



## MAY 2021 Newsletter

### PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday May 12, 2021

#### Zoom Meeting No 13



Probus Club Guest Speaker Linda Annis – Executive Director Metro Vancouver Crimestoppers

Guest speaker Linda Annis, representing Metro Vancouver Crimestoppers said her organization is just one of a hundred in Canada and 1800 Crimestoppers groups in 32 countries. Linda said her own Metro Vancouver group has had over 100,000 tips from the public, resulting in 8,200 arrests and the recovery of half a billion dollars in property and drugs.

Linda said Crimestoppers succeeds through partnership – a three way connection involving police, community and media. Crimestoppers guarantees anonymity. It does not take the names of callers and does not trace calls. Callers are given a code. Crimestoppers pays callers for information leading to arrests and convictions and occasionally for information that may lead to a big drug bust.

One of our members asked Linda for comment on recent gang murders. Linda replied they may not stop soon but providing information through Crimestoppers is an ideal way to help police because you remain anonymous. She added, "Who wants to rat on a gang member if you are concerned about your own safety or the safety of your family?" She added: "If you see something, say something."

Crimestoppers phone number: 1-800-222-8477. Online at Crimestoppers or Solvecrime.ca.



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.



Our speaker in July 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.

# Management Committee and Activities

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### 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](mailto: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.

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### Investment Group

**Regular Meetings:** Third Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. Currently we meet exclusively on Zoom . When Covid protocols relax we will meet in person over coffee and donuts. The IDG was created for Probus members only to meet and discuss, learn, and share investment ideas. This year we created and are managing a hypothetical RRIF portfolio.

#### **PROBUS Investment Discussion Group Agenda    May, 18, 2021**

10:00	Welcome & Opening Comments	Gerry Burns
10:05	Market Overview	Al Zemrau
10:10	Review/Update                  RIF Portfolio	Al Zemrau
	Watch your emails for details	
10:25	Review/Update    TFSA Growth/Aggressive Portfolio	Gerry Burns
	Watch your emails for details	
10:40	Open Comments and Discussion	Gerry Burns
10:55	Wrap Up	Gerry Burns

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

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## Book Club Group

6 of us meet every second Tuesday. Once a month we discuss a book and once a month each of us pick the topic for discussion. Here is our schedule until the end of July. Everyone's Welcome. Contact Bill Jones at [bjones17@shaw.ca](mailto:bjones17@shaw.ca) for Zoom Invitation.

- May 25 Book Discussion – Caste by Isabel Wilkinson (Dave)
- June 08 General Discussion – Henry
- June 22 Book Discussion – Humankind by Rutger Bregman (Bill)
- July 06 General Discussion – Brian
- July 20 Book Discussion – Black Swan– Henry by Nassim Nicholas Taleb, 2007 (Henry)

On Zoom every second Tuesday at 10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

We will be taking a break for the month of August.

We will resume in September probably on zoom.

Everyone Welcome.

### **Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour:**

On zoom at 10 a.m. – 11:00 three sessions a month.

15 to 18 people are attending for short visits in groups of three.

Everyone Welcome

### **Monday Evening Chat:**

On Zoom 7 p.m. – 8 p.m.

On average five or six out of 10 meet for those who are unable to meet during the day.

Conversation varies.

Everyone Welcome

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## **Snowshoe Group SEE YOU NEXT FALL**

Al Zemrau

Snow Shoe Group Coordinator

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## **Golf Group**

Probus Golf Group activities got underway for 2021 in April. We will play on the 4th Thursday of each month. Those interested in having libations and/or food service after golf will be able to do so. Outings during the following months will take place at Nico Wynd and other potential locations such as Surrey Golf Course, Morgan Creek, Country Meadows and Poppy Estates. Planning is currently underway. if you wish to join contact Frank Palmer [frank@fgpalmer.com](mailto:frank@fgpalmer.com) , via text message at [\(604\) 612-2114](tel:6046122114) or phone [\(604\) 535-8300](tel:6045358300).

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## **Member News**

Does anyone know of a member who couldn't get into his car after a golf game and had to call BCAA only to find out he had the wrong car. Sorry no prize awarded.

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## **Interest of the Month**

### **WHO'S THAT MAN** **JAMIE FEAR**

I was born in 1950 in Gainsborough, Lincolnshire, England. After attending Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School I joined the National Westminster Bank in 1967.

During my time with the bank I worked in the Gainsborough, Lincoln and the Trafalgar Square branches. As the young guy in the branch, I was also tasked with looking after the computing side of things and decided that's where my interest lay. I received a Diploma in Computer Programming in 1970 and left the bank shortly after.

My other great love was playing the guitar and singing and I decided to give that a try before getting back to a real job. I spent several years touring Europe with my musical partner in Spain, Austria and Germany, where I met my wife while playing in a discotheque in Darmstadt.

In 1973 Helga and I moved to Australia and spent 2 years living in Canberra where I also continued to make music as well as work in a regular job.

In 1975, we moved to Germany and I started work in the computer department of the First National Bank of Boston in Frankfurt. I was promoted to Systems Officer for the bank and oversaw the bank's computer systems in Germany until we decided to move to Canada in 1982. My wife's family had already moved to Canada and we had spent several vacations there before deciding to move.

We also had our two children, a boy and a girl, while living in Germany.

After arriving in Canada I found that IT jobs with banks in Vancouver were scarce, so I took a position as a programmer with Rivtow Straits. In 1983 we bought our first house in Canada in North Delta. I became Rivtow's Senior Systems Analyst and worked for Rivtow until 1988 when I began working for Lignum Forest Products as Information Services Manager and later VP of Information Services. In 2004, Lignum was purchased by Riverside Forest Products, headquartered in Kelowna and I was asked to move to Kelowna and take over IT for the merged company.

In 2005, Riverside was purchased by Tolko and I was on the move again. I finished my career with Tolko, living in Kelowna but working in Vernon as their Manager of Business Solutions.

I retired in 2009 and my wife and I decided to move back to the Lower Mainland to be closer to our kids and 4 grandkids. We are very happy living in White Rock close to the ocean and to our family. I continue to make music both as a solo performer and with a four-piece band playing oldies but goldies.

Our man next month -

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## Smiles and Chuckles

Ever walk into a room with some purpose in mind, only to completely forget what the purpose was? Turns out, doors themselves are to blame for these strange memory lapses.

Psychologists at the University of Notre Dame have discovered that passing through a doorway triggers what's known as an event boundary in the mind, separating one set of thoughts and memories from the next.

Your brain files away the thoughts you had in the previous room and prepares a blank slate for the new locale.

It's not aging, it's the door. Now tell your partner. Who won't believe you.

## The Shredder

A new Probus member was leaving the office and saw the premier standing in front of a shredder with a piece of paper in his hand. This is very important document and there is nobody left to help me make this thing work. Can you help me. Certainly said the new member who turned on the machine and inserted the paper and pressed the start button. Excellent said the premier as the document disappeared inside the machine. I only needed one copy.

Never, never assume that a politician knows what they are doing. Want evidence COVID 19.

## Quiz

*Guess which of the following are true and which are false?*

*(Answers are below.)*

1. Apples, not caffeine, are more efficient at waking you up in the morning.
2. Alfred Hitchcock did not have a belly button.
3. A pack-a-day smoker will lose approximately 2 teeth every 10 years..
4. People do not get sick from cold weather; it's from being indoors a lot more.
5. When you sneeze, all bodily functions stop, even your heart!

6. Only 7% of the population are lefties.
7. 40-people are sent to the hospital for dog bites every minute.
8. Babies are born without kneecaps. They don't appear until they are 2-6 years old.
9. The average person over 50 will have spent 5 years queuing.
10. The toothbrush was invented in 1498.
11. The average housefly lives for one month.
12. 40,000 Americans are injured by toilets each year.
13. A coat hanger is 44 inches long when straightened.
14. The average computer user blinks 7-times a minute.
15. Your feet are bigger in the afternoon than any other time of day.
16. Most of us have eaten a spider in our sleep.
17. The REAL reason ostriches stick their head in the sand is to search for water.
18. The only two animals that can see behind themselves without turning their heads are the rabbit and the parrot.
19. John Travolta turned down the starring roles in 'An Officer and a Gentleman' and 'Tootsie.'
20. Michael Jackson owned the rights to the South Carolina State Anthem.
21. In most television commercials advertising milk, a mixture of white paint and a little thinner is used in place of the milk.
22. Prince Charles and Prince William NEVER travel on the same airplane, just in case there is a crash.
23. The first Harley Davidson motorcycle built in 1903 used a tomato can for a carburetor.
24. Most hospitals make money by selling the umbilical cords cut from women who give birth. They are used in vein transplant surgery.
25. Humphrey Bogart was related to Princess Diana. They were 7th cousins.
26. If coloring weren't added to Coca-Cola, it would be green.

Answers below.

They are all TRUE

Now go back and think about 16 !

**Just spent 15 minutes searching for my phone in my car.**

**While using my phone as a flashlight.**

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS MEETING**



**SOCIAL DISTANCE SERVICE DOGS**



**ONLY 3 LEFT. MESSAGE ME.**

**NOW/AVAILABLE IN QUARANTINE SIZE**



**Me: This show is boring.**

**Boss: Again, this is a Zoom conference.**

**ALL THESE MEN BITCHING ABOUT WEARING A FACE MASK...**



**TRY WEARING A BRA FOR A WEEK IN AUGUST!**

if you ever get an  
email about pork,  
ham, salt, and  
preservatives,  
don't open it.  
it's spam

*Cool Funny Quotes.com*

**Never in my whole  
life would  
I imagine my hands  
would consume  
more alcohol than  
my mouth!!**



**I can't believe I  
forgot to go to the  
gym today.  
That's 7 years in a  
row now.**

**HUSBAND...**

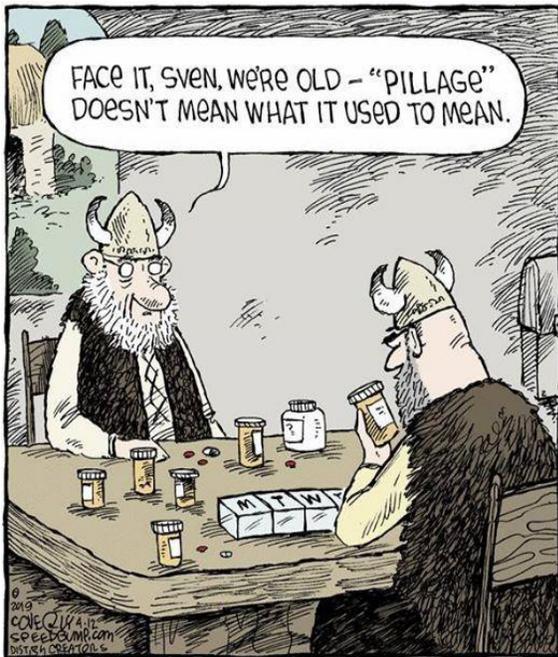
**"ONE GOOD THING ABOUT  
THIS LOCKDOWN IS THAT  
WE CAN'T GO OUT AND  
SPEND MONEY"**

**WIFE...**

**(CLICKS 'ADD TO CART')**

**Brain cells, hair cells  
and skin cells - they  
all die constantly, but  
freaking fat cells seem  
to have eternal life...**

I need to get in  
shape. If I were  
murdered right  
now, my chalk  
outline would  
be a circle.



*If cats worked in shops . . .*

