



The Probian

July 2021 edition

Probus Club of Perth

Remembering gatherings !

In 2013 The Hindu celebration Kumbh Mela was attended by 120 million people.

Various Middle Eastern and South Asian pilgrimages draw crowds of up to 50 million.

The largest crowd for a free concert was at Copacabana Beach in Rio de Janeiro on New Year's Eve 1994, when 3,500,000 fans cheered on Rod Stewart.

In the years between 1900 and 1940, Derby Day at Epsom Downs in the UK saw crowds regularly exceed 300,000, with 500,000 estimated in 1913 and 1934.

The annual Indianapolis 500 race is attended by crowds of 400,000.

In the years BC, Circus Maximus in Rome was reputed to draw crowds of more than 300,000 (C)(C)(C)

The largest crowd to witness a sporting event in an enclosed stadium was 199,854, when fans in Brazil's Maracana stadium saw Brazil play Uruguay on June 16th 1950.

Probus Perth traditionally draws crowds of between 120 and 130 enthusiastic members to our monthly meetings.

As of July 16th 2021 Ontario Government rules permit socially distanced indoor gatherings of up to the lesser of 1000 people or 50% of the capacity of the indoor space. When the province reaches an eligible population 75% fully vaccinated and 80% with at least one vaccination things are due to open much further.

This is encouraging and means that our in-person meetings are getting ever closer, but until then we will continue to meet virtually. In addition to committee reports and a great presentation, the July 28th Zoom meeting will include presentation of your proposed Management Team. So be sure to tune in at 09.30 for the social period, followed by Derek Needham's presentation at 10.00.

Rob Leonard, Editor

July Presentation:

“How communities collaborate to de-criminalize mental illness and reduce social disorder”.

Derek Needham is the former Lanark County OPP Detachment Commander / Critical Incident Commander. Now based in Orillia, he is currently Director with the Office of Professionalism, Respect, Inclusion and Leadership.

Derek has been a member of the Ontario Provincial Police for more than 23 years. For ten of those years, he was posted to the Lanark County OPP Detachment and was District Commander from 2013 to 2019.

Under his leadership a new collaborative approach to policing was initiated. Combining municipal social services and policing, this provided a strategic and effective taskforce to resolve community disorder and conflict.

During his period as Critical Incident Commander, Derek was engaged in such high-profile incidents as the Wilno triple homicides and the terrorist shooting at Parliament Hill. In February 2020, he was honoured by the Lanark County Police Services Boards and associated Social Agencies.

Social Report:

Great Canadian Rail Adventure

Join us on July 22 at 11AM for a webinar hosted by Via Rail and Travac Tours on our Great Canadian Rail Adventure.

Use this link to register for this informative webinar.

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_CQZiAWVNR6G6IedPSWcZiA

Contact Mary if you need the total email.

1000 Island Playhouse

JULY IN THE LOT! An all-month-long celebration of music, theatre, and creativity in the CIBC Wood Gundy Outdoor Lobby.

“Whether it’s listening to a play reading, attending an arts and crafts workshop, or just coming by to enjoy your coffee or a beverage from our bar, there’s an activity for you!”

The theatrical season starts on August 05th.

- Sexy Laundry August 5-28
- Back in '59 September 9-October 2
- Serving Elizabeth October 7-30
- Miss Caledonia November 4-28

Go to 1000 Islands Playhouse for details and to purchase tickets. The box office can be reached at 613-382-7020 or further information is online at <http://www.1000islandsplayhouse.com/2021-season/>

The **NAC** website www.nac-cna.ca has a variety of shows available.

Canadian Museum Of History - Visit their Exhibits at <https://www.historymuseum.ca/>
Including "Queens of Egypt "until August 22nd .

Pick up a copy of **THE HUMM**. There are several Entertainment activities listed.
Also an interesting article "Concerts Come to Perth". Visit www.harmonyconcerts.ca

Check out the **Studio Theatre** website <https://www.studiotheatreperth.com/> for info about Pop Up Theatre. A Passport can be purchased through the website. Looks like fun!

Probus Perth Picnic.



You are invited to an opportunity to socialise at Stewart Park near the river, to the right side of the path on August 18th at 11.00am. Bring a chair, sun protection and a lunch!

It's time to catch up!

Please let us know if you have any virtual concerts and/or events to share,

Mary and Gail

[Proposed Slate of Members of the Probus Club of Perth Management Team For 2022-2023](#)

Preamble:

The following are the election timelines and steps prescribed by the Probus Canada Bylaws and existing practices of the Perth Probus Club:

1. The slate of candidates for the Membership Team should be presented at the monthly General Meeting that occurs immediately prior to the Annual General Meeting. This year, that means the July General Meeting, which will be held via Zoom on July 28th.

As not all members will tune in to that meeting we are also announcing the proposed slate through this edition of The Probian and on the Club website.

2. The practice of the Perth Probus Club is to automatically elevate the current Vice President to the position of President for the new Club year. It has also been our Club's practice to nominate a new Vice President to fill that vacancy.
3. Appointments as Vice-President, President and Past President are considered one year appointments unless circumstances dictate otherwise.

Note: For 2021-2022 circumstances have dictated otherwise, as Vice-President Lori Douglas stepped down from the position early this year. As a result, Liz Leonard has been acting as Vice President, and she and Lois-Anne Brebner have agreed to extend their Past President and President positions for a further year. Thank you ladies, very much.

4. All other Management Team members are considered ongoing appointments and are included in the slate voted upon at the Annual General Meeting in September.
5. Any further nominations (with the nominee's consent to stand) for the position of Vice President must be received by the Nominating Committee by August 11th 2021, at past-president@probusperth.ca
6. The finalized slate of Management Team members will be provided to Members at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Proposed Slate of Members of the Probus Club of Perth Management Team For 2021-2022

President: Lois-Anne Brebner

Vice President Nominee: Susan Freeman

Past President: Liz Leonard

Secretary: Bill Michie

Treasurer: Graeme Rutledge (alternate Tony Thompson)

Membership Chairperson: Aline McRory

Social/Special Events Committee Chairperson: Mary Kilgour (alternate Gail Read)

Speakers Committee Chairperson: John Byers (alternate may be any one member from the Speakers Committee as advised by John)

Probian Editor: Rob Leonard

Webmaster: Colin Stephenson

Presented to the Club by Past President Liz Leonard, on behalf of the Nominating Committee.

July 16th, 2021

NOTICE FOR PAYMENT OF DUES:

The annual dues will remain unchanged at \$25 per renewing member.

These dues can be paid either by cheque payable to Probus Club of Perth and mailed to our Post Office Box 20131, Perth Ontario K7H 3M6 OR by e-transfer as set out below.

If you do not intend to renew your membership, please advise Aline McRory by email membership@probuserth.ca so that we may invite the next person on our waiting list.

USING E-TRANSFER

We have set up our account to accept e-Transfers via Auto-deposit so that your transfer will be deposited automatically without the need for a security question and answer.

Autodeposit has the same security features as the regular Interac e-Transfer service, which is one of the safest digital money transfer services in the world.

The money is transferred through established and secure banking procedures that financial institutions have used for years to settle cheques, bank machine deposits and withdrawals.

A confirmation is sent automatically to the sender.

To use e-transfer, the financial institution the member uses must support interac e-transfer.

Please follow the steps below:

1. Sign into online banking
2. Go to interac e-transfer for recipient
3. Add new recipient
4. When asked for name - enter **Probus Club of Perth**
5. For email - enter **finance@probuserth.ca**
6. Choose English (if asked)
7. For the security question (if asked) put "none"
8. **Under "details of payment" option please write a message as to purpose of payment e.g. membership renewal for (*your name*).**

If paying for more than one person please include both names.

9. Note confirmation and reference numbers for follow up should it be required.

The Irish Furniture Dealer:

Murphy, a furniture dealer from Dublin, wanted to offer a more international range of furniture in his store. So he decided to go to Paris to see what he could find.

In Paris, he visited several manufacturers and ultimately selected a line that he thought would sell well back home.

To celebrate the new acquisition, he decided to visit a small bistro and have a glass of wine.

As he sat enjoying his wine he noticed that the small place was quite crowded and that the other chair at his table was the only vacant seat in the house.

Before long, a very beautiful young Parisian girl came to his table and asked him something in French. Not understanding, he motioned to the vacant chair, invited her to sit down and tried to speak to her in English.

Unfortunately she did not speak his language.

After a couple of minutes trying to communicate, he picked up a napkin, drew a wine glass and showed it to her.

She nodded, so he ordered a glass of wine for her.

After sitting at the table for a while, he took another napkin and drew a picture of a plate of food.

She nodded.

They ordered dinner, after which he took another napkin and drew a picture of a couple dancing. Again, she nodded and they got up to dance.

They danced until the café closed and the band was packing up.

Back at the table, the young lady took a napkin and drew a picture of a four-poster bed.

To this day, Murphy has no idea how she figured out that he was in the furniture business....

With apologies to those who have connections to the Emerald Isle.

Membership:

Membership remains at the cap of 205, with 22 on the waiting list.

Prospective members

Current members are asked to advise anyone interested in joining that, should they apply, their applications would be added to the waiting list.

A fillable membership application form is available on the club website.

The completed form can either be e-mailed or mailed to the club, but e-mailing is the recommended option.

Once the club receives the completed form the applicant's name will be added to the waiting list.

June Presentation:

Bruce Burlton gave a fascinating presentation detailing the recovery of the Telesat Canada operated Anik E2 Satellite, following its failure in January 1994. The malfunction of this satellite meant the loss of 50% of Telesat's "Space Segment", causing disrupted television and computer transmissions across Canada, as well as loss of telephone services to remote northern communities. Failure to quickly rectify the situation would have resulted in bankruptcy for Telesat Canada.

Although it took only 8 hours to analyse the initial problem, many months of analysis finally resulted in the determination that a small wire to an integrated chip had failed, likely through an electrostatic discharge caused by a natural event.

Anik E2 was back in service on August 01st and continued to serve until its retirement in 2005.

Speakers committee:

Chairman of the Speakers Committee, John Byers is pleased to announce that Doloros Davis has volunteered to join the committee in place of Gardie Church, who recently stood down.

Thank you Doloros and Welcome!

Finally getting out and about:

I like long walks, especially when they are taken by people who annoy me.

Fred Allen.

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In normal times the Perth Probus Club meets at the Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith Street, Perth on the first Wednesday of the month, September through June.

President: Lois-Anne Brebner president@probusperth.ca

Further information on the club and contact details for the other members of the Management Team can be found at: www.probusperth.ca/board.htm