

# October 2020 Newsletter

## Probus CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday October 14, 2020

### Zoom Meeting No 6



Our guest speaker on Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup> was Kristi Blakeway, a school principal and author who organized a program to reach out to people on Vancouver's Downtown Eastside. On Zoom from her school office Kristi told us of the HELLO program started 11 years ago. In this case H-E-L-L-O stands for Helping Everyone Locate Loved Ones. Kristi has often taken students to meet some of the troubled people on the street...people who are often homeless, addicted and mentally ill. Kristi and her students give those people small pieces of paper so they can write their own message. With the aid of students who know how to use social networking sites, Kristi and her helpers have been able to connect street people with family members across the country.

A heroin addict named Cindy wanted to find her daughter Paige. But she wanted to straighten out her life first, not wanting her daughter to see her as an addict. After getting off drugs through rehabilitation Cindy was indeed connected with her daughter Paige, who was flown to Vancouver from her home in Ontario.

Kristi estimates they have helped 750 people. She has written many of those stories in a book titled: "Beyond Hello." (check out -[www.beyondhello.org](http://www.beyondhello.org)) or just type her name kristiblakeway.

President Brian Sullivan said he heard many positive comments from members about Kristi's presentation.

Member Bill Jones said, "It's overpowering. I am speechless."

That says a lot about our wonderful guest speaker – Kristi Blakeway.

## Future Meetings

**Speakers-** November's meeting will feature a video produced by Gerry Burns depicting WWI and WWII sites in Europe. George will share with the members his reaction to visiting similar sites a couple of years ago. Percy Smith will recognize those members who served in the military. Since the meeting occurs on November 11, a Moment of Silence will be announced by President Brian Sullivan. There will be no speaker this month as the club is having a Remembrance Day presentation.

The speaker at December's meeting will be a representative from Oceana Parc, Andy Chan informing our members how Oceana Parc has handled the Covid situation to date.

### Mr. George Garrett



The co-founder of the Volunteer Cancer Drivers Society has hung up his keys and retired from the organization. Surrey's George Garret-an award winning reporter and author-announced his retirement effective Aug. 31, 2020. The cancer drivers program launched in 2010 society has made over 58,886 patient trips and logged more than 1.7 million kilometres. While insisting that he's not stepping away from the organization entirely but decided to take a back seat because he feels the society is in a solid position financially and is in good hands now. On behalf of the Probus Club we commend George for his efforts and the founding of the Society. We are sure many patients who have received a drive from this organization are very grateful to you.

## Management Committee and Activities

### Management Committee

Presidents Message

Your Management Committee has finalized a comprehensive review of the Clubs Bylaws and held a virtual vote at the October membership meeting to adopt the new bylaws. The vote passed unanimously to accept the new Bylaws.

Brian Sullivan

President

Probus Club of White Rock & South Surrey

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### **Golf Group**

Closing down for the winter. See you next spring.

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### **Walking Group**

The walking group has had successful walks through Sept. and will continue in the fall. Contact Al Zemrau to be added to the Group Distribution list.

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### **Investment Group**

Starting up again on October 20<sup>th</sup> so please contact Chuck Haller at [hall9033@telus.net](mailto:hall9033@telus.net) if you want to receive an invite to the virtual meeting.

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### **Book Club Group**

Please contact Bill Jones at [bjones17@shaw.ca](mailto:bjones17@shaw.ca)

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## **Member News**

### **Special Announcement**

It's with heavy heart that we learned that our honoured Life Time Member Dr Roy Strang has passed away.

As a Life Time Member Roy made a valuable contribution to the Club and I am sure the Club and its members benefited from counting him as one of our own. He will be missed by his Probus friends.

We are sorry for the loss his loved ones have suffered and express our sincere condolences to his family.

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## **New Members approved at the MC meeting**

Mr. Robert Earl Gray  
Current membership 98

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## **Interest of the Month**

Such an innocent and imaginative perspective of a thunderstorm which would be daunting to some adults.

When you read this, you will never think of thunderstorms the same way again.  
This will make you smile!

### A Child's View of Thunderstorms

A little girl walked to and from school daily.

Though the weather that morning was questionable and clouds were forming, she made her daily trek to school. As the afternoon progressed, the winds whipped up, along with lightning.

The mother of the little girl felt concerned that her daughter would be frightened as she walked home from school.

She also feared the electrical storm might harm her child.

Full of concern, the mother got into her car and quickly drove along the route to her child's school. As she did, she saw her little girl walking along.

At each flash of lightning, the child would stop, look up, and smile. More lightning followed quickly and with each, the little girl would look at the streak of light and smile

When the mother drew up beside the child, she lowered the window and called, "What are you doing?"

The child answered, "I am trying to look pretty because God keeps taking my picture."

May you be blessed today and every day as you face the storms that come your way

" Life is too short to wake up in the morning with regrets, so .

Love the people who treat you right"

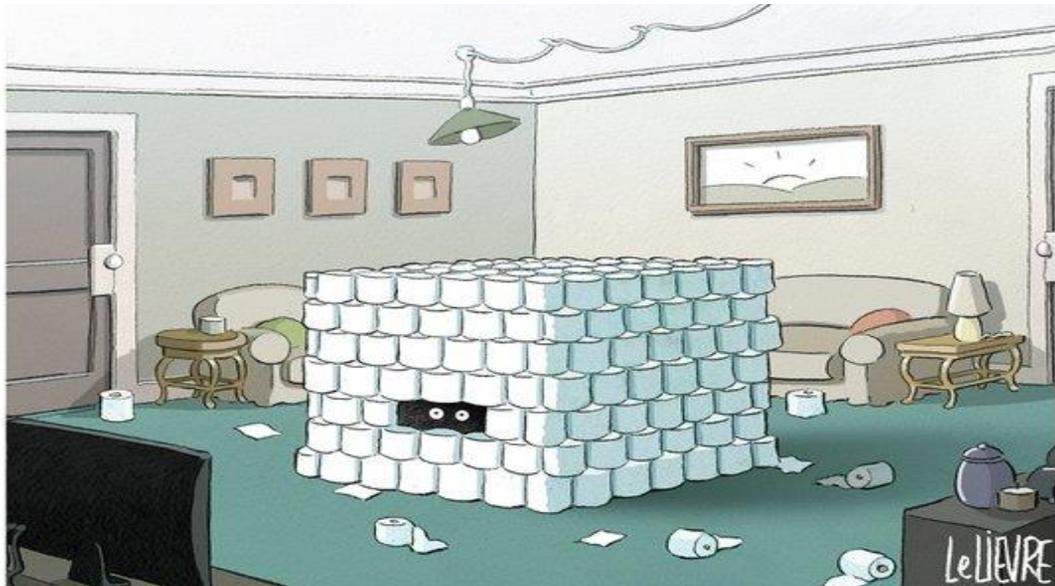
## Smiles and Chuckles



My husband and I switched sides of the bed this weekend, and that's what we call "vacation" now.

**Did you know on  
the Canary  
Islands there is  
not one canary?  
And on the  
Virgin Isles?  
Same thing - not  
one canary there  
either!**

SECOND WAVE



**Prediction: There will be a minor baby boom in 9 months, and then one day in 2033, we shall witness the rise of THE QUARANTEENS.**

**Once they come out with a corona virus vaccine I don't want to see any of you antivaxxers getting one. Don't be a hypocrite!**