



Probud Club of Perth

The Probud

November 2021 edition

A new dawn approaches:



Your Management Team is determined to return to in-person meetings as soon as possible. To this end, we are aiming for a trial meeting at the Legion on Wednesday January 05th 2022.

However, with Government rules for such gatherings and indeed the pandemic itself, being moving targets, establishment of a firm date and of the protocols that we will have to follow at an in-person meeting is currently not feasible.

In addition, there is a question as to whether the first meeting will be solely in-person or possibly a "hybrid" that also offers a Zoom option.

All that said, further details will follow once things become clearer.

The main message though, is that we are **aiming for January 05th 2022** to be our new dawn!

Help wanted:

We are 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.

Membership:

We received notice from a few members that they had decided not to renew their memberships. This has resulted in everyone on the waiting list being offered the opportunity to join the club.

Currently, Probus Perth has 180 members in good standing, with the cap remaining at 205.

December 01st Presentation:

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



Chris Vaughan – aka “AstroGeoGuy”, an Award-winning astronomer with a talent for explaining the cosmos to anyone, will present,

“A Tour of the Night Sky”

A professional Geophysicist and Astronomer (graduate of University of Toronto, 1982), Chris’ passion for education and public outreach won him the 2014 Bertram Topham Award for Observing and the 2013 and 2014 Andrew Elvins Awards for Promotion of Astronomy from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada Toronto Centre.

He is the author of a weekly astronomy news bulletin for non-astronomers, called Astronomy Skylights, which is received by subscribers worldwide. He is also a regular presenter of The Sky This Month at the monthly Recreational Astronomy Night meetings of the RASC Toronto Centre, and a member of the team at the club’s Carr Astronomical Observatory near Thornbury.

In addition, Chris writes a column about Mobile Apps for astronomy for Space.com

October presentation:

World renowned cave diver, Jill Heinerth, presented the captivating story her 30 years of diving to further scientific discovery.

Diving in the fascinating and frightening world deep within caves and icebergs and in locations from the Antarctic to the Ottawa River, to the Sahara Desert, to the Bahamas and many other locations around the globe, Jill has helped scientists develop our understanding of Geology, Archeology, Climate and the Natural World.

Her beautiful photographs and enthusiastic presenting style made this a presentation to be remembered.

Social Report:



**Christmas Dinner at Maximilian's
Friday, December 10th at 6:00 pm**

Wear a mask and have proof of vaccination.

Draws for prizes

Reservations can be made up until Dec 03rd

Contact Mary or Gail at:

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Studio Theatre (Perth) is presenting:

"Educating Rita" a play by Willy Russell. Limited capacity of 100 with masking.

Nov 18, 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 starting at 7:30 pm; Nov 21/28 matinees at 2 pm.

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.

Harmony Concerts in December can be booked at www.harmonyconcerts.ca (613-229-3883)

Dec. 4 - Rob Lutes, Dec 11 – The Barrel Boys,

Dec 18 – Christmas in the Valley with Marleen Fawcett and Mountain Breeze

Station Theatre (Smiths Falls) is presenting:

"An Evening of One Act Plays" by Norm Foster. Proof of vaccinations required.

Nov 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 starting at 7:30 pm; Nov 21/28 matinees at 2 pm.

Tickets available at www.smithsfallstheatre.com (613-283-0300) and costing \$20/adult.

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 January 4-23, 2022.

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

Perth BIA reminds us to shop locally and support our retailers. *Shop Stamp & Win* runs from November 1st to December 31st. The town has waived all parking fees until December 31st. Street parking has been extended from a 2-hour to a 4-hour limit.

- Launch of Christmas in Perth under sparkling lights will be on November 18th with stores open until 8 pm.
- Farmer's Christmas Market in on November 21st.
- Christmas Festival of Good Cheer will be held on November 27th.
- Bells of St. Paul's @ Festival of Light will be on December 3rd.
- Santa Claus Parade is on December 4th.

Keeping going:

"My Grandmother started walking five miles a day when she was sixty. She's ninety-seven now and we don't know where the hell she is!"

Ellen DeGeneres

Big Milestone:

Long-time member, **Don Sherwin** has recently joined the ranks of our Over 90's club. Congratulations Don!

We are proud to say that the Over 90's club now boasts seven members.

Those who have left us:

Ted Glugosh

A Probus Perth member who recently left town (as reported in the August Probian), Ted and his late wife Kathryn had been very active in the community life of Perth.

Ted passed away on October 28th.

Our condolences go to his family.

Sherle Perkins

Many members will remember long-time former member Sherle Perkins, who passed away on Friday November 05th.

Our condolences go to her extended family.

Bob Black

It was with particular sadness that we learned that Bob had left us on November 19th.

A Charter Member and Past President of Probus Perth, Bob's enthusiasm and helpfulness over the years went a long way in helping to make the club the success it is today.

Our condolences go to his wife Helen, a fellow Past President, and to the family.

Ian Cole

Son of Probus Perth "Over 90's club" member Audrey Cole, Ian passed away on November 11th.

Heartfelt sympathies go to Audrey who, in the name of her son, has dedicated so many decades to improving the lives of the intellectually challenged and of their guardians.

Condolences also go to fellow "over 90's club" member, Keith Pollard, Audrey's brother and Ian's uncle.

Hello out there!

Included in the last edition of the Probian was a call for someone to take over from me as editor. So far no responses have been received, which is quite disappointing.

Within our large membership of capable souls there surely must be someone with the enthusiasm, minimal skills and small amount of free time that the job requires.

As was mentioned last month, no special skills are required, just familiarity with a word processing programme of your choice and the ability to add a few words to the content provided to you by the Social and Speakers committees.

Covering the various elements of the prior monthly meeting and detailing the upcoming presentation and social events, together with any special announcements, are the basics. Over and above that, to a great extent the editor has the freedom to present the newsletter in the style of his or her choice.

The style of the Probian editions that I have produced over the last few years has differed from that of my predecessors and no doubt a new editor will develop things in a new way. As they should.

It was my intention to make December my last edition as editor. However, with the potential of in-person meetings being trialled in January complicating things, I am willing to also produce the January edition.

After that I will not be the editor, but will certainly be available to do whatever is necessary to help a new editor feel comfortable in the role.

Please consider volunteering.

In editing the Probian you, as a member of the club's Management Team, will be ensuring the continuation of a well-appreciated source of information and entertainment for our members.

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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.

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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