



***THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE***

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May 16, 2024 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting *Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Featured Speaker at 10:45 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 16, 2024**



**Dr. Myriam Nafte  
'Trophies & Talismans'.**

## **May 2024 Newsletter**

This month, we are delighted to welcome once again **Dr. Myriam Nafte** – a renowned authority and professional in the field of **Forensics and Crime Scene Investigation**. For **over twenty-five years, Myriam has worked with law enforcement to investigate and identify human remains in a forensic context while honing her skills as an artist**. Today's presentation showcases a very different, controversial and provoking angle, however.

Authorities are often at odds with how to proceed when discovering human remains in **private collections or displayed as art** - not necessarily in an accredited museum. Against the backdrop of **plundered graves and private auctions across the world**, today's conversation is a journey into how and why the undisposed dead have become such **symbolic features of contemporary culture**.

As a **visual artist and skeletal biologist** with a long history of drawing and analyzing the human body, both living and dead, Myriam will talk about her experiences as a forensic anthropologist/visual artist, very often at the crossroads between death and the art world. To animate her work, Myriam also has some **exhibits to share with us**. We may see & hear unexpected connections between the living and the dead!

**Welcome back, Myriam!**

For additional perspectives on the life and work of Dr. Nafte and her professional community, you may wish to consult, amongst others:

<https://www.myriamnafte.com/cv-info>

<https://www.jonsbones.com/blog/is-it-art-an-examination-of-human-remains-at-the-met>

<https://www.bbc.com/future/article/20240118-is-it-ever-ethical-for-museums-to-display-human-remains>

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**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE MAY 6, 2024**

It looks like summer is finally here – I can't believe that I only shovelled snow twice last winter – hope none of you contracted for a 4-month snow removal service – now the grass which seems to be growing twice as fast as last year. Up north there is flooding in the Muskoka Lakes – not from the snow but from unusual amounts of rain. Crazy weather isn't it.

This coming meeting on May 16<sup>th</sup> we will have as our speaker Dr. Nafte – Forensic Anthropologist – Crime Scene Investigator –I'm sure that after the presentation you all will feel much less inclined to break the law. In June (20th) we'll have a presentation on Alzheimer's – All spouses are invited to that presentation on the premise that they may well be caregivers of some of our aging members – but not too soon as we are a relatively young group.

Our book and investment clubs continue to attract new members

I have always known that we have quite an amazing group as members. Many of our members have experienced very interesting and unusual events or had very unusual accomplishments in addition to their significant accomplishments in their field of endeavour (i.e. Business, teaching, government etc.) One member has been to Afghanistan – on a pleasure -nonmilitary tour. Another was on the Hells Angels 'hit list'. Two others were involved in changing significant federal legislation and made presentations to Senate or Commons committees. One member had a girl friend who was Rene Levesque's secretary. Over the next while at our meetings we will hear from such members and others who also have unique stories.

Cheers,

Alex



## The Probus Club of Oakville

# **Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville April 18th, 2024 Oakville Public Library**

Paul Nelson opened the meeting as Alex Murphy was on a holiday

### **1.0 Minutes**

A motion to accept the minutes of the March General Meeting was made by Grant Gooding and seconded by Mike Tweedie. The minutes of the last meeting were then unanimously accepted.

Jim Tonner advised everyone that he would not be available at the next meeting to take the minutes or pickup the coffee orders so he was asking for volunteers to take over.

Tim O'Shea volunteered to take the minutes for the May meeting.

If anyone can pickup the coffee and Timbits, please contact Alex Murphy who knows the routine.

### **2.0 Membership and Guests**

Jay Kell is away on holidays so there was no membership report.

Peter Pretty did bring a guest, Don McPherson, a fellow resident of the Del Manor retirement home in Glen Abbey

### **3.0 Treasurer's Report**

Ray Henrickson presented the financials for March. We finished the month with a bank balance of \$5737.38

### **4.0 Vice President**

Paul Nelson asked if everyone was getting a copy of his newsletter as there have been some issues in the past. It seems that everyone is now getting it monthly. Paul also said that it has become quite easy to assemble simply by cutting and

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pasting the minutes from Jim Tonner, the speaker's details from Tim O'Shea and Alex Murphy's letter. Good to know for whoever takes over this duty in the coming years.

### **5.0 Speakers**

Tim O'Shea summarized the upcoming speakers as follows:

Today's speaker – Captain Oleg Dolzиков, Master Mariner

May – Dr. Myrian Nafte, Forensic Anthropologist

June – Cait Bowie, Alzheimer Society of Canada

July – Dr. Melanie Cousins, Epidemiologist

August and September are T.B.A

October will be Rob Pyle from Calgary showing the progress on their rebuilt Avro Aero

November is TBA

January – Adam Schoalts, Explorer and wildlife biologist

February will be Canadian author Terry Fallis.

### **6.0 Website/Newsletter.**

Gerry Pielsticker said that he continues to update the website and proceeded to demonstrate how easy it is to navigate the site to view past speakers, newsletters going back for about five years and each of the activities that we have enjoyed as a club. The website is a great improvement over where we were just a year ago. Gerry did a survey of websites of forty Canadian Probus Clubs and we are far and away the very best. Gerry attended the meeting of the North Oakville mixed club and has offered to help them with their web page. Good for you Gerry.

Mike Purcell, who heads up the nominating committee for next year's management group took a few minutes to ask all members to give serious consideration to taking on some responsibility for the running of the club. Some of the current managers are retiring and some are looking for a change so there are lots of assignments to choose from. Mike promised to call members if they did not call him first and volunteer.

The 50/50 draw was won by Brian Zinke

**SPEAKER**

Ivor Barlow introduced our speaker-----**Captain Oleg Dolzиков, Master Mariner**

Captain Oleg Dolzиков, a recently retired Master Mariner with ‘TK’ Shipping. Founded in 1973, Teekay has developed from a regional shipping company over the last fifty years into one of the world’s largest marine energy transportation, storage production companies.

Oleg Dolzиков grew up in the small industrial city of Sterlitamak in the Russian Ural Mountains on the outskirts of Siberia, thousands of kilometres from the sea. When he was just 17, he left his Russian home for the Ukrainian port of Odessa to fulfil his dream – to become a ship’s captain.

After many years with the Latvian Shipping Company and other Norwegian oil and gas shipping companies, in 2002, Oleg settled in Canada and joined the TeeKay Company.

Oleg was Master on some of the largest oil and LNG tankers in the world before retiring in 2024. In the last few months, he has consulted for a private Quebec company.

For a complete summary of Oleg’s history see the bio that Tim O’Shea sent out on April 2<sup>nd</sup> and check out our website for the great slide presentation that Oleg narrated.

John Hinnen thanked the speaker

Paul Nelson declared the meeting closed.

**The next meeting will be Thursday May 16th, 2024**

Jim Tonner  
Secretary  
April 25th, 2024

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### **2023-2024 Management Committee**

President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Past President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Vice President	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Secretary	Jim Tonner	(289) 337-6693
Treasurer	Ray Henrickson	(289) 469-0158
Speakers	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
Activities	Jay Kell	(289) 407-3859
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