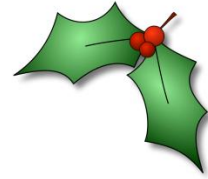




The Probian

December 2021 edition

Probus Club of Perth



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

2021 It was the best of times. It was the worst of times.

....Charles Dickens

As we approach the conclusion of another year of turmoil and uncertainty, Probus Perth has managed to stay connected through web messaging, Zoom meetings, the Probian and emails.

Although we miss our in-person meetings, our Speakers Committee sourced outstanding speakers for us to enjoy at our monthly meetings. Thanks to Zoom, we were connected to excellent presentations from across the country that informed and entertained us.

Sadly, we lost some of our valued members this past year. They will be sorely missed. Our condolences go to their families.

Our inability to hold in-person meetings has deterred some past members from renewing their memberships. We understand and hope they will return when regular meetings resume. Membership opened up again, and we are thrilled to welcome our new members, some of whom joined us for our December Zoom meeting. It was a pleasure to "see" you and hope you enjoyed our time together. We look forward to welcoming all our new members in person when conditions permit.

I know the past almost two years has been challenging. Our thanks to those members who helped brighten the days through your interesting and informative submissions to the Probus Perth Website.

'Tis the season: our senses are enriched by the sight of beautiful Christmas lights and decorations, the sounds of carolers, choirs and symphonies, the wonderful smells and tastes of holiday treats, and hearts full of the love of family and friends....the true joy of Christmas that even a pandemic can't dampen.

Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2022!

Lois-Anne Brebner

January 05th Presentation:

(Social time 09.40 – 10.00 am, Presentation at 10.00 am, followed by a discussion period.)

Tim Burrows will present “**Should Your Next Car be Electric?**”



Tim is a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned an honours degree in psychology.

He has owned and driven battery-electric cars for the past 8 years and has logged over 275,000 kilometres without the need for gasoline or diesel fuel. Tim now enjoys sharing his EV experience with others and breaking down many myths and misconceptions about electric vehicle ownership.

In the talk he will explain why we've reached a 'tipping point' where electric cars are replacing those powered by gasoline.

Good news, a Caveat and an Appeal:

The good news:

Our search for a new Probian Editor has not gone unheeded.

A member has indicated a willingness to become editor in the traditional sense, crafting the newsletter from input provided by others.

The Caveat:

A good deal of the regular content is already provided by the Social Committee, the Speakers Committee, the Membership Secretary and others, but we will need help with covering each monthly meeting.

The appeal:

We need one, two or three members to help by providing the editor with;

- a) A brief report on the featured Speaker's Presentation at the previous month's general meeting.
- b) A summary of any Personal Profile presented by a member at the previous month's meeting.
(Most often written using notes provided by the member presenting their profile.)
- c) Photographs taken at the previous month's meeting, showing any Speakers plus new member introductions and/or other presentations.

Taken together, these three tasks do not involve a great deal of work and taken individually they require a very small commitment.

Please let me, or any member of the Management Team, know if you are willing to take on any, or all, of these tasks. In doing so, your small commitment would be making a big difference.

Rob Leonard probian@probusperth.ca

Membership:

Membership now stands at 180, including the following new members.

Melodie Ashby	Marg Bartlett	Margo Bell	Kathryn Briggs	Sue Brown
Lorna Carr	Robin Craig	Karen Craig	Sandy Currie	Robin Fraser
Lynn Fraser	Debbie Gibson	Mark Hachmer	Carol Handleman	John Hewitt
Barbara Hewitt	Doug Jones	Edith Lepine	Tom Mackey	Denise Mackey
Margaret McBain	Bob Mingie	Barb Mingie	Liz Minnes	Jim Minnes
Ron Mitchell	Lu Mitchell	Diane Moore	Gordon Polk	Leena Rahusaar
Marylea Reid	John Reid	Bruce Routledge		

Welcome to the Probus Club of Perth!

We look forward to meeting you all when in-person meetings resume, but in the meantime please tune in to the Zoom meetings.



Social Report:

Christmas Dinner at Maximilian's on Friday, December 10th

Twenty four of us enjoyed a delicious dinner and the sound of happy conversations and laughter amongst Probians were a pleasure to hear!

Precautions were taken to ensure a safe environment, several gifts were won and Christmas wishes were shared.





Studio Theatre (Perth) has plays planned:

February 10-20 2022- "Taking Care of the Browns". If allowed tickets available online at www.ticketsplease.ca.

Friday Movie Night is a weekly event starting at 7 pm and costing \$12/adult.

Tickets available online at www.ticketsplease.ca.

Station Theatre (Smiths Falls)

For information go to www.smithsfallstheatre.com (613-283-0300)

Discover what's on stage at the **National Arts Center** at <https://www.nac-cna.ca> .

Note that "Hamilton" has been rescheduled from 2020 to run June 2022.

Tickets are available at www.tickets-center.com.

We encourage you to enjoy your walks around Perth and challenge you to find 3 new businesses. Do some window looking or cautious shopping, donning your N95 or N99 mask, maintaining a 2 m distance and avoiding crowded situations. Our shops would appreciate your support as would our many restaurants that are very willing to seat you or arrange take-out orders if this is your preference.

We're looking forward to some outdoors activities during the winter.

We welcome your suggestions and will share some dates in January's Probian.

Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a happy and healthy 2022.

Hopefully we can socialize with confidence as 2022 unfolds.

Gail and Mary

December presentation:

AstroGeoGuy, Chris Vaughan, provided the stargazers among us with a highly informative and detailed "Tour of the night Sky".

His explanations of where and when to look for and how to identify a host of different stars, galaxies, planets, meteor showers and other aspects of the night sky will keep us happily busy for some time to come.

Let's face it; just getting the ancient names of the constellations straight is enough of a challenge!

Roll on cloudless nights.



Audio-Visual help is still wanted:

We are still looking for additional help to assist with the audio/visual set up for our meetings. The Volunteer(s) should be comfortable with computers, microphones, etc. or be willing to learn. During our Zoom meetings you would be a co-host, normally simply monitoring things, but should any issues arise you would be asked to assist.

During in-person or hybrid meetings, there is also the need to set up the audio / visual equipment at the Legion and be on hand to assist with issues that arise.

If you are interested please call David Batchelor (264 1559) for more information.

Edited by Rob Leonard

**YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM WISHES YOU
HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND
PEACE OF MIND IN 2022**



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.

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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