



March 23, 2021

To All Probus Perth Members

As we promised in our recent "Save the Date" message, we are now sending you the invitation to the first Probus Perth Zoom meeting for members to be held on April 7th. This message includes a note from our President, an outline of the Speaker and his topic from the Speakers Committee, as well as some technical hints from our Audio Visual specialists, including the link to allow you to participate in this meeting.

1. Message from the President

It's been over a year since we last met on March 4, 2020. At that time, we came together to celebrate National Probus Month by honouring our Charter Members. Then, everything changed: no meetings at the Legion, no post-meeting luncheons. However, we did manage to gather for a couple of outdoor events over the summer.

We hope you are managing well as we eagerly await our "shot in the arm". Some of you may have already received yours.

For the past year, your Management Committee has continued to meet and stay connected with you via the Probus Perth Website, the *Probian* and emails. And now, thanks to the Speakers Committee, Audio-Visual support, Webmaster, and your entire management team we are pleased to introduce Probus Perth Zoom meetings. It will be great to be able to "see" our Probus friends as we experience the virtual social time prior to the general meeting. You may even want to bring your coffee along! The general meeting will roughly follow the format of our in-person meetings, including committee reports and interesting and informative guest speakers.

It is our intent to provide three Zoom meetings this spring: the first Wednesdays of April, May and June. Following each meeting the management committee will conduct a post mortem to see what we can do better. Your feedback is always appreciated.

Please join us on April 7th for our inaugural Probus Perth Zoom meeting.

'Til then stay safe,
Lois-Anne Brebner

2. About the April 7th Speaker

We are pleased to inform you that our speaker at our first Zoom meeting on April 7th will be **Ramsey Hart**, the Executive Director of The Table in Perth, who will be speaking about "How The Table is Surviving the Pandemic: Current and Future Needs".

The meeting will commence at 9:30am with some virtual "Social time". At 10am the main meeting will begin with some Club announcements and at this time we would ask that everyone please keep their mics on mute unless they are asked to speak. During the speaker's presentation, we

would invite you to pose any questions by going to the ZOOM “Chat” function and typing in your question.

3. **What You Need to Know to Connect to the Meeting**

To attend this Zoom meeting, you will need to click on the link that has been provided to you, on April 7th around 9:30 or so. This link will take you directly to the meeting, with a brief pause to be admitted. We will re-send this link to you on April 6th as a reminder.

If you have not used Zoom before, although this is not absolutely essential, we recommend that you download the Zoom app by going to <https://zoom.us/download> and following their hints. If you are using a mobile device, you may need to scroll down to find the Google Play and Apple App downloads. This can make connecting to Zoom a little easier, especially for those who have not used Zoom before.

More information on our Zoom meeting speaker and related technical information can be found on our website at <http://probusperth.ca/speakers.htm>. You will note that this page includes a button that you can click to find more tips on Zoom meetings, including some “cheat sheets” to help people navigate Zoom, since it works slightly differently on different devices. Among other tips, these sheets will show you how to mute your mic and how to enter the Chat function to pose questions to the speaker,

For members wishing additional guidance on how to connect with Zoom, would you please email David Batchelor well before April 7th at avprobusperth@gmail.com , leaving your phone number, your question, your suggested time for his callback and he will phone you back.



We hope to see you on April 7th on

Stay well,
Your Probus Perth Management Team