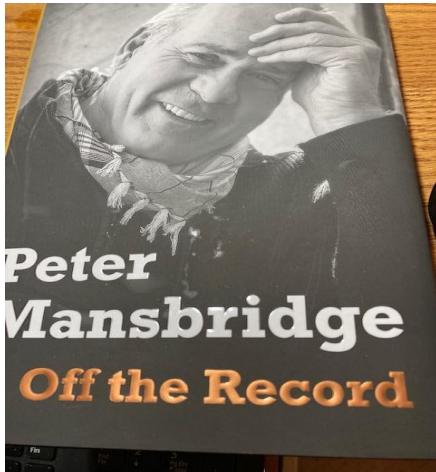




## February 2022 Newsletter

### PROBUS CLUB OF WHITE ROCK & SOUTH SURREY General Meeting Wednesday Feb. 9, 2022



Peter Mansbridge Interview – Probus Club – February, 2022

George went 'One-On-One' with Peter Mansbridge, long time anchor of the CBC National. Peter was a high school dropout and had a limited career in the Royal Canadian Navy, unable to continue because he did not have a high school diploma. With little money and no job, Peter scanned the classified ads in a Winnipeg newspaper. He saw an ad for Translink Airlines in Churchill, Manitoba. He got the job as a baggage handler and occasionally announced flights on the PA system. Luckily he was heard by a CBC official who offered him a job in radio. Peter worked for the CBC for nearly 50 years, rising to the top job as Anchor of the National...a job he held for 29 years.

George interviewed Peter about his new book "Off The Record" – an interesting series of stories that took Peter and his crew around the world covering big events like the tearing down of the Berlin Wall, 9/11, war coverage in Afghanistan, the funeral of Princess Diana and countless Federal elections. The interview will include the story of Peter's love of Northern Canada. Peter also answered questions from Probus members.

March has no speaker as we have the Annual General Members meeting to elect or present the new committee for 2022/2023

## **Management Committee**

Note from Bill Jones:

Since 1975 I have been working alone so when Brian Sullivan offered me the opportunity to lead the Management Team I jumped at the chance; and I am glad I did. The major reason for my joy has been working with your Management Team. Each individual knows what is expected and has functioned superbly without haste, prodding or complaint. Not surprising when we look at the depth of experience and commitment of each individual; a well chosen team.

Thank you Steve Banham, Bill Carlson, Jamie Fear, Barry Gaynor, Kip Keith, Bob Petersen and Harry White for your contribution to our club during the past year. Please note all of the above members will stay on the Management Committee next year.

AND thank you Ted Cartier, George Garrett, Herb Hawson, and Brian Sullivan who will leave the committee in March. Your contribution has been appreciated by all of us and the team will miss you.

On behalf of all Members I sincerely thank you all.

Bill Jones

## **Connections**

Bill Jones will take the leadership of the Connections committee starting as of now and into the new year.

## **Activities**

We are looking ahead to the barbeque and Christmas lunch and we would like to get suggestions as to other sites for either of these events.

These places must have-

Tables and seating for 100 people in doors

Kitchen where some food can be prepared (the balance could be catered)

Within ½ hour driving range of White Rock

Please contact Jamie Fear [jfear@telus.net](mailto:jfear@telus.net)

## Appies Social Group

The White Rock/South Surrey Probus club has initiated a monthly co-ed "Appies Social Group". Both couples and singles are welcome to participate. We will be having another of its monthly co-ed "Drinks and Appies Social" on Friday, February 25. Both couples and singles are welcome to participate.

**Time:** 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

**Where:** To be announced one week before the event.

**Food:** You must bring one shareable appetizer, enough for 10 or 12 people. Bring your own plates and cutlery.

**Drinks:** BYOB including glasses.

**Rules:** 1) Take your leftover food and drinks home with you. 2) Meet people. 3) Have fun!

Anyone wishing to take part should reply to Bob Pedersen at [bob\\_pedersen@shaw.ca](mailto:bob_pedersen@shaw.ca) or by phone at 604-535-0272. Please also advise if you are willing to host an event and, if so, how many people you can accommodate.

**Where:** Members' homes, gardens, patios, back yards, common rooms, etc.

**Suggested sizes of groups:** 10, 12, and/or 20, depending on the size of the venue and the total number of guests attending.

**Hosts:** Hosting is optional, but encouraged. Hosts will be given ample notice of who their guests will be.

**Signing up:** There will be a sign-up sheet for the upcoming event at each monthly Probus meeting. You will be notified by phone four or five days before the event as to whose home you will be attending.

**Rules:** 1) No "trading" of houses is allowed. 2) Take your leftover food and drinks home with you. 3) Meet people. 4) Have fun!

Please advise which month you are willing to host, and also an alternate month.

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## Snowshoe Group

The Snow Shoe Group has cancelled all scheduled events for 2022.

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## Walking Groups

### Probus Walking Group

(All walks start at 10:00am – rain, SNOW, or shine.)

The Probus Walking Group is dedicated to improving the physical and mental well being of our members.

Begun in 2016, and to the best of my knowledge, we represent the longest running weekly walking program in all of Probus Canada.

I am very happy to say, that many of the 'original' walkers are still trekking with us – see pictures attached.

We look forward to seeing you at one (or all) of our walks.

Cheers – Stay Safe and Keep Walking.

Al Zemrau, Coordinator

Probus Walking Group





### Wanderers(WGG) – A New Walking Activity Group

#### Please Note:

The Wanderers Walking Group (WGG) is appropriate only for the 'fitter' Probus member – someone capable of walking 10km, and the occasional hill, at a moderate pace.

Ride sharing may be in effect.

Coffee and / or lunch to follow.

This month we are scheduling our walks on Fridays.

February 18<sup>th</sup> – time and route to be announced.

Please pre-register if you would like to join us.

Keep on Trekking, 

Al Zemrau, Coordinator  
Wanderers Walking Group

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### Mixed Walking Group

February 13 - Crescent Beach. We will meet in front of the Beecher Street Washrooms.

February 20 – Redwood Park 17900 20 Ave, Surrey, BC. This will be a shorter walk than normal but is worth a visit.

February 27 - Sunnyside Acres Urban Forest. The meeting place will be SS Ice Rink Parking lot by tennis courts (2199 148th Street.)

Cheers

Ted at tedcartier@gmail.com

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### Investment Group

Probus IDG (Investment & Discussion Group))

You may already know we have a very active 'Investment Discussion Group' - this is your invitation to join the group in 2022.

Investment returns are likely to be more difficult to come by in the coming year, so come join us and participate – we all can learn an investment tip or two from the group discussion.

If you have investments and are interested in improving your annual return or just interested in learning more about a wide range of investment opportunities – join the IDG.

We meet monthly at a neutral location – coffee, donuts, and comradery always available.

In 2021, our theoretical RIF portfolio achieved a 26 % return, and our TFSA portfolio earned more than 18%.

Monthly Meetings

Probus members are invited to join us for our next meeting Feb 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am at the Crescent Housing Society.

Sitting is limited so pre-registration is required.

Coffee and donuts served.

In January we discussed our recent survey results and set out our goals and future meeting content for 2022. Including:

Macroeconomic and stock market overview

Hypothetical portfolio review and discussion

RIF

TFSA

Buy Sell Hold discussion of 4 stocks  
Investment education  
Guest speakers from time to time

Cheers,  
Al Zemrau, Coordinator  
Investment Discussion Group

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### **Book Club Group**

Presently 6 of us meet on Zoom every second Tuesday @ 10:00 a.m. Once a month we discuss a book and once a month we pick a topic for discussion.

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

Here is our plan until March 22

Feb. 22	Discussion – Brian
Mar. 08	Man Enough by Frank Pittman - Bill
Mar. 22	Discussion - Percy

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

Wednesday Morning Coffee Hour – The Roadhouse

Coffee hour has moved to the private room at the Roadhouse House. 1781 King George but will be using Zoom January 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m. Call to get set up. 604-531-3167

They are checking Vaccine Passports so we are assured no Anti-Vaccine people will be present. Bring your passport.

Bill Jones

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### **Monday Evening Coffee Chat:**

We start at 7 and finish around 8. Everyone's Welcome. Bill Carlson sends the Zoom invite out each Friday in the weekly event schedule.

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## **Golf Group**

Probus Golf Group will resume on a monthly basis in April, 2022. Anyone wishing to become part of this activity should contact the coordinator, Frank Palmer, at [frank@fgpalmer.com](mailto:frank@fgpalmer.com)

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## **Dinner and Movie Group**

Hi Guys and Gals

No movie or dinner this month due to extension of Covid restriction

Movie Director Bill Lambert [wg.lambert@gmail.com](mailto:wg.lambert@gmail.com)

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## **Pub Night**

The Pub Night Coordinator Steve Banham reported that the media consensus seems to be that a lessening of the Covid restrictions could come soon. The regular next date would be Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February. However in the hope that the 6 per table rule will be cancelled soon it has been decided to defer one week. The Patio at Ocean Park Pub has been provisionally booked for Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Further information to follow

Thanks

Steve



Our home base is now the Ocean Park Village Pub where we have exclusive use of the Patio room. We have had between 29 and 26 members attending.

We normally meet on the third Wednesday of each month and our next meeting Venue: Ocean Park Village Pub 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 128 Street. The Patio(facing 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue) has been reserved for our exclusive use. Meet: at 6:00pm please let me know if you are coming. [stevhbanham@gmail.com](mailto:stevhbanham@gmail.com)

Ocean Park has now adopted a service charge of 18% for groups over 12. They do NOT expect us to tip over that.

Please note that due to provincial health regulations all activities in any group maybe suspended for a period. As of now outdoor activities only require two vaccinations and no masks. Indoor rules vary depending if you are moving about or stationary. Club organizers are responsible for meeting provincial regulations.

## Smiles and Chuckles

### Tomorrow

All of the following will likely become reality in the next 10-20 years. Many of us won't see the changes, but our kids and grandkids probably will.

1- Basic auto repair shops will disappear. Read on to know why.

2- A gas/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electrical motor has only 20 parts. Electric cars are sold with lifetime guarantees and are repaired only by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric motor.

3- Faulty electric motors are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots

4- Your electric motor malfunction light goes on, and so you drive up to what looks like a car wash, and your car is towed through while you have a cup of coffee and out comes your car with a new electric motor!

5- Gas pumps will go away.

6- Street corners will have meters that dispense electricity. Companies will install electrical recharging stations; in fact, they've already started in the developed world.

7- Smart major auto manufacturers have already designated money to start building new plants that build only electric cars.

8- Coal industries will go away. Gasoline/oil companies will go away. Drilling for oil will stop. Say goodbye to OPEC! The middle east is in trouble.

9- Homes will produce and store more electrical energy during the day than they use, and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users.  
Has anybody seen the Tesla roof?

10- A baby of today will see personal cars only in museums. The FUTURE is approaching faster than most of us can handle.

11- In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. Who would have thought of that ever happening?

12- What happened to Kodak and Polaroid will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5-10 years ... and most of us don't see it coming.

13- Did you think in 1998 that 3 years later you'd NEVER take pictures on film again? With today's smartphones, who even has a camera these days?

14- Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels, but followed Moore's law – that technological capacity will DOUBLE every year. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became 'way superior' and became mainstream in only a few short years.

**REMEMBER HOW WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE YOU COULD JUST RIP OFF YOUR DIAPER AND RUN AROUND NAKED AND EVERYONE THOUGHT IT WAS SO CUTE AND FUNNY?**

**ANYWAY, I NEED BAIL MONEY.**



**QUOTE OF THE YEAR:**

**When you are dead, you do not know that you are dead. All of the pain is felt by others.  
The same thing happens when you are stupid.**





**TEXTING IN THE OLD DAYS**



**The Original Play Station**



**A "perfect marriage"**

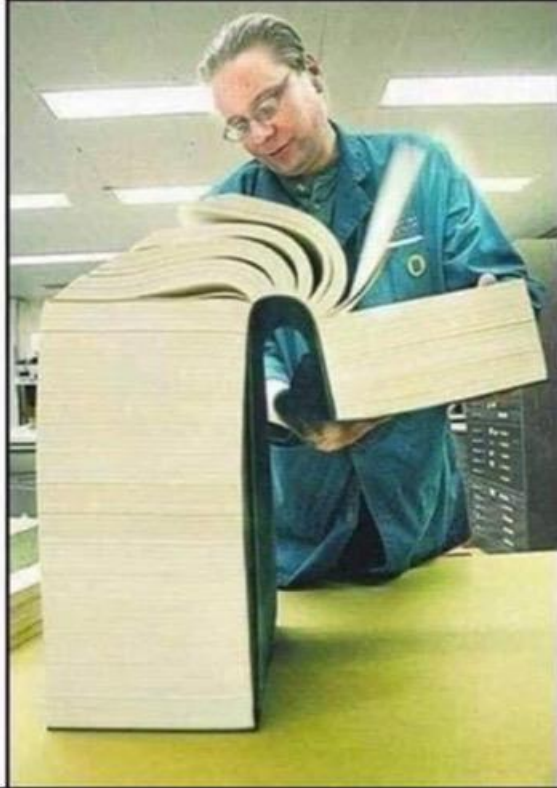
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who refuse to give up  
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**Do you know that awesome  
feeling when you get into  
bed, fall right asleep, stay  
asleep all night and wake  
up feeling refreshed and  
ready to take on the day?**

**Yeah, me neither!**

*Just letting you know that the book, "Understanding Women" is now out in paperback*



**THIS SHOULD BE AN OPTION**

**EVERYWHERE**