



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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www.oakvilleprobus.com



May 18, 2023 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM.

**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 – May 18, 2023



Captain Caroline McGuire

This month, we are delighted to introduce **Capt. Caroline McGuire, Air Canada, who commands a Boeing 737 'Max'**. Caroline began her flying career in 1986 and eventually joined Air Canada in 1999.

Caroline originally attended UBC to study Psychology, but after a short time she was bitten by the itch to fly; she completed her Psychology degree and trained as a pilot in the summers. After graduating, she became an instructor in Vancouver; she then flew in Canada's Northwest Territories flying a Twin Otter. Caroline then returned to Vancouver to fly **a small twin turboprop, Navajo, which carried cargo and a small number of passengers**. As a **'bush pilot'**, Caroline

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and her colleagues often helped fuel the aircraft, load cargo/luggage and then fly. She was **often the sole pilot** to remote locations in Canada's West Coast e.g. Bella Bella, Campbell Island in the Central Coast Region. (*Editor's note: Caroline doesn't 'do' luggage any longer, having had her fill in the bush - so no Qs like 'where is my luggage now'!*)

In 1995, Caroline joined Kelowna Flightcraft to fly the Boeing 727. She started as a second officer, flying Purolator cargo and Greyhound operations. She became a first officer a short time later. Moving to ON in 1997, Caroline flew the de Havilland Dash 8 for Air Ontario, now Jazz. An opportunity arose to take a short leave of absence from Air Ontario and to fly a Dash 8 for Air Gabon, **in Equatorial Africa**. There, her fluency in French and her experience in the Far North here, made her a natural candidate to fly across jungle and around many thunderstorms, relying on instincts and nerve instead of sophisticated infrastructure to take supplies into remote oilfields. Her stories about aborting landings on jungle airstrips because of **elephant traffic on the approach** are sure to give you a chill!

At Air Canada, Caroline has seen service as a **First Officer and/or 'relief pilot'** (*Editor's note: don't say 'co-pilot' or you may never find your luggage*) on the **Airbus A320, A340, Boeing 777** and now as **Captain on the Boeing 737 'Max', primarily across North America and the Caribbean**. Very shortly, she will retrain as a **Captain of the 787 'Dreamliner'**, flying to Europe, Asia and other destinations.

Captain McGuire is a proud member of the **industry's '5%-ers'** (female pilots in a male-dominated profession) who mentor graduate-entry female pilots-in-training so as to raise the number of females in command in our skies. **Welcome Caroline!**

For additional perspectives and to inform your questions of Capt. McGuire, you might wish to consult the following references:

<https://skiesmag.com/news/women-in-aviation-the-hard-facts/>

<https://o.canada.com/travel/study-finds-female-pilots-are-severely-under-represented>

THE PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

DEAR FELLOW PROBIANS

EVERYONE NEEDS A BREAK FROM TIME TO TIME. ON THAT NOTE VERNA AND I DECIDED TO GET AWAY IN EARLY MAY AND DRIVE EAST TO NOVA SCOTIA. WE RENTED A COTTAGE ON THE OCEAN AT WHITE POINT, WHICH IS LOCATED SOUTH OF LUNENBURG AND NORTH OF SHELBURNE. FROM THE PICTURE BELOW IT IS NOT HARD TO TELL HOW IT GOT IT'S NAME - WHITE POINT.



A BEAUTIFUL SPOT - COULD HAVE BEEN A TAD WARMER, BUT——. WE SPENT A VERY RELAXING WEEK, TOURING AROUND THAT PART OF THE PROVINCE, GOLFING AND JUST SITTING IN FRONT OF A ROARING FIRE IN THE FIREPLACE OF THE COTTAGE, WITH DINNER EVERY EVENING IN THE MAIN LODGE - DOESN'T GET MUCH BETTER THAN THAT. WE EVEN DROVE DOWN TO SHAG HARBOUR TO VISIT

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THE UFO MUSEUM. ONLY TO FIND IT WAS CLOSED. SHAG HARBOUR, FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO DON'T REMEMBER WAS THE LOCATION OF THE UFO SIGHTING IN 1967. IT IS STILL ONE OF THE GREAT UNSOLVED MYSTERIES AND NO IT DOES NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH THE FACT IT WAS ALSO 1967 THE LAST TIME THE MAPLE LEAFS WON THE STANLEY CUP.

ON TO HALIFAX WHERE WE STAYED FOR 3 DAYS. DID ALL THE TOURISTY THINGS LIKE VISITING THE ART GALLERY WHERE WE BECAME ACQUAINTED WITH NOVA SCOTIA ARTIST MAUD LEWIS. WHAT AN AMAZING AND INSPIRING STORY. IF YOU HAVE NOT HEARD OF HER IT WOULD BE WORTH TAKING A MOMENT TO GOOGLE HER STORY. TALK ABOUT WORKING THROUGH ADVERSITY. WE HAD A GOOD CHUCKLE ABOUT THE STORY OF RICHARD NIXON, THEN PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, WRITING TO HER REQUESTING THAT SHE SEND 2 OF HER PAINTINGS TO THE WHITE HOUSE. SHE WROTE BACK SAYING - IF HE WERE TO SEND HER THE MONEY (ABOUT \$20.00) SHE WOULD SEND HIM HER PAINTINGS - GUTSY LITTLE LADY. LOTS OF OTHER THINGS TO SEE AND DO IN HALIFAX LIKE THE MARITIME MUSEUM AND PIER 21.

THEN ON TO BATHURST, NB TO VISIT FRIENDS FOR A COUPLE OF DAYS BEFORE MOVING ON TO QUEBEC CITY TO SOAK UP A LITTLE FRENCH CULTURE. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL, OLD CITY, TRULY A MUST PLACE TO VISIT.

IF EVERYTHING PANS OUT ACCORDING TO PLAN WE SHOULD MAKE IT HOME IN TIME FOR THE MEETING ON THE 18TH.

I'M SORRY WE MISSED THE VISIT TO THE McMICHAEL ART EXHIBIT, BUT DESPITE ALL THE WONDERFUL THINGS GOING ON THESE DAYS BEING IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME IS NOT ONE OF THEM. I HOPE THE VISIT TO THE ART GALLERY WAS HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AS JAY PUTS A LOT OF TIME AND EFFORT INTO PLANNING AND ORGANIZING THESE ACTIVITIES.

GREAT SPEAKERS AT OUR MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY TIM, ALONG WITH FUN ACTIVITIES AND OUTINGS PLANNED BY JAY IS ALL PART OF KEEPING MEMBERS ENGAGED AND CONNECTED.. SO PLEASE DO YOUR PART AND PARTICIPATE.

SEE YOU NEXT THURSDAY AND IF I'M LATE PLEASE START WITHOUT ME.

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CHEERS

MIKE

PS: ON A SADDER NOTE I RECEIVED WORD WHILE AWAY OF JACK TALBOT'S
PASSING - VERY SAD, HE WILL BE MISSED.



The Probus Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville

April 20th 2023

Oakville Public Library

Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the March General meeting was made by Gerry Pielsticker and seconded by Don Jack. The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously accepted.

Members' Health –It was reported that Jack Talbot is in the hospital and has requested no visitors please.

Treasurer's Report

Ray Henrickson said the end of March bank balance is \$5,718 after disbursements in March of \$296.30

Speakers

Tim O'Shea outlined the schedule of speakers for the coming months

Air Canada pilot Captain Caroline McGuire in May

Author Barbara Dickson in June Author of the "Bomb Girls"

Forensic Anthropologist Dr. Myriam Nafte aka CSI Investigator in July

The speaker in August will be Larry Cain

Past and Upcoming Club Activities

Jay Kell said the trip to the McMichael Gallery in almost sold out to the maximum of 26 people. This is a drive yourself type of event.

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Membership.

Peter Pretty was able to swear in the new member Michael Dwyer who was introduced by his good friend Jay Kell.

Also, we welcomed a guest Mike Tweetie who was introduced by Ulrich Wickardt. Mike will be officially joining the club at a later date.



Website/Newsletter.

Gerry Pielsticker said that the website continues to be upgraded and features added for those searching for a club to join after retirement. He mentioned an interest group called the Next-Door Group that could be a possible source of new members

New business, Mike Purcell let it be known the discussions with the Olde Oakville Club is still going on in an informal way. There

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are some of their members still reluctant to merge but there are key members who are all for it.

Profiler- David Patterson

David has been a member since 2007 and served his time as Vice President and President. He is currently an important member of the Investment Club and he did indicate that they do have an opening for more members.

David is originally from Toronto and graduate of the U of T in Mechanical Engineering. Dave joined Procor Limited here in Oakville and spent his many years there as V.P. of Finance.

Dave wanted to spend less time on his career and more time to talk about the fact that Canada needs a generous immigration policy in order to grow and fill the many openings in the job market at all skill levels.

He used as an illustration his wife Ivy's family who escaped from Estonia fleeing the Russians and coming to Canada and settling originally in Sault Ste Marie. Ivy went on to become a Nurse while her two brothers became very successful professionals as well. No doubt we can all cite similar examples that reinforce Dave's thoughts.

The 50/50 draw was won by Ray Hendrickson

Our speaker Lorena Mallinson was introduced by Roy McEwen

This month, we are delighted to introduce Detective Constable Lorena Mallinson, a 28-yr veteran of the Halton Regional Police Service ("the Service"). The Service was established in tandem with the creation of the Regional Municipality of Halton on January

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1,1974. It incorporated the former police services of Burlington, Oakville, Milton and Halton Hills.

Currently, the Service has over 1,000 members, including 718 sworn police officers and approximately 302 civilian and volunteer members. The Service, housed in a new modern 230,000 sq. ft. building on the North Service Road, is responsible for policing a population of approximately 610,000 people in an area covering nearly one thousand square kilometers.

Lorena has worked in a variety of roles in policing and has spent over 8 years specializing in frauds. Today, we learned, amongst other things, that various types of crime in our catchment areas are on the increase and crime is becoming more sophisticated as well as more violent (see links below). The Halton Regional Police Service is widely known as one of the most progressive community policing services in Canada with its strong emphasis on the community. Community policing in the Halton region is a philosophy based on the concept that police officers and members of the public work together to affect an appropriate policing response. We are grateful to Lorena and her colleagues who work to keep us safe under changing conditions.

The Message:

There are Liars, Cheats and Thieves out there ready to take advantage of anyone vulnerable. They appeal to your emotions and to the logical side of your brain.

Fraud is theft by deception

Types of scams:

Lottery or sweepstake where they say you have won money but you need to send money to get it. They ask you to keep it secret, send it via bitcoin or money transfer. If they call, HANG UP

Grandparent scam where they pretend to be related and need money to get out of jail or to pay for car damage. Again, they say don't tell anyone.

Dating or Romance Scam aka Investment scam. The person asks for small investments which grow in size until he/she takes all they can.

In some cases, photos are exchanged, some in a compromising pose and this can easily lead to blackmail

CRA/Service Canada Scam when they try to get into your CRA account and steal SIN#, tax info etc. Leads to identity theft as they take out loans and credit cards in your name.

Service Scam when they take possession of your computer. It starts with a notice not to turn off your computer but call this number to get it sorted out.

The first thing to do is turn off your computer.

Phone Number Spoofing, it may look like a local number but they can be calling from anywhere in the world. Don't trust.

Door to Door Scams, while unsolicited door to door selling is illegal, there are still companies that have their reps knocking on door to sell/rent water heaters, air conditioners etc. plus home

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service agreements at very high interest rates. Do not let these people into your house.

To Learn More

Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre --- antifraudcentre.ca, on the home page click on:

Alphabetical listing of scams

Scams affecting individuals

Scams affecting businesses

Little Black Book of Scams – Online publication by the Competition Bureau.

If you are a victim of fraud

Canadian Anti- Fraud Centre—antifraudcentre.ca 1-888-495-8501

TransUnion 1-800-663-9980

Equifax 1-800-465-7166

Halton Regional Police (Fraud Intake) 905-465-8741

Keith Bird thanked our speaker.

Jim Tonner

Secretary

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2022-2023 Management Committee

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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	TBD	
Member Welfare	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Auditor	Charles (Chuck) O'Neil	(905) 825-0054
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Photographs - 1	David Johnson	(905) 338-6076
Photographs - 2	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
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