

February 2021 Newsletter

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

Zoom Meeting No 10



Our February speaker was Glenda Standeven who spoke about what men don't like to talk about – prostate cancer. She'll did it in a whimsical way but her message was serious. Her book title: "What Men Won't Talk About – And Women Need To Know" – A woman's prospective on prostate cancer.

How to get more information for the "Partners in Prostate" - a support group for spouses/partners of prostate cancer patients/survivors:

Please submit any questions to: richelle@prostatecancerbc.ca to learn more and how to register to attend.

Date Time: 7:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Every month on the Last Wednesday

Next meeting: Feb 24, 2021 07:00 PM



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.



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.

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 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 Feb 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 Chuck Haller at hall9033@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

Contact Al Zemrau azemrau@shaw.ca to be added to the Group Distribution list.

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Probus Zoom Coffee Hour

Wednesday's 10 AM

To date we have had 31 members drop in for a visit.

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.

Member News

Most of the events of my life have happened by accident and so it was with model aviation.

On a Sunday afternoon about twenty years ago I wandered upon a group of people in a park who were controlling small flying devices that were not making any noise. A short observation revealed that those flying machines were indeed model aircraft, controlled by radio and powered by batteries. Wonder of wonders. I was hooked. So fast forward any time span you wish up to this day.

I am still engaged in designing, building, flying, crashing and fixing all manner of flying machines including: Fixed wing airplanes weighing from a few ounces to several pounds. Rotary wing (helicopters) with a span of 8 inches to nearly 2 meters. The ubiquitous 'drone' which we call multi-rotors, ranging in size from little bigger than a Rolex wrist watch to more than 2 meters, big enough for me to sit in and fly which I did. Other rigs that don't really have a name but are great fun.

The above is only by way of temptation and an offer to anyone who even thinks he/she might be interested in more information about this engaging hobby to contact me. I have a few aircraft hanging about and I'm open 24/7, except Wednesday mornings.

Cheers,

Lyle Chase

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Please note that this is a private association between Lyle and members who wish to contact him. It is not yet a Probus authorized group.

If you have any information or jokes that you think the members would like to hear please contact me at bsdl@shaw.ca and we will get it in the newsletter.

Interest of the Month

WHO'S THAT MAN

GEORGE GARRITT

Curiosity has been my ticket on a very interesting journey from farm boy to news reporter to fund raiser, now supposedly retired at age 86.

My curiosity began at very young age on the farm in Saskatchewan when I asked so many questions and talked so much, a dear aunt thought I would turn out to be a preacher. Instead I became enthralled with radio...wanting to be that guy who would be inside that radio. Through good luck and persistence I was able to

make a career out of being a radio announcer and reporter for nearly 50 years. I spent 43 years at CKNW as a regular news reporter and in later years with the title of “Investigative Reporter” which gave me the freedom to cover anything that piqued my interest. My work led to a very close association and respect for the police community, the legal profession and politicians at all levels. Along the way I was fortunate to have been given a number of awards including the top award from the Jack Webster Foundation which fosters quality journalism.

During my retirement I volunteered for a number of organizations including canvassing for the BC Heart & Stroke Foundation; driving for the Canadian Cancer Society and media relations for the Alzheimer’s Society when my wife Joan was diagnosed with Alzheimer’s. She is presently in a care facility.

In 2016 I was one of three founders of the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society which filled a void in free transportation to and from treatment for cancer patients in much of the Lower Mainland, including White Rock & South Surrey. Although retiring from the Board, I am active with the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society through a recently-launched Legacy Program called “Leaving A Legacy.”

Something to think about



The following is the philosophy of Charles Schulz, The creator of the 'Peanuts' comic strip.

You don't have to actually answer the questions. Just ponder on them. Just read the e-mail straight through, and you'll get the point.

1. Name the five wealthiest people in the world.
2. Name the last five Heisman trophy winners.
3. Name the last five winners of the Miss America pageant.

4. Name ten people who have won the Nobel or Pulitzer Prize.
5. Name the last half dozen Academy Award winners for best actor and actress.
6. Name the last decade's worth of World Series winners.



How did you do?

The point is, none of us remember the headliners of yesterday.

These are no second-rate achievers.

They are the best in their fields.

But the applause dies.

Awards tarnish ...

Achievements are forgotten.

Accolades and certificates are buried with their owners.



Here's another quiz. See how you do on this one:

1. List a few teachers who aided your journey through school.

2. Name three friends who have helped you through a difficult time.
3. Name five people who have taught you something worthwhile.
4. Think of a few people who have made you feel appreciated and special.
5. Think of five people you enjoy spending time with.



Easier?

The lesson:

The people who make a difference in your life are not the ones with the most credentials, the most money ... or the most awards. They simply are the ones who care the most.



Pass this on to those people whom you keep close in your heart.

"Don't worry about the world coming to an end today.

It's already tomorrow in Australia!"

Smiles and Chuckles

Time is like a river. You cannot touch the water twice, because the flow that has passed will never pass again. Enjoy every moment of life.

As a bagpiper, I play many gigs. Recently I was asked by a funeral director to play at a graveside service for a homeless man. He had no family or friends, so the service was to be at a pauper's cemetery in the Nova Scotia back country. As I was not familiar with the backwoods, I got lost and, being a typical man, I didn't stop for directions.

I finally arrived an hour late and saw the funeral guy had evidently gone and the hearse was nowhere in sight. There were only the diggers and crew left and they were eating lunch. I felt badly and apologized to the men for being late. I went to the side of the grave and looked down and the vault lid was already in place. I didn't know what else to do, so I started to play.

The workers put down their lunches and began to gather around. I played out my heart and soul for this man with no family and friends. I played like I've never played before for this homeless man. And as I played "Amazing Grace", the workers began to weep. They wept, I wept, we all wept together.

When I finished, I packed up my bagpipes and started for my car. Though my head was hung low, my heart was full. As I opened the door to my car, I heard one of the workers say, "I never seen anything like that before, and I've been putting in the septic tanks for twenty years.

Apparently, I'm still lost...It's a man thing. I am sure wives can relate.



**Congratulations,
America!**

**51 years ago you
stepped on the
moon.**

**Today you can't
even go to
Canada.**

Finally found out why the fish were't biting..



I finally Did It!

**Bought a new pair
of shoes with
Memory Foam insoles.
No more forgetting why I
walked into the kitchen!**

**FOLGERS GOT IT WRONG.
THE BEST PART OF WAKING UP
IS GOING BACK TO BED
AFTER YOU PEE.**



**I'm watching a 3
year old pull up
apps on a cell phone.**

**Me, I just figured out
how to turn mine off
without taking the
battery out.**

- Bob Moher
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DRYER MADE MY
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