



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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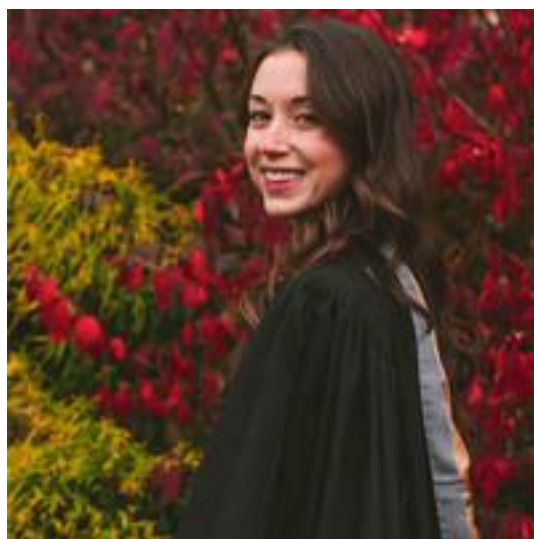


June 20, 2024 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Featured Speaker at 11:00 AM.

**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 – June 20, 2024



**Cait Bowie R.N., B.Sc.
Public Education Coordinator, Alzheimer's Society**

“I want to go home now”.¹

(Note: ¹ This stated desire to “go home now” is not necessarily to a physical location, but more so to a place of comfort, real or imagined, in the speaker’s mind.)

This month, we are delighted to welcome **Cait Bowie** who will chat with us on the broad subject of dementia, of which **Alzheimer’s** is one well-known, but not necessarily well understood, disease.

Cait received a diploma in Recreation Therapy from Mohawk College, as well as a B.Sc. in **Nursing** from McMaster University. She has collaborated with people living with dementia in **both long-term care and hospital settings** and assisted with **the care of her own Grandmother** throughout her journey with dementia.

Sometimes, we use inaccurate descriptors about dementia or other mental /physical ailments. We may do this often because of ignorance or embarrassment. **Cait** will guide us through the professionally accepted way of diagnosing Dementia in Canada and **separate fact from fiction**. There is no one specific test that can diagnose dementia. By understanding our medical history and examining our physical and mental status, our doctor may provide us with a diagnosis, recommend further exams, or refer us to a specialist. **We can be proactive** and get the ball rolling if we wish to understand what may be happening to us, **regardless of our age**.

Welcome, Cait.

For additional information, or to inform your questions, kindly consider the following, amongst others:

<https://alzheimer.ca/en/about-dementia/what-alzheimers-disease/difference-between-alzheimers-disease-other-dementias> (contains excellent introductory embedded video)

<https://ontariocaregiver.ca/health/dementia-alzheimers/> includes supplementary videos & articles.

<https://www.alzheimers.org.uk/blog/i-want-go-home-what-to-say-to-someone-in-dementia-care#:~:text=Often%20when%20a%20person%20with,that%20may%20not%20physically%20exist>¹

Probus club community members experience Sheridan's new programming and research

Apr 18, 2024

- [Sheridan Facebook](#)
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In late March, members of Oakville's Probus Club toured Sheridan's Trafalgar Road Campus. Probus members and their guests enjoyed a backstage visit to **Theatre Sheridan**, experienced the learning opportunities available in the **Honours Bachelor of Game Design** program, and explored the new virtual production space, including the **LED volume**, which combines computer-generated imagery (CGI), game engine and virtual reality technology to enable new ways of creating film and television.

The group also explored the research being conducted by the **Centre for Elder Research** and the **Screen Industries and Research Training Centre**, part of **Generator at Sheridan**.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE June, 2024

I am sure that many of you have exciting travel, cottage trips and golf outings planned over the summer. -If you are traveling--one piece of advice -“try to avoid the crowds at the Toronto airport”. My wife and I recently returned from the UK and the line up at Terminal 3 for customs was worthy of a 'third world' description – it was terribly crowded - entirely disorganized – no instructions – no management and no help – the baggage wasn't much to cheer about either.

Our Probus club will welcome spouses to our next meeting on June 20 when there will be a special presentation on Alzheimers. After the presentation we will all enjoy lunch together likely at Monahan's restaurant. We will try again to solve the world's problems.

At the July meeting we will have a presentation on “risk management” by a senior officer of “Public Health Agency of Canada”

Have a great summer

All the best,

Alex Murphy - President



The Probus Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville May 16, 2024 Oakville Public Library

Alex Murphy, President, opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

1.0 Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the April General Meeting was made by Jack Rugg and seconded by Mike Purcell. The minutes of the last meeting were then unanimously accepted.

Alex advised everyone that Jim Tonner was away, together with Paul Nelson. Tim O'Shea volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.

Alex also advised that Gerry Pielsticker was unable to attend because of illness. Mike Purcell and Tim O'Shea deputized for Gerry's set up activities; they were unable to retrieve 'Zoom', however. Apologies to any Member who had been hoping to attend using that medium. We all hope Gerry will return soonest!

2.0 Membership and Guests

Jay Kell mentioned that the Activities function will now be handled by a Committee, rather than 1 person. Jay is hoping that there will be several volunteers wishing to pool ideas and help with this essential activity.

Doug Peebles brought a guest, Dr. Aivy Reinfelds M.D, who was welcomed. We hope that Aivy will consider active membership amongst his retirement interests.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Ray Henrickson presented the financials for April. We finished the month with a bank balance of \$5,392, with a further credit in respect of cheques (\$162) to be added back in May. This was caused by an error at the Bank.

4.0 Past President & Chair of the Nominating Committee, Mike Purcell

Mike outlined the nomination procedures that will culminate with new Committee appointments for one year, commencing September, 2024. Mike encouraged Members to offer their time and talents to staff one or multiple Committees. This furthers the cause of our Club's stated goals of fellowship & fun. Let Mike know if you have any queries about the minimal monthly effort required to stand up in service of your fellow members.

5.0 Speakers

Tim O'Shea summarized the upcoming speakers for 2024 & Q1, 2025, as follows:

Today's speaker – Dr. Myrian Nafte, Forensic Anthropologist, Artist;

June – Cait Bowie, Field Educator, Alzheimer Society of Canada – **remember to bring your partner, 'significant other' etc. with you. All welcome!;**

July – Dr. Melanie Cousins, Epidemiologist, Public Health Agency of Canada – Risk Management Division;

August - Katherine ('Kat') Downey, Kopriva Community Funeral Home...the advantages to friends, family and carers of pre-funding/planning your ultimate farewell;

September – Dr. Drew Fagan, Munk School of Global Policy on Canada's need to 'matter, not natter' amongst our allies;

October - Rob Pyle, 'Zooming' from Calgary, showing the aviation enthusiasts' progress on their 60% operational rebuild of an Avro Arrow, CF 105;

November - Peter Pook, retired VP of Research & Design, Fisher Price Toys & 'All I want for Christmas'. Peter will present his bio/profile in October as a prelude to his November conversation with us;

January – Adam Schoalts, Explorer and wildlife biologist

February - Canadian author, humourist, Terry Fallis

March – a Geologist (TBA) on the critical importance to Ontario & Canada's partners of operationalizing the 'Ring of Fire'.

6.0 Website/Newsletter/Draw.

Best wishes for a prompt recovery, Gerry. See you soon!

The 50/50 draw was won by two ticket holders, with the right numbers from two different batches of tickets. Gerry Sutton and Keith Bird took an equal share of the pot (\$79), with the Club taking \$0 this month...great solution.

SPEAKER

Ernest Ewaschuk introduced our speaker----Dr. Myriam Nafte

Myriam took the Podium at 10:35 and kept us in rapt attention for an hour and then proceeded to unveil some relics and art work that she brought with her to support the topic of **‘Trophies & Talismans’**.

Her presentation focused on several themes:

- The dilemma Police Forces have when discovering bones and how best to categorize and manage them;
- Disposed and undisposed remains and the relevant Laws in Canada;
- The ‘trade’ in human remains that persist and is very profitable;
- The various organizations, including Churches and private collectors that are ‘the market’ players;
- Religious traditions that govern relics;
- Tribal societies where bones are the centre of funereal tradition.

During her research interviews, Myriam spoke with an extensive list of collectors, some of whose ‘trophy & talismans’ she (initially) found disturbing and appalling. Some of these collectors’ items, however, had moving personal stories attached (e.g. a miniature ‘Stars & Stripes’ flag which was made partially in human skin and which was a poignant reminder to the owner of how his family donated their own skin grafts to their daughter (RIP) who was badly burned in an accident.

Notable in her comments was a reference to the fact that even reputable funeral homes in Canada sometimes trade in organs without the express permission of a deceased’s next-of-kin.

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Tim O'Shea thanked the speaker in Manfred's absence.

A motion to close the meeting was moved by Keith Bird, seconded by Alan Screen. Alex declared the meeting closed at 11:55 a.m.

15 people attended lunch, including the Myriam and her son.

The next meeting will be Thursday June 20th, 2024, with partners, spouses welcome.

Tim O'Shea (in for Jim Tonner)

2023-2024 Management Committee

President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
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Newsletter	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Membership	Jay Kell	(289) 407-3859
Website	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829
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	Bryan Noble	(905) 319-1864
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Investment Club	Dave Patterson	(905) 844-5894
Photographs	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	Jack Rugg	(905) 820-1973
Book Club	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924