



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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February 17, 2022 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting

Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM. **Trafalgar Park Community Centre – 133 Rebecca Street, Oakville – Plenty of Parking but we also respect those who wish to participate via Zoom**

Speaker: Neil Crone



TV, and Film Personality, Actor and Writer

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Born: 29 May 1960

Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Nationality: Canadian

Occupation: Actor, comedian, writer, motivational speaker

Years Active : 1990-present

Neil Crone is a Canadian actor, comedian, writer, and motivational speaker, who provided voices for some of the well-known characters in Thomas and the Magic Railroad and Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go!

Improvisation partners Neil Crone and Kevin Frank had originally auditioned to voice the Troublesome Trucks. Crone was given the role of Diesel 10 when Britt Allcroft and the producers heard him doing a Russian accent whilst fooling around during the recording of the trucks' lines. The Russian accent was eventually dropped after test audiences claimed that it would be offensive. While fooling around, Frank and Crone were asked to try out for some of the other characters.

Besides voicing many of the characters, Neil Crone and Kevin Frank were also asked to add more comedy to the script. It was Neil Crone's idea to name Diesel 10's claw "Pinchy". Both were "creative consultants" for the film.

Over twenty years after his voiceover work for Thomas and the Magic Railroad, Crone reprised his role as Gordon for the All Engines Go! reboot.

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Other credits include, Ray on the Canadian sitcom "Really Me", Mr. Borba in "Good Witch", Fred Tupper in "Little Mosque on the Prairie", several characters in "Odd Squad", Agent Kringle in "Eloise at Christmastime" Several Mr. Men in the American dub of "Mr. Men and Little Miss" and Dwayne in "Total Drama Presents: The Ridonculous Race".

The President's Message

Dear Fellow Probians,

It appears things are once again getting back to some kind of normal – and for those fully vaccinated that still did get COVID it really has had a minimal impact – a sore throat, light fever for a couple of days and that's it. We have all had colds and felt worse than that – so it's time to move on, we can't hide in our foxholes any longer. Gone is that feeling that when we leave home to go anywhere that it becomes an intense exercise in risk management. Enough is enough.

The Town of Oakville has reopened all their meeting facilities with health and safety measures in place, so Trafalgar Park Community Centre (with a limit of 47 people) will be open on February 17th for our monthly meeting. As I mentioned in last month's Newsletter we will return to our pre COVID Agenda, that is:

Arrive early for pre-meeting coffee and get reacquainted.

Meeting will start at 10:00.

Business portion will be from 10:00 to approximately 10:20.

Profiler or member speaker – 7 to 10 minutes.

Break for coffee and fellowship.

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Reconvene at 10:55 for our Guest Speaker at 11:00

Meeting adjourned at 12:00.

Post-Meeting Lunch at Chuck's Roadhouse for those who wish to Attend

NOTE: The meeting will also be offered on Zoom and Gerry Pielsticker, our new Technical Co-Ordinator, will be sending out the link prior to the meeting.

NOW SOMETHING INTERESTING – As an incentive to physically attend our February meeting there will be 2 draws (this offer is not available to members of the Management Committee, but will be to any Guests): The 1st draw will be for a \$50 Gift Certificate to Pasquale's Trattoria, 50 Lakeshore Road West, Oakville.

The 2nd draw will be for a book provided by previous speakers.

PLENARY SPEAKER – A Plenary Speaker is a speaker from within an organization as opposed to the Guest Speaker who is often a professional.

In the past, it has been the practice of our Club to have a Profiler or member speak for 7 to 10 minutes on either their own backgrounds or on a subject of interest to them. Over the years we have had several excellent presentations by our members and we believe this, along with our guest speakers, is integral to the success of the Club. Club Vice President, Alex Murphy, has been charged with the responsibility of finding members to come forward and "tell their story". As a matter of interest I attended the Old Oakville Probus Club meeting last week and a member gave a talk on Italy. Very interesting, very informative. All of

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you have stories to tell which would be of interest I am sure, so either phone Alex to put your name on the list or when he calls PLEASE SAY YES you would love to give a talk on a subject of your choice.

MANAGEMENT CHANGE ANNOUNCEMENTS

Russell Mewse, has resigned as Chairman of the Activities Committee for personal reasons, effective immediately. As you all know Russell has held this position for a number of years. Thank You Russell for your support and a job well done, most appreciated.

Jim Tonner has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Activities Committee, effective immediately. Welcome aboard Jim and Thank You for being so responsive to our request to help out. With the pandemic fast becoming an endemic we are all looking forward to getting on with our lives. Jim advised to KEEP TUNED.

REMINDER: Following adjournment of the meeting we will be going to Chuck's Roadhouse, 379 Speers Road for lunch and fellowship. Please join us.

A FINAL NOTE: To succeed in life you need three things according to

Reba McEntire:

A Backbone

A Wishbone

A Funny Bone

Cheers, Mike

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 20/22

THE MEETING WAS CONDUCTED ON ZOOM AND APPEARED TO HAVE 35 PARTICIPANTS.

MICHAEL PURCELL COMMENCED WITH A REPORT ON THE JANUARY 11/22 M.C. MEETING WHERE SIGNIFICANT DISCUSSION WAS HELD ON WAYS TO INVIGORATE THE CLUB. HE URGED THE MEMBERS TO REACH OUT TO FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN.

MIKE ASKED FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING. THEY WERE PROPOSED ALEX MURPHY AND SECONDED BY WAYNE GALLANT.

MIKE INTRODUCED HIS GUEST JACK KEARNS AND HOPED TIM O'SHEA WOULD BE ABLE TO JOIN US FROM MAUI IN HAWAII.

SECRETARY JOHN BEALES REPORTED THAT HE HAD HAD DIFFICULTY CONFIRMING THE ANNUAL RENEWAL OF OUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP IN PROBUS CENTRE. HOWEVER, HE HAD JUST RECEIVED CONFIRMATION THAT OUR INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND THE CHEQUE DEPOSITED. WE ARE CURRENT FOR THE 2022 YEAR,

SPEAKER CHAIR ALAN SCREEN REPORTED THAT OUR SPEAKER FOR TODAY IS TIM BURROWS WHO WILL GIVE US AN UPDATE FROM AN EARLIER PRESENTATION ON THE EVOLUTION OF ELECTRIC VEHICLES.

FEBRUARY'S SPEAKER WILL BE NEIL CRONE, AN ACTOR, COMEDIAN AND TV PERSONALITY.

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POSSIBLE FUTURE SPEAKERS ARE A REPRESENTATIVE FROM JOURNEYS BY VAN DYKE AS WELL AS ALGONQUIN POWER AND A SPEAKER BY THE NAME OF LINWOOD BARCLAY.

TREASURER BOB DENHAM HAD NOTHING TO REPORT THIS MONTH.

MEMBERSHIP PETER PRETTY REPORTED THAT THERE WERE NO NEW MEMBERS AND HE HAS UPDATE THE INTERNAL MEMBERSHIP LIST FOR KEITH BIRD AND BOB DENHAM. HE HAD INVITED A GUEST WHO WAS TO JOIN ON ZOOM.

ACTIVITIES - RUSSELL MEWSE REPORTED THAT FOLLOWING THE EXPECTED RE OPENING OF ONTARIO AFTER JANUARY 31ST, THE ACTIVITIES GROUP WILL NOT ORGANIZE NEW ACTIVITIES UNTIL THEN.

WEBSITE PAUL NELSON WAS ABSENT ON HIS WAY TO SOUTH CAROLINA AND THEREFORE THERE WAS NOTHING TO REPORT.

MIKE REPORTED THAT GERRY PEILSTICKER HAS BECOME AN OFFICIAL MEMBER OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE. MIKE WELCOMED GERRY AND THANKED HIM FOR HIS EFFORTS SINCE TAKING OVER THE ZOOM MASTER ROLE.

MIKE THEN INVITED JOHN BEALES, CHAIR OF THE BOOK CLUB AND DAVID PATTERSON CHAIR OF THE INVESTMENT CLUB TO GIVE AN OVERVIEW OF THEIR RESPECTIVE CLUB ACTIVITIES. THE REPORTS ARE ATTACHED AT THE BOTTOM OF THE MINUTES.

SPEAKER CHAIR ALAN SCREEN INTRODUCED TODAY'S SPEAKER TIM BURROWS.

TIM WAS BORN AND RAISED IN STREETSVILLE, ONTARIO. HE IS A GRADUATE OF U OF T.

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HE HAS BEEN MARRIED FOR 40 YEARS AND RETIRED FROM FORTY CREEK DISTILLERY AS VP SALES AND MARKETING AFTER 30 YEARS.

HE SPOKE TO OUR CLUB 3 YEARS AGO ABOUT HIS TESLA CAR. HE RETURNS TO GIVE US AN EXPANDED UPDATE ON ELECTRIC VEHICLES IN GENERAL.

TIM INTRODUCED HIS TOPIC TODAY AS COVERING ELECTRIC VEHICLES AND SELF DRIVING CARS.

WHY ELECTRIC ? WAS HIS OPENING QUESTION?

FUN TO DRIVE,

MORE CONVENIENT TO CHARGE WITH INCREASED NUMBER OF STATIONS AND FASTER CHARGING.

EASY TO CHARGE

AN CHEAPNESS OF TECH UPDATES KEEP THEM ON THE ROAD FOR LONG TIME.

INEXPENSIVE POWER AND LOW ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT.

HE COMPARED THE THEORETICAL TIME TAKEN ON AN ANNUAL BASIS TO MANUALLY FILL A GAS-POWERED CAR AND CHARGING AN EV. HE CLAIMED 8 HOURS VS 1 HOUR FOR EV'S.

APPARENTLY STATSCAN REPORTS 1200 CHARGING STATIONS NOW IN ONTARIO WITHOUT COUNTING DOMESTIC LOCATIONS.

HE NOTED THE NUMBER OF AUTO MANUFACTURERS THAT HAS ANNOUNCED PLANS TO ABANDON INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE MODELS FOR ALL ELECTRIC IS GROWING AND IS NOW ALMOST THE MAJORITY.

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IN ADDITION TO ELECTRIC CARS, HE INTRODUCED THE TOPIC OF SELF DRIVE VEHICLES.

HE REMINDED US OF THE INNOVATIONS SUCH AS COLOR TV IPHONES, THE INTERNET IN OUR LIFETIME. THEY APPEARDE FANTASTIC BEFORE THEY BECAME A REALITY BUT NOW ARE PART OF DAILY LIFE. EMBRACING THIS TECHNOLOGY IS EQUIVALENT TO FIGURATIVELY LETTING GO OF THE WHEEL.

SELF DRIVE VEHICLES ARE NOT YET FULLY PERFECTED NOR IS THE ROAD ENVIRONMENT TOTALL CONDUCIVE TO THEM. HOWEVER, TIM PREDICTS THAT WITHIN 15 YEARS, A CHILD BORN IN 2018 WILL NEVER NEED TO TAKE A DRIVING TEST. IT WON'T BE NECESSARYHE THEN OUTLINED THE LEVELS OF DRIVING AUTONOMY.

HUMAN DRIVING

SELF DRIVE WITH THE CAPACITY FOR THE HUMAN DRIVER TO TAKE OVER.

SELF DRIVE, DRIVE SAFELY WITH HUMAN ONLY NEEDING CORRECTION INFREQUENTLY.

SELF DRIVE ALL THE TIME. HUMAN COULD GO TO SLEEP.

SELF DRIVE ALL THE TIME IN ALL CONDITIONS.

BENEFITS OF SELF DRIVING VEHICLES ARE FEWER FATALITIES. AS 94% OF FATALITIES ARE CAUSED BY HUMAN ERROR.

COST OF EV ARE COMING DOWN AND WILL ACHIEVE PARITY WITH INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE CARS.

THE LACK OF DRIVER COSTS WILL REDUCE SHIPPING COSTS DRAMATICALLY.

CAR OWNERSHIP WILL DECLINE AS EV AVAILABILITY FOR TAXIS WILL MAKE OWNERSHIP REDUNDANT.

CURRENTLY THE AVERAGE CAR IS ONLY USED 4% OF THE TIME. THE ARRIVAL OF SELF DRIVE VEHICLES WILL LEAD TO MORE EFFICEIENT VEHICLE USAGE, LESS CONGESTION AND DECLINING NEEDS FOR ROAD SPACE. CURRENTLY THERE ARE 1

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MILLION CARS IN TORONTO WHICH COULD BE REPLACED BY 50,000 EV'S TO COVER THE SAME MILEAGE.

AN INTERESTING ASIDE WAS THE SUGGESTION THAT THE GROWTH IN HEALTH MONITORING TECHNOLOGY BY HUMANS THROUGH THE PHONE CONNECTION COULD LEAD TO A SELF DRIVE VEHICLE REALIZING A PASSENGER WAS HAVING A HEALTH EVENT AND AUTOMATICALLY TAKE THEM TO HOSPITAL. PRESUMABLY THEIR HEALTH INFO, VITAL SIGNS ETC COULD BE COMMUNICATED TO EMERGENCY AHEAD OF TIME!!!!!!

THIS TECH INNOVATION WILL BE MASSIVELY DISRUPTIVE TO SOCIETY AND ITS PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION BUT IT WILL HAPPEN. 150 YEARS AGO 80% OF THE POPULATION WERE INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE. NOW THERE ARE LESS THAN 3% INVOLVED IN AGRICULTURE AND WE GROW MORE FOOD. SOCIETY SURVIVES DISRUPTION AND MOVES ON.

THE CHALLENGE FACING SELF DRIVING TECHNOLOGY IS SOCIETAL ACCEPTANCE. HOWEVER, HE EXPECTS IT WILL COME AND WITH CANADA'S MINERAL WEALTH AND AUTOMOBILE MANUFACTURING INFRASTRUCTURE THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY FOR CANADA TO BE A MAJOR PLAYER IN THE COMING TRANSPORTATION REVOLUTION.

TIM ACCEPTED NUMEROUS QUESTIONS AND THE Q&A WENT ON FOR SOME 20 MINUTES COVERING SUCH TOPICS AS:

SPEED OF EV CHARGING

RELATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT DUE TO ELECTRICITY COST IN MANUFACTURING AND OPERATION OF EVS

EV PERFORMANCE IN COLD CLIMATES

COST OF IN GARAGE CHARGERS.

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PROBLEMS WITH PERMISSION TO INSTALL CHARGERS IN OWNED PARKING SPACES IN CONDO GARAGES.

USED CAR VALUE OF EV'S?

HYDROGEN POWER 'S IMPRACTICALITY AS A REPLACEMENT FOR ELECTRICITY AND BATTERY TECHNOLOGY.

ROY OLDFIELD THANKED THE SPEAKER AND REFLECTED THE WIDESPREAD APPRECIATION OF THE AUDIENCE. TIM THANKED THE AUDIENCE AND OFFERED TO RETURN TO SPEAK ABOUT HIS CAREER AND KNOWLEDGE IN MAKING WHISKY.

THAT BEING ALL THE BUSINESS FOR THE MEETING MIKE PURCELL ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

Editor' Note: The Management Committee will be referring to Special Interest Groups within the Club to allow the addition of activities such as Golf, Travel, etc. without the confusion of Clubs within Clubs. The headings of this month's "club" reports have altered, but not the content.

OVERVIEW OF PROBUS BOOK - SPECUAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

MEMBERS: JOHN BEALES, GRANT GOODING, DON JACK, COR KEEREN, ALEX MURPHY, ROY OLDFIELD & JACK TALBOT

FOUNDED IN 1997. GRANT GOODING, A FOUNDER IS STILL A MEMBER

MEET 2ND TUESDAY OF MONTH TO REVIEW A NON-FICTION BOOK READ DURING THE MONTH. 12 BOOKS PER YEAR. CURRENTLY MEETING BY ZOOM BUT NORMALLY MEET AT A MEMBERS'S RESIDENCE ON A ROTATION BASIS

MEET STARTS AT 1.30PM WITH SHERRY WHICH IS NOT MANDATORY!!!

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REVIEW BOOK UNTIL 3.30PM. COFFEE AND GOODIES UNTIL 4.30 WITH LIVELY DISCUSSION ON WORLD TOPICS

CHAIR SELECTS EACH BOOK FOR READING AFTER DISCUSSION AND INPUT FROM MEMBERS.

RECENT BOOKS INCLUDED:

AMAZON UNBOUND: ABOUT THE EVOLUTION OF THE AMAZON EMPIRE. DESCRIBES JEFF BEZOS' RELENTLESS DRIVE FOR TECHICAL PERFECTION, COST CONTROL AND NEW BUSINESSES TO DISRUPT.

INVENTION; A LIFE: BY JAMES DYSON ABOUT HIS PATH TO BECOMING A LEADING INDUSTRIAL DESIGNER. THE BOOK DESCRIBES IN DETAIL THE DEVELOPMENT OF GAME CHANGING VACUUM CLEANERS, HAIRDRYERS ETC

CALL ME INDIAN BY FRED SASAKAMOOSE, THE FIRST INDIGENOUS HOCKEY PLAYER IN THE NHL. HIS STORY TELLS OF THE TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS COMING FROM THE RESERVATION VIA RESIDENTIAL SCHOOL TO THE NHL AND ON BECOMING A COMMUNITY LEADER. WRITTEN WITH A LIGHT TOUCH GIVING A UNIQUE INSIGHT TO THE CULTURAL DIVIDE IN CANADA.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP IS 7 AND NEW MEMBERS WOULD BE WELCOME. DIRECT INQUIRIES TO JOHN BEALES 647 990 1945

PROBUS INVESTMENT – SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP (SIG)

In 2022 we celebrate the 20th anniversary of our club.

We are very sociable group of a dozen members who are focused on financial planning. We meet monthly to compare strategies and knowledge which can guide our own planning. Each month we review a virtual portfolio of Canadian stocks. This was valued at \$200,000 in 2002, and is now grown to \$1,069,380.

Although we don't presume to be able outsmart the market. Last year our portfolio increased 28.3% in market value compared to 21.7% for the TSX. We share responsibility for maintaining the portfolio and we are open to discussing alternative investments.

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Members share their own experiences, strategies and knowledge of investments including tax strategy and alternatives such as gold, cash, bitcoins, and real estate, and we consider how to manage risks, such as new technologies, international events, pandemics, and politics.

Meetings normally take place on the third Thursday of each month at 10am in the Bronte area and currently we Zoom at 4pm.

We are open to having an additional member who wishes to learn and contribute.

Have a happy and PROSPEROUS New Year!

Dave Patterson
Chair

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The following Management Committee is Currently In Place

2021-2022 Management Committee

President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Past President	Ivor Barlow	(905) 845-0241
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Membership	Peter Pretty	(905) 338-5583
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Technical Co-ordinator	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829

In addition, the following Key Support Positions have been filled by appointed Members.

Key Support Positions

Equipment	Andreas Franke	(905) 338-5226
Member Welfare	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Auditor	Charles (Chuck) O'Neil	(905) 825-0054
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Photographs - 2	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	TBD	