



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

Established in 1988, The Fifth Probus Club in Canada
www.oakvilleprobus.com



November 17, 2022 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM.

**November Meeting Place – Oakville Public Library - Central
Branch – 120 Navy St. Second Floor Auditorium**

**Plenty of Parking on Water St with Elevator to Second Floor
but we also respect those who wish to participate via Zoom**

FEATURED SPEAKER



Denise Davy

Presentation:

**Her Name was Margaret -
Life and Death on the Streets**

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Denise Davy is a nationally recognized award-winning journalist who specializes in writing about mental health, homelessness and gender issues. She worked at the Hamilton Spectator for 26 years and was twice honoured with the Journalist of the Year award by the Ontario Newspaper Association and is a recipient of a National Newspaper Award, several Ontario Newspaper Association awards and two awards from the Registered Nurses Association of Ontario.

Judges noted her compelling coverage of health and social issues, and she has also been honoured for her column writing, humour writing and investigative reporting.

She is the recipient of four national journalism fellowships, which allowed her to investigate child prostitution in Thailand (International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development Fellowship); poverty and family planning programs in India (Asia Pacific Fellowship) and children in poverty in Canada (Canadian Institute for Health Information Fellowship).

In 1993, the Canadian Association of Journalists awarded her for co-founding the National Women in the Media conference. The next year Denise filed an Ontario Human Rights complaint against the Hamilton YMCA, which was the last all-male Y in North America. The Y agreed to change its policy and allow women to become members.

That victory, along with her work on the conference and her wide-ranging coverage of women's issues earned Denise the Women of the Year award in the Communications category from the Statues of Women Committee of Hamilton.

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Denise's writing has also appeared in Chatelaine magazine, CBC Hamilton, Broadview magazine, the Toronto Star, the Globe and Mail and ParentsCanada. Her story on adoption appeared in the book The Lucky Ones.

She is the founder of Purses for Margaret, which provides toiletries to homeless women. She lives in Burlington, ON.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow Probiants,

As I advised in last month's Newsletter I was going to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina for a relaxing months holiday. We arrived on Sunday, October 16th. The weather was perfect, sunny and warm. Golfed on Tuesday and had a so-so game. Then at 5:00am on Thursday morning I received a text message from Kelly Beales that staggered me. I could not believe what I was reading - "—there is very sad news about John" and Kelly described what had happened that fateful morning of Tuesday, October 18th on the QEW.

I read that message several times before I could get it to sink in and as we are leaving this Saturday to head back

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to Oakville I am still struggling with it. Life's fragility - how any of us can be here one moment and gone the next.

John Beales was a very important and highly respected member of our Club. Right from the time he joined he took a very active role and put 110% effort into everything he undertook. From Speaker's Chair, President, Past President, Chair of the Book Club and when he was Secretary he took such detailed notes we almost needed to have the minutes bound as a book after each meeting as they were in such detail. Whenever there was a problem, he would say "have we looked at this or that possibility"? A very willing listener who always provided sound and well thought out advice. Suffice to say, he was meticulous in anything and everything he undertook. He will be greatly missed as a club member and a great friend. He truly believed Probus provided an opportunity for Fellowship, Friendship and Fun, but also recognized you only get out of it what you put into it. Such is life.

It will with be with this memory of John's ongoing efforts to help keep the Club moving forward that I will continue in my role.

Your work is done John, Rest In Peace.

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Making a List and Checking it Twice? Don't forget the Probus Club of Oakville is hosting a terrific Holiday Luncheon at the Oakville Golf Club on December 9 from 11AM – 2 PM. Bring your reservation, cheques and entree choices to the Nov 17 Meeting! Spouses, friends, significant others are ALL Welcome!

Also, those that want to go but won't be able to attend the meeting on Nov 17th, should mail their cheques to Jay Kell and to let him know what their main course choice will be.

**Jay Kell,
2201 Whitworth Drive,
Oakville, Ontario
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MENU

Lunch – Plated

Bread Basket and Butter per Table
House Salad

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Entrée – Choice of:

Dark/White Meat Turkey
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Atlantic Salmon
Roasted Red Pepper Coulis
Rice Pilaf
Seasonal Vegetables

OR

Vegetarian
Crispy Polenta, Roasted Red Pepper, Goat Cheese, Tomato Chutney,
Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

Molten Lava Chocolate Cake
Tea & Coffee

\$49 per person Including Tax and Gratuity

The Oakville Golf Club is an Elegant Facility Located at 1154 Sixth Line in Oakville with an In-House Chef, and Plenty of Parking



Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville

October 20, 2022

Oakville Public Library

Alex M. opened the meeting with a few jokes and asked for approval of last month's minutes.

Gerry P. made the motion, Jack Rugg 2nd and motion carried.

Secretary Jim T. said that there was no correspondence but re-confirmed that the earliest members could enter the library will be 9:30, the official opening time. We will have to work out any exceptions with Catianna, our contact at the library.

Treasurer No report as Ray N. is away

Activities Jay Kell gave everyone handouts about the upcoming trip to the Howard Iron Works planned for next Thursday, Oct 27th. Jay explained all that was involved and by a show of hands the expected turnout will be very good.

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Jay then made a power point presentation of the different types of activities that had taken place over the past dozen years and looked for an indication of what the membership would be interested in attending in the coming year. It would seem the members are open to lunches, a Christmas lunch in particular, trips, (either drive yourself or by bus) and shows. The free trip to the Iron Works is a perfect start.

Speakers Tim O'Shea ran through the list of upcoming speakers and added Larry Caine, Olympic paddler, for next June and Myriam Nafte, Forensic Anthropologist for sometime next year as well.

Membership. Peter P. let us know that Dave Johnston had submitted his resignation due to poor health.

Website/Newsletter. Paul N. continues to update and will be working with Gerry P. for further improvements.

The 50/50 draw was won by Jack Rugg

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Alex Murphy took this moment to let the membership know that John Beales had been the driver killed on the QEW earlier this week.

All the members there were shocked by this sad news. No other information is available at this time.

Speaker



Ray Bird introduced our speaker this month, Dr. John Percy.

Dr. Percy, Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Department of Astronomy and Astrophysics and Dunlap Observatory plus Associate Dean and Vice Principal of Erindale Campus.

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Dr. Percy gave a great 45 minute power point presentation talking about the characteristics of all the planets, the different galaxies and some of the common terms we hear when talking about space, like: asteroids, Auroa Boralis, meteors, comets, nebula, super novas, exoplanets, black holes etc.

He also talked at length about the Hubble telescope, the Webb telescope and Canada's partnership with each of these efforts along with the part we play regarding the two major observatories in Chile and Hawaii.

Some of the many interesting facts

The sun will burn out in 4.5 billion years

The sun would hold 1 million earths

The Milky Way has about 3 billion stars and is 100,000 light years wide.

40 meteors have impacted Canada, most notable is at Manicouwagan, Quebec.

Mars was livable, 4 billion years ago

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If you were unable to attend the meeting you missed a fascinating talk but if you goggle Dr. John Percy you can have a look at his work and publications to do so further investigation on your own.

Dr. Percy was thanked by David Patterson.

Alex Murphy closed the meeting.

Jim Tonner

Secretary

Oct. 30, 2022

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2022-2023 Management Committee

President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
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Vice President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
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Website	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
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 - 1	David Johnson	(905) 338-6076
Photographs - 2	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	Jack Rugg	(905) 820-1973