

THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE



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September 15, 2022 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting *Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM.*

Special September Meeting Place – Deerfield Golf Club 2363 North Service Rd - Oakville ON L6M 3H8

Plenty of Parking but we also respect those who wish to participate via Zoom

FEATURED SPEAKER - Susan J Hyatt BSc(PT) MBA



Chair and Co-Founder, Silver Sherpa Inc

Founded in 2012, Silver Sherpa is a professional services company delivering life planning and coordination services as well as crisis management for older people and special needs families. Susan is passionate about changing the way we look at ageing and is determined to empower her clients with innovative ways to embrace the longevity revolution.

In demand as a public speaker and author, Susan is widely quoted on eldercare, smart ageing, and estate planning issues. She is published in various media including the Globe and Mail, the Report on Business, and appeared on TVO's The Agenda. She has recently authored a chapter on building a Smart Ageing Plan in the newly released book 'Wealth of Wisdom: Top Practices for Wealthy Families and Their Advisors' by Tom McCullough and Keith Whittaker.

She has served on Boards of Directors and Commissions in the United States, Australia, Ireland, and Canada including St Michael's Hospital Board of Directors in Toronto. She is a member of the Canadian College of Health Service Executives and the International Federation on Ageing. She has served as a member of the Older Adult Advisory Committee appointed by the Council of the Regional Municipality of Halton, and as President of the Estate Planning Council of Halton. She is also a member of the Oakville Chamber of Commerce and the Verity Club in Toronto.

Susan holds post-graduate certification in Negotiations from Harvard Law School/ MIT and a Masters in Business Administration with a specialty in International Business from Griffith University, Australia. She also holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy specializing in critical care/trauma from the University of Toronto where she taught in the Faculty of Medicine.

At our September meeting, Susan will discuss several controversial topics to provoke your knowledge about financial, legal and health care planning options available to you including:

- Ontario's recent Bill 7 'More Beds, Better Care Act';
- 2. Powers of Attorney (PAs) regarding **Personal Care & Property**; and
- 3. **'MAID'** (Medical Assistance in Dying)...a summary look at the new protocols and protections that were informed by Federal Bill C-7 and subject matter expert input for the House of Commons and the Senate.

Some background reading is enclosed to inform and enhance your questions for Susan.

https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/bill-7-passes-ontario-long-term-care-1.6568125

https://www.canada.ca/en/department-justice/news/2021/03/new-medical-assistance-in-dying-legislation-becomes-law.html

The President's Message

Dear Fellow Probians,

A year has passed, I can't believe how fast the time has flown by. We tried a lot of things over that period, some worked, some better than others, some didn't work at all:

- We found what we thought would be our new "forever" home for our meetings, but it wasn't. You will hear more on this in the very near future.
- We offered Hybrid Meetings so everyone who wanted to attend could.
 As a bonus it allowed us to have Guest Speakers speak to us from anywhere.
- We re-established our Communications Committee, headed up by Roy McEwan on a trial basis. Following the 6 month trial it was deemed unnecessary and the project cancelled. Thanks for making the effort Roy.
- We created a Travel Coordinator function headed up by Jack Talbot.
 Tours were offered in conjunction with Mississauga South Probus Club,
 but there was little to no interest. Jack hasn't given up and will look at
 possibly setting up mini-tours next year. More on that from Jack next
 year.
- We had several guests attend during the year and two became members. We need to do much better next year. Perhaps reaching out to members whose membership lapsed during Covid might be a start? It would be wonderful if everyone made a point of bringing a male friend to a meeting to introduce them to Probus – please try, it never hurts to ask.
- We set meeting attendance goal at 70% for the year, but we fell short.
 Participation will be a focus next year. I will be looking for ideas to make that happen.
- We have made "in-roads" in our attempt to work closer with
 Old Oakville Probus. Several joined the Tuesday lunch & pool crowd at

- Monaghan's Sports Pub & Grill. There have also been several members who have golfed on Wednesdays at Oakville Executive Golf Club.
- We re-established the practice of having a Bio or a Bio-reboot at the meeting. These stories never get old and are often better during the retelling – like the story Ivor told how he single handedly cleared Waterloo Station in London, England. You had to have been there to appreciate that one.
- Our draws for a \$50.00 gift certificate, if you were in attendance, was interesting and we may have to come up with something like that next year.

In summary I would have to say we had an OK year given the circumstances, could we have done better, of course. On a positive note we had some great guest speakers, thanks to Alan Screen. Thanks Alan

As I mentioned at the August Meeting we are not able to return to Trafalgar Park Community Centre for any future meetings due to a change in Policy that "Town Programs will take precedence over external clients" – that's us.

Our AGM & General Meeting in September will be held in **The Banquet Room at Deerfield Golf Club, 2363 North Service Road West.** The Banquet Room is located on the lower level of the Golf Club. Using the lower parking lot you can park right in front of the banquet room and walk in directly – no stairs. To get to the lower parking lot -

- If coming from the <u>west</u> along the North Service Road take the 2nd driveway.
- If coming from the <u>east</u> along the North Service Road take the 1st driveway.

Cheers

Mike

REMEMBER - OCTOBER IS PROBUS MONTH, BRING A FRIEND

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF AUGUST 18, 2022 AT THE TRAFALGAR ROOM IN THE OAKVILLE TOWN HALL,

MICHAEL PURCELL, THE CHAIR, OPENED THE MEETING BY WELCOMING THE 24 MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE AND THE 1 OTHER ON ZOOM. THERE WERE NO GUESTS TODAY.

HE STARTED THE PROCEEDINGS BY TELLING 2 JOKES. THE FIRST CONCERMED A PARISHIONER WHO SWORE AND WAS CHASTIZED FOR SWEARING BY THE MINISTER UNTIL HE DONATED \$5K. THE MINISTER RESPONDED "NO S**T".

THE SECOND CONCERNED AN AIR TRAVELLER TRYING TO IDENTIFIY WHICH AIR LINE AN ATTRACTIVE ATTENDANT FLEW FOR. HE RECITED THE COMPANY MOTTOS. WHEN HE GOT TO ONE, SHE SAID "WHAT THE HELL DO YOU WANT?" AH, AIR CANADA" HE REALIZED!

EACH JOKE WAS WELL RECEIVED.

MIKE THEN ASKED FOR ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE GM MEETING OF JULY 21, 2022. JACK RUGG PROPOSED AND BOB CUMMING SECONDED THE MOTION TO ADOPT. THE MOTION WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

V.P. ALEX MURPHY ADVISED THE MEETING THAT THE ELECTION OF A NEW SLATE FOR THE EXECUTIVE WOULD BE VOTED ON AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022. AS A RESULT, HE TABLED A NOTICE OF MOTION REQUESTING CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL BY VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SLATE OF CANDIDATES SUBMITTED AND ATTACHED TO THESE MINUTES BELOW.

NOTICE OF MOTION

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE IS OBLIGED TO PROVIDE A "NOTICE OF MOTION" AT THE AUGUST MEETING OF A LIST OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS THAT IT WILL PROPOSE FOR A VOTE AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING TO FILL MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR THE 2022-2023 YEAR.

THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE WILL ALSO APPOINT OTHER INDIVIDUALS FOR NON-MANAGEMENT POSITIONS.

THE MOTION AT THE SEPTEMBER MEETING WILL BE TO NOMINATE THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS FOR THE FOLLOWING MANAGEMENT POSITIONS FOR THE 22-23 YEAR.

MANAGEMENT

PRESIDENT - MIKE PURCELL

VICE PRESIDENT - ALEX MURPHY

PAST PRESIDENT - JOHN BEALES

SECRETARY – JIM TONNER

TREASURER - RAY HENDRICKSON

ACTIVITIES – JAY KELL

SPEAKERS – TIM O'SHEA

MEMBERSHIP - PETER PRETTY

WEB SITE AND NEWSLETTER - PAUL NELSON

TECHNICAL SERVICES – GERRY PIELSTICKER

OTHER NON-MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS TO BE FILLED BY NOMINATING COMMITTEE WITHOUT A VOTE.

MEMBERS WELFARE AND HEALTH - ALEX MURPHY

PHOTOS – PETER PRETTY AND DAVE JOHNSON

AUDITOR – CHARLES O'NEIL

50-50 - ROY OLDFIELD

EQUIPMENT – ANDREAS FRANKE

GREETER – JACK RUGG

SPEAKERS: ALAN SCREEN REPORTED ON THE SPEAKER FOR TODAY WHO IS TATIANA ZINI FROM THE OAKVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM. SHE WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT ALL THE DIGITAL AND SERVICE OFFERINGS AVAILABLE AS WELL AS BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY.

ALAN NOTED THAT AS OF SEPTEMBER TIM O'SHEA WILL TAKE OVER AS SPEAKER CHAIR. AS TIM IS AWAY, IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER A SPEAKER WILL SPEAK TO US AS WE HAVEN'T HAD A SPEAKER AT THE ANNUAL MEETING FOR SOME TIME.

TREASURER: ROBERT DENHAM REPORTED THAT THERE HAS BEEN APPROXIMATELY \$2600.00 RECEIVED IN RENEWALS TAKING THE BANK BALANCE TO SOME \$7,760.00. THERE HAS BEEN VERY LITTLE ACTIVITY BEYOND THAT.

MEMBERSHIP: PETER PRETTY ADVISED THAT OFFICIALLY WE HAVE 56 MEMBERS PAID UP MEMBERS ON THE ROSTER. HE EXPECTS SEVERAL MEMBERS WILL NOT REJOIN FOR NEXT YEAR DUE TO HEALTH REASONS.CURRENTLY WE HAVE 37 RENEWALS. THIS POTENTIAL SHORT FALL MAKES IT EVEN MORE DIFFICULT FOR THE CLUB TO FUNCTION AND EVEN MORE IMPORTANT THAT CURRENT MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T PAID TO GET THEIR CHEQUES IN PROMPTLY.

ACTIVITIES: JIM TONNER REPORTED

THE ANNUAL DINNER IS PLANNED FOR SEPTEMBER 23.2022 AT LE DOME BANQUET FACILITY. CURRENTLY WE HAVE 18 ATTENDES SIGNED UP. WE REQUIRE APPROXIMATELY 54 MEMBERS AND GUESTS TO ATTEND IN ORDER TO BREAK EVEN. THERE WILL BE LIVE ENTERTAINMENT FOR DANCING AND DOOR PRIZES OF \$50 GIFT CERTIFICATES TO PASQUALES RISTORANTE HERE IN OAKVILLE. HE REQUESTED MEMBERS TO SIGN UP TODAY. HE WILL BE FOLLOWING UP BY PHONE TO THOSE WHO HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING.

IN CLOSING, HE REMINDED MEMBERS OF THE AVAILABILITY OF GOLF WITH THE MEMBERS OF THE OLDE OAKVILLE CLUB ON WEDNESDAYS AT THE OAKVILLE EXECUTIVE GOLF CLUB.

NEWSLETTER: PAUL NELSON HAD NOTHING NEW TO REPORT.

TECHNOLOGY: GERRY PIELSTICKER IS AWAY THIS MONTH THEREFORE, THERE IS NOTHING TO REPORT.

PRESIDENT: MICHAEL PURCELL INFORMED THE MEMBERS THAT HE HAS BEEN ADVISED BY TRAFALGAR PARK C.C. THAT WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN IN SEPTEMBER TO THE PINE ROOM AS AN INHOUSE SENIORS PROGRAM WILL BE PERMANENTLY OCCUPYING THE ROOM.

HE HAS APPROACHED IROQUOIS SHORES C.C., THE TOWN HALL AND THE QUEEN ELIZABETH C.C. ABOUT POSSIBLE VENUES. THE ONLY REAL COMMITMENT HAS COME FROM QUEEN ELIZABETH C.C. WHICH CAN'T ACCOMMODATE US IN SEPTEMBER DUE TO THE ELECTION BUT CAN HOUSE US IN OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER. THEY WON'T COMMIT AT THIS TIME BUT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT WE MAY BE ABLE TO GO THERE FROM JANUARY TO JUNE OF 2023.

THIS LEFT THE CLUB HOMELESS FOR SEPTEMBER. HOWEVER, MIKE WAS ABLE TO SECURE THE BANQUET ROOM DOWNSTAIRS AT THE DEERFIELD GOLF CLUB. ACCESS IS DIRECTLY FROM THE PARKING LOT. INSTRUCTIONS AND DIRECTIONS WILL BE SENT LATER.

DISCUSSION FOLLOWED IN REGARD TO OTHER OPTIONS SUCH AS CHURCHES INCLUDING GOING BACK TO MAPLE GROVE UNITED.

SUGGESTIONS WERE PUT FORWARD AS TO THE DIFFICULTY IN ATTRACTING MEMBERS SUCH AS THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA REPLACING FACE TO FACE FELLOWSHIP. THE CHANGING FACE OF RETIREMENT AND THE STRONG INTEREST IN JOINT CLUBS FOR RETIRING COUPLES.

IT WAS REPORTED THAT THE PROBUS CLUB OF OLDE OAKVILLE STILL BELIEVES THEY HAVE SOME 100 MEMBERS BUT TODATE HAVE ONLY RE-SIGNED 40. THEIR CLOSE OF REGISTRATION DATE IS OCTOBER SO IT IS STILL EARLY TO TELL WHAT COMPLEMENT THEY WILL HAVE.

AFTER THEIR NEW PRESIDENT IS INSTALED AN INQUIRY WILL RE COMMENCE INTO THE LEVEL OF THEIR INTERST IN MERGING.

PAUL NELSON NOTED THAT WE NEED TO CLARIFY OUR GOING FORWARD PLAN SOON AS HE IS FACING SOME \$600.00 IN RENEWAL FEES FOR THE DOMAIN, WEBSITE LICENSE AND ZOOM

PROFILER: IVOR BARLOW PRESENTED IN THE PROGRAMME OF RE-PRESENTING PROFILES OF LONG SERVING MEMBERS. HE ENTITLED HIS PRESENTATION "BOMBS AND BOOZE'.

IVOR BEGAN BY SUMMARIZING THE STATUS OF WAR IN THE WORLD FROM THE COLD WAR, KOREAN WAR, VIETNAM WAR, IRAQI WARS, AFGHANISTAN AND NOW THE UKRAINE IN A PERIOD WHEN THE WAR WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OVER IN 1945.

HE LISTED THE NUMBER OF WARHEADS NOW KNOWN TO BE IN EXISTENCE AS WELL AS THE NUMBER OF AUTOCRATS IN CONTROL OF THEM. HE PAINTED A RATHER CHILLING PICTURE OF THE WORLD SINCE WW II.

HE REGALED THE GROUP WITH HIS ADVENTURES IN COMING TO CANADA WITH LYTTON SYSTEMS TO GET AWAY FROM THE I.R.A. BOMBINGS IN THE U.K; ONLY TO FIND IN HIS 2ND YEAR IN CANADA THAT THEIR FACTORY WAS PARTIALLY BLOWN UP BY ANARCHISTS CALLED THE SQUAMISH 5 FROM B.C.HE PHILOSOPHICALLY REMARKED THAT NOTHING MUCH HAS CHANGED.

HE COMPLETED HIS PHILOSOPHICAL CIRCLE BY RECOUNTING A STORY OF ONE DAY ATTENDING A NUMBER OF ALCOHOL FUELLED MEETINGS WHICH LED HIM ON HIS WAY HOME TO DROP INTO THE MEN'S WASHROOM AT BUSY WATERLLO STATION IN LONDON. WHILST IN THERE HE FELL ASLEEP ONLY TO EMERGE LATER TO FIND THIS BUSTLING TERMINUS TOTALLY EMPTY. THERE HAD BEEN AN I.R.A. BOMB SCARE DURING HIS NAP AND HE HAD MISSED IT COMPLETELY. BOMBS AND BOOZE SEEMED INTERTWINED

MIKE THANKED IVOR FOR HIS INTERESTING TALK AND PAUSED THE MEETING FOR INTERMISSION AND COFFEE.

SPEAKER: ALAN SCREEN INTRODUCED TATANIA ZINI OUR SPEAKER FOR TODAY FROM THE OAKVILLE LIBRARY SYSTEM.

TATANIA WAS BORN IN UKRAINE AND CAME TO CANADA AFTER HIGH SCHOOL SHE ATTENDED UNIVERSITY IN CANADA AND EARNED A DEGREE IN ECONOMICS. SHE WORKED FOR MANY YEARS IN THE FINANCIAL SECTOR, PARTICULARLY IN THE TECHNOLOGY AREA.

SHE IS MARRIED TO AN ENGINEER OF ITALIAN DESCENT AND HAS A DAUGHTER WHO IS STUDYING IN ITALY AND A SON AT WATERLOO.SHE ENJOYS DANCING AND ACRYLIC PAINTING.

WHILE SHE WAS RAISING HER CHILDREN, SHE JOINED THE OAKVILLE LIBRARIES ON A PART TIME BASIS PROMOTING LIBRARY SERVICES. SHE CLAIMED NOT TO BE A LIBRARY TYPE BUT FOUND THE PEOPLE AND THE JOB TO BE GREAT FUN AND HAS BEEN WORKING FOR THE LIBRARY EVER SINCE. HER PRESENTATION WAS EXTREMELY ENTHUSIASTIC AND OUTLINED THE MANY SERVICES AND RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO CUSTOMERS BEYOND SIMPLY BORROWING BOOKS. THE FOLLOWING ARE SOME OF THE SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE LIBRARY USERS:

1) REFERENCE: ASSISTANCE ON ANY TOPIC.

- 2) READERS ADVISORY CAN HELP FIND SUITABLE BOOKS OR MOVIES TO YOUR INTEREST OR TASTE.
- 3) GENEOLOGY: THE OPL HAS THE ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO ACCESS ANCESTRY DOT COM FOR FREE IN THE LIBRARY.
- 4) TECHNOLOGY ASSISTANCE: THERE ARE 1 ON 1 RESOURCES WITHIN THE LIBRARY TO ASSIST YOU WITH TECH PROBLEMS. THEY ARE NOT TECH GURUS BUT CAN HELP WITH MANY PROBLEMS WITH YOUR IPAD, IPHONE AND ANDROID DEVICES.
- 5) INTERNET ACCESS IS AVAILABLE TO THOSE WITHOUT AT A LIBRARY SITE.
- 6) ONLINE RESOURCES SUCH AS BOOKS, MOVIES, AUDIO BOOKS.
- 7) PROGRAMS AND EVENTS: IF YOU ARE GOING WHERE INTERNET COVERAGE IS PATCHY AND NEED OR WANT TO WATCH SOMETHING, YOU CAN RENT A WI FI HOTSPOT DEVICE FOR A WEEK AND ALLOW YOU TO CONNECT IN RURAL AREAS OF THE PROVINCE. IN ADDITION, YOU CAN BOOK PASSES TO ONTARIO PARKS FREE THROUGH THE LIBRARY.
- 8) OPL ACCESSIBILITY SERVICES: FOR FOLKS WITH LIMITED MOBILITY, THEY WILL FILL ORDERS FOR BOOKS OR MOVIES AND DELIVER BY MAIL OR IN PERSON TO YOUR RESIDENCE.
- 8) CONNECTION KITS: LAP TOP POUCHES CONTAINING ANDROID TABLETS, WIFI HOT SPOTS WILL ALLOW YOU TO DOWNLOAD BOOKS AND AUDIOBOOKS. THIS SERVICE WAS CRUCIAL DURING THE COVID 19 LOCKDOWNS.
- 9) ACCESSIBILITY TABLETS: ANDROID TABLETS BUT NOT WIFI HOTSPOTS FOR VISUALLY IMPAIRED WITH LARGE BUTTONS. OPL HAS 40 SUCH TABLETS BUT YOU MUST BE DISABLED. CUSTOMERS CAN TAKE ON TRIAL BASIS TO SEE IF THEY ARE WHAT THEY WANT.
- 10) LIBRARY TAKEOUT: TEENS, KIDS AND ADULTS CAN PLACE ORDERS FOR BOOKS MOVIES ETC AND THEY WILL BE PACKAGED UP FOR YOUR PICK UP.
- 11) GRAB AND GO: IS AN INTERESTING FEATURE WHERE LIBRARY STAFF ASSEMBLE A VARIETY OF INTERESTING BOOKS IN A BAG. THEY ARE ASSEMBLED

BY GENRE SUCH AS THRILLER, GENERAL INTEREST OR YOUTH. THEY FACILITATE THE READER DISCOVERING NEW THINGS. THEY ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY AND CUSTOMERS STOP BY AND PICK ONE UP.

OTHER UNKNOWN SERVICES SUCH AS THE RENOVATED GLEN ABBEY LIBRARY HAS A CREATION ZONE WHERE THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF EQUIPMENT TO ALLOW FOR CRAFTS. ITEMS SUCH AS 3D PRINTERS OR SERGERS FOR SOWING. THERE ARE 2 STAFF MEMBERS OF STAFF AVAILABLE FOR ASSISTANCE.

- 12) COURSES ON LINE: OPL HAS AN AFFILIATION WITH UTUBE TO SHOW VIDEO CLASSES FOR CRAFTS AND DIY TOPICS. THERE ALSO CLASSES OF INTEREST FOR TECH BOOMERS ON HOW TO MASTER SOME TECH ISSUES.
- 13) LINKED IN LEARNING: FREE WITH YOUR LIBRARY CARD ALLOWS YOU TO LINK INTO LANGUAGE CLASSES. THIS IS INTERACTIVE AND WILL POINT OUT ERRORS IN PUNCTUATION ETC.
- 14) OPL WEBSITE: THE WEBSITE WILL HELP YOU TO NAVIGATE ALL THESE OFFERINGS.
- 15) PRESS READER: MAGAZINES AND NEWSPAPERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD AS WELL AS PUBLICATIONS SUCH AS CONSUMERS REPORTS AND BUSINESS DIRECTORIES ARE AVAILABLE
- 16) LIBRARY SERVICES: YOU CAN BOOK A MEETING ROOM IN THE MAIN LIBRARY WHICH ACCOMODATES 90 PEOPLE AND IS EQUIPPED WITH AUDIO VISUAL TECHNOLOGY FOR A VERY LOW FEE.THE CONTACT IS MICHELE ROWLAND AT 905 815 2042.

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