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## **The AppleCore Newsletter**

### **March 2022**



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### **President's Message**



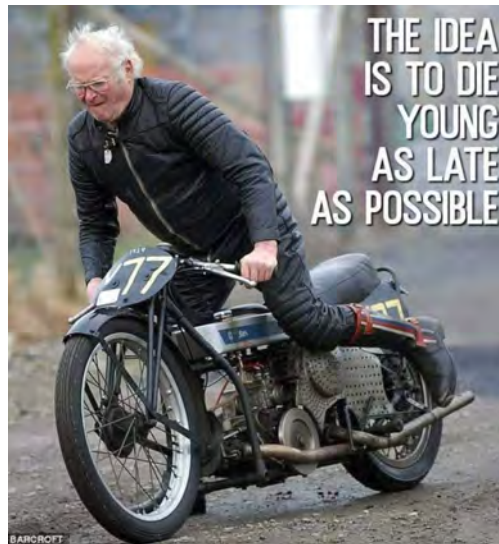
Jim Carmichael

I am writing this month's letter from Costa Rica, my intent is not to brag, or make anyone jealous of my good fortune, rather as an example of my desire to get my life back. I think we all share that sentiment, and it does feel like we are inching closer. Will it ever be the same? Ever is a long time, I suspect that the lessons we have learned over the last two years (almost to the day),

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will endure, at least for our generation, much like other world events like the Great Depression colored my grandfather's outlook on life.

Your Club is taking steps to bring normal back, and I urge you to participate in the many activities that allow us to deepen our friendships.



I am old enough to remember the drills at my primary school when the spectre of nuclear cataclysm was all too real, I did not realize until some years ago how close we came when the world powers faced off over Cuba. We live in a complicated world, and I hold optimistic that history has taught us all to learn from the past. Sadly, this is not always true.

One of the activities that I especially enjoy is the Senior Common Room. Unfortunately, I will miss the latest edition, as the assembled will surely fix all the problems in Europe ! If you have an interest in current affairs, I encourage you to reach out to Paul Moore and get added to the communications.

I trust this month's newsletter finds you in good health and optimistic for the future. While it is still cold outside, Spring and then Summer will surely come soon. I hope we will reconvene in person soon.

Jim Carmichael  
President

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## Probus Applewood Dues

We would like to thank all those who paid their dues. To date, we have received about 22% of the payments. As you know this year we are charging 50% of your annual dues, for the period from March 1st to August 31st. Payment is due now. The amount due, including applicable taxes, is \$30. Payment can be by Etransfer to [applewoodtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:applewoodtreasurer@gmail.com). Cheques and cash are also acceptable if mailed to the below address or delivered to Doug Brien.

Doug Brien, Membership and Scott W. Franklin, Treasurer  
Probus Club of Applewood  
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## Current Guest Speaker Thursday, March 10th, 2022



Gary Mar is President and CEO of Canada West Foundation. He will speak to us on Canada's Trade and Security relationships with China – where are we headed?

Gary brings deep experience in government and business with a focus on natural resources, trade, investment, and human capital. During his 14 years as an Alberta MLA, he held several cabinet portfolios which included Environment and International and Intergovernmental relations.

He subsequently served as Alberta's Official Representative in the Canadian Embassy in Washington and more recently as Alberta's Representative in Asia based in Hong Kong with offices in Beijing, Shanghai, Tokyo, Seoul, and Taipei. He has also served as CEO of the Petroleum Services Association and has been appointed Adjunct Professor at both the Universities of Alberta and Calgary.

Gary will provide his views on Canada's Trade and Security relationships with China

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- where we are and where we are going.

Probus Host will be Lloyd Posno

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## Recent Guest Speaker

**Mark Fisher**

"Encouraging sustainable economic growth in the Great Lakes"

**February 10th, 2022, via Zoom**



The Council brings together an equal number of Canadian and USA representatives from the provinces and states bordering the Great Lakes.

The five lakes constitute the largest freshwater system in the world, and the area has a population of 100 million and total annual GDP of 6.0 trillion USD.

The presentation was conducted in a Q&A format with Lloyd Posno directing questions to Mark Fisher. Many topics were covered including climate change and contamination (global warming, water levels, oil pipelines, plastic waste); the relationship with our U.S. neighbour (their GDP mostly internal, ours mostly external; political and trade issues); and the challenges of staffing and funding the Council.

Mark provided the following link to an Economic Forum his group is hosting this June. Members can learn more about the Great Lakes Economic Forum at [greatlakeseconomicforum.com](https://greatlakeseconomicforum.com). This would be worth attending.

The question period following the presentation was one of the busiest in recent memory and lasted about 20 minutes. A clear indication that our members found Mark Fisher's presentation interesting and informative.

Regards,

Reg Perkin

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## Probus February Speaker Video

Mark Fisher, Thursday, February 10th, 2022

To link to Mark's speech and presentation on the Importance of the Great Lakes Region [click here](#) to be redirected for viewing.

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### Upcoming Speakers



**April:** Bill Robson took office as CEO of the C.D. Howe Institute in July 2006, after serving as the Institute's Senior Vice President since 2003 and Director of Research from 2000 to 2003. He has written more than 240 monographs, articles, chapters, and books on such subjects as government budgets, pensions, healthcare financing, inflation, and currency issues. His work has won awards from the Policy Research Secretariat, the Canadian Economics Association, and the Donner Canadian Foundation. He is a Senior Fellow at Massey College and holds an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors. He is a member of the Panel of Senior Advisors to the Auditor General of Ontario and the Ifo World Economic Survey expert group and a regular commentator on BNN/Bloomberg.

To see the rest of our upcoming speakers, [click here](#)

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### Guest Singer



Since our meetings are currently being held online, we have an opportunity to bring in a guest

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singer who would not normally attend a Probus meeting.

If you missed the meeting, you can view the video here by clicking on the image below. You may need to adjust the sound volume. *Note: some YouTube videos are preceded and followed by ads. We skip the ads at club meetings.*



The Blue Jays hold a ceremony with the Canadian Armed Forces celebrating Canada Day, July 1, 2016, at Rogers Centre before their game against the Indians.

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## Probus Website Submissions

We encourage you to submit a paragraph or two on what your group is up to. Pictures of your activity or event are also welcomed. Submissions should be sent to [applepro805@gmail.com](mailto:applepro805@gmail.com)

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## Valentines Day Lunch Update

Monday, February 14, 2022

The tradition of celebrating Valentine's Day is a yearly function, with our Applewood Probus Club. This year, again, the luncheon was held at the historic Glen Erin Inn. It was attended by 24 members and guests in total. An enjoyable lunch for all in attendance.

[Click here](#) to view the complete Valentine's Lunch photo album and article posted on the club's website.

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## Any Changes?



### Help Us Keep the Membership List Up to Date

This is a gentle reminder that each member is responsible for keeping our membership list up to date. If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, then send an email to the Membership Co-ordinator, **Doug Brien** at [membership@applewoodprobustclub.org](mailto:membership@applewoodprobustclub.org). or [click here](#). and Doug will update your record.

Thanks.

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## Probus Activities

Click the Item for Details listed on our website

[Billiards](#)

[Book Club](#)

[Craft Beer](#)

[Cycling](#)

[Dinner Clubs](#)

[Golf](#)

[Investments](#)

[Men's Bridge](#)

[Mixed Bridge](#)

[Movies](#)

[Poker](#)

[Pub Lunch](#)

[Senior Common Room](#)

[Theatre](#)

[Trivia](#)

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[Wine Tasting Groups](#)

[Activity Conveners](#)

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We have recently added groups for online Trivia, Dominoes, and a Men's Supper Club. Dominoes and Men's Supper Club will be launching soon - with startup delays caused by current Covid restrictions. Links will be created here, as the conveners create content for the website.

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