. It's hard.

"Yes Forest I know. But this test is only three questions. Here they are."

- 1) Which two days of the week begin with the letter T ?
- 2) How many seconds are in a year?
- 3) What is God's first name?

"Well sir," said Forest, "the first one is easy. Which two days of the week begin with the letter T? Today and Tomorrow.

St. Peter looked surprised and said, "Well, that wasn't the answer I was looking for, but you have point. I will give you credit for that one.

"The next question" said Forest, "How many seconds in a year? Twelve Twelve?" said St. Peter, surprised and confused. "Yes sir. January second, February second, March second." St. Peter interrupted him. "I see what you mean. I'll have to give you credit for that one, too.

"And the last question," said Forest. "What is God' first name? It's Andy."

"Andy?" said St. Peter, in shock. How did you come up with Andy".

I learned it in church. We used to sing about it" Forest broke into song "Andy walks with me, Andy he talks with me, Andy he tells me I am His own.

St. Peter opened the gate to heaven and said, "Run Forest, Run.



Do you see the arrow between the "E" and "x" (in white)?
I had never noticed it before.



The 2nd and 3rd "T's" are two people sharing (or fighting over) a tortilla and a bowl of salsa.



The world's most famous bike race. The "R" in "Tour" is a cyclist.
The yellow circle is the front wheel of a bicycle, the "O" is the back wheel.



The arrow means Amazon has everything from A to Z



See the " 31" embedded in the " BR"? Thirty-one-derful flavors!



See the gorilla and lioness (in white) facing each other? AWESOME ~ LOVED this one!



The smiley half face is also a 'g'.
Just think, people get paid hundreds of thousands of dollars to dream this up!

TEN (10) THINGS I KNOW ABOUT YOU

- 1) You are reading this.
- 2) You are human.
- 3) You can't say the letter "P" without separating your lips.
- 4) You just attempted to do it.
- 6) You are laughing at yourself.
- 7) You have a smile on your face and you skipped No. 5.
- 8) You just checked to see if there is a No. 5.
- 9) You laugh at this because you are a fun-loving person & everyone does it too.
- 10) You are probably going to send this to see who else falls for it.

You have received this because I didn't want to be alone in the advanced age category.

Have a great Day.

Laugh, and then Laugh and Sing " It's a Beautiful Morning" even when it's not.

"Do not regret growing older. It is a privilege denied to many."



Reading gives us
somewhere to go
when we have to
stay where we are

Mason Cooley



My grandma talking to my mom about
her new hearing aid, "it's the most
expensive one you can buy, it cost me
\$4,000"

My mom: "What kind is it"

My grandma: "it's 4:15pm"

**Apparently you
can't use
'beefstew' as a
password.**

It's not stroganoff.

**Redneck Mini Blinds, no need
to clean or dust em . Just tear
off and toss away.**



This little guy told his Dad that he wanted to learn how to train his dog and his Dad said there were lots of dog training videos on YouTube. So here he is, showing them to the dog!



Stick a Turkey leg in a sneaker and let your dog patrol your yard.



Wife: I have a bag full of used clothing I'd like to donate.

Husband: Why not just throw it in the trash? That's much easier.

Wife: But there are poor starving people who can really use all these clothes.

Husband: Honey, anyone who fits into your clothing is not starving.

Husband is recovering from a head injury now



Let me get this straight: you've eaten bologna your entire life, but you'll refuse a vaccine because you don't know what's in it.