

November 2020 Newsletter

PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday November 11, 2020

Zoom Meeting No 7

November Meeting

There was no dedicated speaker this month as the club was having a Remembrance Day presentation and had a number of members talk about their experiences related to Remembrance Day.

Gerry Burns showed a video of his visit to Normandy and the many memorials dedicated to Canadians and allies who perished in the two great wars.

George Garret reminisced about his visit in 2015 and was in Normandy on May 3 which was the one hundred anniversary of the writing of "In Flanders Fields"

Percy Smith who served in the merchant navy in WW II gave a talk dedicated to the men and women who have served for Canada. Percy also remembered Dr Roy Strang and played some old war time music which included the old song "White Cliffs of Dover". The meeting ended with two minutes of silence to honor our veterans.

Next month our speaker will be Mr. Andy Chan a sales associate of Oceana Parc. an independent living retirement community in White Rock. Members may recall we had one meeting at Ocean Parc before COVID came. Andy will speak to us about the challenges of operating in these difficult times and will tell us about the demographics of White Rock.

Our January speaker is Dick Drew, retired broadcaster and author who has written about Canadian Achievers.

Our February speaker is Glenda Standeven who will speak about what men don't like to talk about – prostate cancer. She'll do it in a whimsical way but her message is serious.

Our March speaker will be Baden Smith (Percy's son) who is Director of Information Security for Save On Foods. Baden will have a Power Point presentation regarding internet security and advice on how to avoid being defrauded.

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.

Management Committee and Activities

Management Committee

Presidents Message

Your management committee along with the new controls set forward from the provincial health dept. has decided not to go forward this year with the Christmas luncheon at Hazelmere.

Brian Sullivan

President

Probus Club of White Rock & South Surrey

Walking Group

The walking group has had successful walks through Sept. and will continue in the fall. Unfortunately the next two walks have to be cancelled due to health restrictions. Contact Al Zemrau to be added to the Group Distribution list.

Investment Group

Started up again so please contact Chuck Haller at hall9033@telus.net if you want to receive an invite to the virtual meeting.

Book Club Group

Please contact Bill Jones at bjones17@shaw.ca

Member News

No new members this month

Remembrance Day Today and Yesterday

From 1921 to 1930, Armistice Day was held on the Monday of the week in which November 11 fell. In 1931, Alan Neill, Member of Parliament for Comox–Alberni, introduced a bill to observe Armistice Day only on November 11. Passed by the House of Commons, the bill also changed the name to “Remembrance Day”. The first Remembrance Day was observed on November 11, 1931.

Every year on November 11, Canadians pause in a moment of silence to honour and remember the men and women who have served, and continue to serve Canada during times of war, conflict and peace. We remember the more than 2,300,000 Canadians who have served throughout our nation’s history and the more than 118,000 who made the ultimate sacrifice.

The poppy is the symbol of Remembrance Day. Replica poppies are sold by the Royal Canadian Legion to provide assistance to Veterans.

Remembrance Day is a federal statutory holiday in Canada. It is also a statutory holiday in three territories (Yukon, Northwest Territories and Nunavut) and in six provinces (British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland and Labrador).

The national ceremony is held at the National War Memorial in Ottawa. The Governor General of Canada presides over the ceremony. It is also attended by the Prime Minister, other government officials, representatives of Veterans’ organizations, diplomatic representatives, other dignitaries, Veterans as well as the general public. Unfortunately this year the number of people was greatly reduced due to the pandemic.

In advance of the ceremony, long columns of Veterans, Canadian Armed Forces members, RCMP officers, and cadets march to the memorial lead by a pipe band and a colour guard. At the end of the ceremony, they march away to officially close the ceremony.

Some of the 54 Commonwealth member states, such as Canada, the United Kingdom and Australia, observe the tradition of Remembrance Day on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. Other nations observe a solemn day but at different dates. For example, ANZAC Day is observed in New Zealand on April 25. In South Africa, Poppy Day is marked on the Sunday that falls closest to November 11.

Many nations that are not members of the Commonwealth also observe Remembrance Day on November 11, including France, Belgium and Poland.

The United States used to commemorate Armistice Day on November 11. However, in 1954 they changed the name to Veterans Day.

Interest of the Month

Here's some advice for an old person like me.(Smile)

I asked one of my friends who has crossed 70 & is heading to 80 what sort of changes he is feeling in himself?

He sent me the following very interesting lines, which I would like to share with you

After loving my parents, my siblings, my spouse, my children, my friends, now I have started loving myself.

I just realized that I am not "Atlas". The world does not rest on my shoulders.

I now stopped bargaining with vegetables & fruits vendors. A few pennies more is not going to burn a hole in my pocket but it might help the poor fellow save for his daughter's school fees.

I pay my waitress a big tip. The extra money might bring a smile to her face. She is toiling much harder for a living than me

I stopped telling the elderly that they've already narrated that story many times.

The story makes them walk down the memory lane & relive the past.

I have learned not to correct people even when I know they are wrong. The onus of making everyone perfect is not on me. Peace is more precious than perfection.

I give compliments freely & generously. Compliments are a mood enhancer not only for the recipient, but also for me. And a small tip for the recipient of a compliment, never, NEVER turn it down, just say "Thank You"

I have learned not to bother about a crease or a spot on my shirt. Personality speaks louder than appearances.

I walk away from people who don't value me. They might not know my worth, but I do.

I remain cool when someone plays dirty to outrun me in the rat race. I am not a rat & neither am I in any race.

I am learning not to be embarrassed by my emotions. It's my emotions that make me human.

I have learned that it's better to drop the ego than to break a relationship. My ego will keep me aloof, whereas with relationships I will never be alone.

I have learned to live each day as if it's the last. After all, it might be the last.

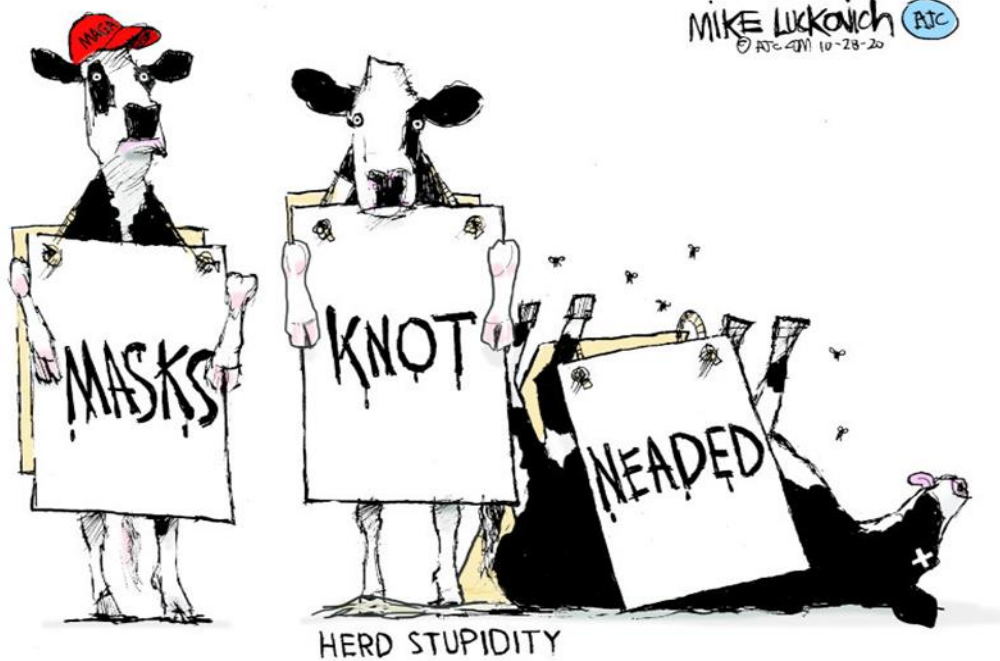
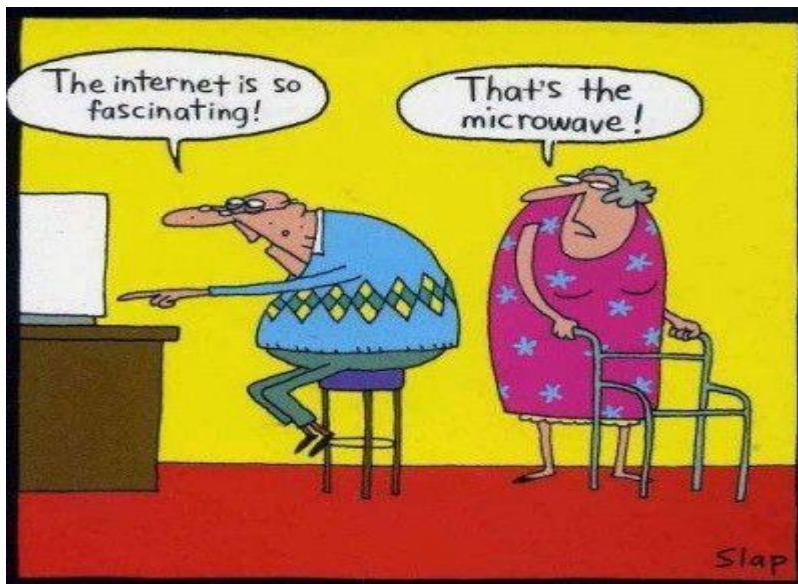
I am doing what makes me happy. I am responsible for my happiness, and I owe it to myself. Happiness is a choice. You can be happy at any time, just choose to be! Why do we have to wait to be 60 or 70 or 80, why can't we practice this at any stage and age....

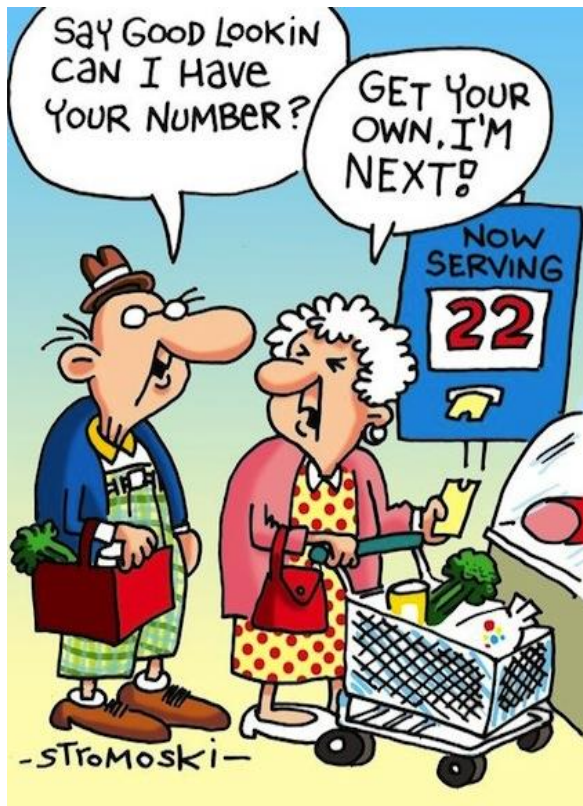
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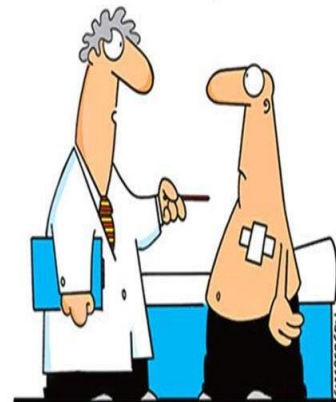
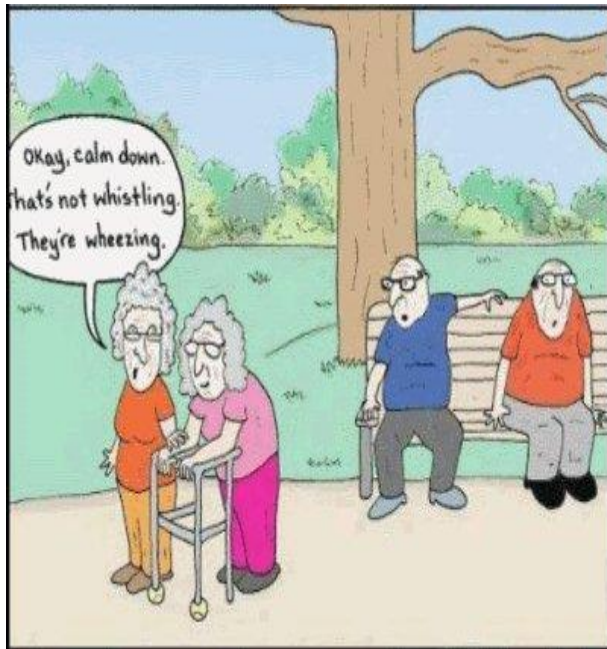
Good to share

**Please remember those who sacrificed there lives in
order that we have a free country so that we can have a
segment called**

Smiles and Chuckles







"It's a pacemaker for your heart.
Plus, you can download apps for your liver,
kidneys, lungs, and pancreas!"

I don't mean to
brag, but I put
together a
puzzle in 1 day
and the box said
2-4 years.

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"People say
nothing is
impossible, but I
do nothing every
day."

- A. A. Milne

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