



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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



November 21, 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 – November 21, 2024



Peter Pook

We are delighted that Peter Pook, one of our members, will be our speaker on November 21. A self-described kid at heart, he will be speaking about “Toys”.

Peter Pook – *(In His Own words)*

“While I’m age 80, I’m still mentally just a kid at heart. That mind-set has brought me years of fun and much success as a toy and game inventor and developer. I spent most of my career at Fisher Price Toys retiring as their VP of R&D. I also joined Irwin Toy and Spin Master Toys here in Toronto after my retirement. Since fully retiring from corporate life, I have teamed up with another prolific inventor and we continue to supply toy and game concepts to the industry.

I am both a US and Canadian citizen and along with my late wife raised 4 great kids who gave us 7 delightful grand kids. I spend long summers at our cottage on Georgian Bay and the rest of the year here in Oakville. I have a studio here where I both do my inventing/model building as well as prepare gallery shows for my landscape paintings.”

Peter has graciously donated a signed copy of his Tightrope game as a raffle prize for our December 5 Luncheon. Come prepared to buy chances and share memories of your favourite childhood toys and games on November 21.



President's Message

Food, Music, and Prizes are Ahead!

Our November 21 Meeting puts us right on the cusp of the 2024 Holiday Season and just 2 weeks ahead of our Dec 5 Annual Holiday Luncheon.

Jay Kell and his Activities team have been working hard to provide tasty food and great entertainment at an exceptionally low price for a 3-course dinner. If you have not made your reservation yet, contact Jay or reserve and pay online. All luncheon details follow in this Newsletter.

Despite the October Library flood, our facilities are back in good working order and the Avro Arrow Zoom meeting was well attended. Our February 20 Meeting is going to be held at the Queen Elizabeth Park (QEP) Community Centre at 2302 Bridge Rd. We are moving our location to support a 3-day book sale at the Central Library. The sale is an important source of revenue for the Library and members will get free parking at QEP.

Paul Nelson



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Holiday Luncheon

The Oakville Golf Club - 1154 Sixth Line,
Oakville Thursday December 5, 2024, at

11:30am

Menu

Plated Lunch

Breadbasket and butter for each table, House salad

Choice of:

Dark/white turkey meat, stuffing, mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce,
seasonal vegetables

OR

Atlantic salmon with roasted red pepper coulis,
rice pilaf, seasonal vegetables

OR

Crispy polenta, roasted red
peppers, goat cheese, tomato chutney, seasonal vegetables

Molten chocolate lava cake

Tea and coffee

\$68 per person (includes taxes and gratuities)

There will be a Cash Bar, Music, and Prizes

Make your reservation and bring your cheque and entree choice(s) to our November 21st meeting. Spouses, Significant Others, Friends, and Relatives are also welcome.

OR You can Reserve and Pay Online

Payment Instructions:

1. Access the e-transfer area of your bank's online banking screen.
2. Set up the Oakville Probus Club as an e-transfer recipient.
Use oakvilleprobusno5@gmail.com as the club's email address.

You will only need to set up the Club for the first e-transfer. After that the Oakville Probus Club will be included in your personal e-transfer directory.

3. Identify the account from which you want to send the

transfer and amount of the payment that you wish to send.
4. In the message area specify the purpose of the e-transfer payment (Usually your name, name of guest(s) and entrée choice)

Do not create a security question/password. This will prevent the auto deposit from happening.

5. Click on "Send". You will receive an immediate response that your payment has been deposited into the Club bank account.

6. All e-transfers are automatically encrypted and are highly secure. No personal or bank data that is attached to the e-transfer can be hacked or stolen by a third party.

Or you can make a reservation and mail your cheque to Jay Kell:
2201 Whitworth Drive, Oakville,
Ontario L6M 0B2
jaykell9@gmail.com
289 407 3859.



The Probus Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville October 17th, 2024 Meeting held via Zoom

Paul Nelson opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. with an update on the flooding situation at the Central Library and why today's meeting had to be held remotely.

1.0 Minutes

Paul Nelson suggested that the approval of the September General Meeting be done at the next meeting. The minutes themselves consisted of only the speaker's information as no club business was discussed after the annual meeting closed.

2.0 Membership and Guests

Jay introduced two new members, Cam Davreux and Rory Mahon.

Jay reminded all members that if any annual fees of \$75 are still outstanding they can still be paid via e-transfer or a cheque sent to Jay's home address.

Jay was hoping to collect any cheques today for the Christmas Lunch (Oakville Golf Club on Thursday, December 5th \$68,00 per person) but they can also be either mailed to Jay or via e-transfer. Be sure to indicate on the cheque or e-transfer your choice of meals (turkey, salmon or vegetarian). The official invitation will be resent to everyone just as a reminder

Jay also said that Activities Committee will be meeting Friday to discuss future events. Roy Oldfield as VP will also be attending this meeting.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Ray Henrickson reported that the club is in good shape with over \$8,000 in the bank but there are some unpaid bills because he has not been able to send out cheques in the last few weeks. This will be corrected over the coming days.

4.0 Mike Purcell on members health

Mike urged members to let him know if any fellow member have a health issue so that he could follow up and keep members updated. As Ray Henrickson was on the Zoom call, he let him do his own update.

5.0 President's Report

Paul Nelson let us know that the library room will not be available for our meeting February 20, 2025 as they will be having 3-day book sales which takes priority. Several other options have been checked out and right now it would appear that the Masonic Hall might be an option. More details will follow as we get closer to that meeting.

6.0 Vice President's Report

Roy Oldfield reported that there will be no profiler today but Peter Pook will be rescheduled for a later date. He is also working on pulling a list together for the coming months.

7.0 Secretary's Report

Jim Tonner reported that he has advised Probus Canada of our new management committee members along with the contact information.

8.0 Speakers

Grant Swanson summarized the upcoming speakers as follows:

Today - 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.

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March – two representatives from Service Canada and CRA, perfect timing for the upcoming tax season

9.0 Website

Gerry Pielsticker is working with the tech services of Sheridan College and the Library together to keep our website up to date. Gerry later recommended two items of interest: The book “The Splendid and the Vile” by Erik Larson, a story about Churchill during WWII.

Also “Make Your Bed” by Admiral William McRaven. His speech of the same name is available on You Tube

Dave Patterson of the Investment Club did a short summary of the club’s performance YTD and mentioned that our new member Cam Davreux has already joined. If anyone would like to join, please contact Dave Patterson

SPEAKER

Wolfgang Hartmann introduced our speaker---- Rob Pyle

This month, we are delighted to welcome Rob Pyle, a Volunteer Director with the Avro Aviation Museum in Springbank, just west of Calgary. Rob was formerly the President of R. H. Pyle & Associates, where he offered design and management services in process control, instrumentation, control systems and automation to engineering and operating companies in Canada and abroad. His wealth of knowledge has been a key resource in reconstructing a 60% operational model of the former Arrow CF105, the supersonic interceptor jet aircraft designed and built in the 1950s by A.V. Roe Canada (AVRO) and destroyed on Government orders in 1959 with the loss of 25,000 direct and indirect jobs.

When the Arrow program was shut down, some of Avro’s aviation ‘off-spring’ survived, albeit with different names. SPAR Aerospace was formed in 1967 and its achievements (including the Shuttle and Space Station’s ‘Canadarms’) were recognized worldwide.

Rob did a power point presentation showing great photos of the huge facilities at Malton and the planes at various stages of production on the line. It is easy to see how 20,000 men and women could be working in that one plant.

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AV Roe produced the CF 102 which was the first jet liner and received great response from American buyers included Howard Hughes who immediately ordered 20 with a letter of intent for another 50. This jet liner was 8 years ahead of the competition.

The AVRO Arrow, model CF105, was developed and made its first flight on the same day that the Russian Sputnik was sent up so the story was knocked off page one. Again, the plane out performed any of the competition and broke all records and even broke the sound barrier on its third flight.

AVRO was owned 75% by the government and 25% by Hawker Sidley so when C.D. Howe and John Diefenbaker said to stop production and shut down there was no recourse. February 20th, 1959 was known as BLACK FRIDAY. The government just did not want to spend more money regardless of the revenue potential down the road and ignored the loss of 25,000 plus jobs.

There is lots of detail available on line and you just have to start goggling AVRO Arrow and go from there.

Rob and his colleagues are building a 60% operational model CF 105 and hope to have it in the skies in 2026/27. The dream is to do a fly over at the Calgary stampede.

The AVRO Museum is at **Springbank Airport**
229 Avro Ln, #20
Calgary, AB T3Z 3S5

Check out AVROMuseum.ca and visit their on-line store.

Dave Patterson thanked the speaker on behalf of the club.
Paul Nelson declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting will be Thursday November 21st, 2024,

Jim Tonner
October 25th, 2024

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2024-2025 Management Committee

President	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
Past President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Vice President	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Secretary	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
Treasurer	Ray Henrickson	(905) 469-0158
Speakers	Grant Swanson	(905) 510-8202
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	Doug Peebles	(905) 842-1819
	Mike Tweedie	(905) 338-1281
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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	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Auditor	Tony Pinchen	(289) 837-1086
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
Investment Club	Dave Patterson	(905) 844-5894
Greeter	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Book Club	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924