



The AppleCore Newsletter

September 2021



Annual General Meeting



September is known as the "back-to-school" month. It is also the start of a new Probus year for the club as we transition from the 2020-2021 period to 2021-2022. The September monthly meeting is an opportunity for us to conduct the 2021 AGM in which we look back over the past twelve months and forward into the new year. You are encouraged to attend our club's AGM scheduled for Thursday, September 9 2020 at 10 AM.

Join Zoom Meeting

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- How has Covid-19 impacted club finances?
- How are member dues being handled for this year?
- What is our membership count?
- Where will we meet when in-person meetings resume?
- What activities are currently running?
- Who are the activity convenors for 2021-2022?
- What events might be possible in the near future?
- Will we have a Christmas luncheon this year?

We will also take the opportunity to remember those members who have passed away in the last twelve months.

CURRENT GUEST SPEAKER **Thursday, September 9 2021, via Zoom**

Hugh Segal

Updating National Security at home and abroad:

A Canadian Opportunity

"Reflecting on what we have learned at home and abroad during the Pandemic, and focusing it on the unavoidable job jar it generates for Canadians"



Liberal Prime Minister Martin, he chaired the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and Trade and the Anti Terrorism Committee as well as serving on various sub-committees including Urban Anti Poverty.

In these roles, he played important parts in negotiating on behalf of Ontario during the repatriation of the Constitution and the creation of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms. He was instrumental in developing the Charter of the Commonwealth adopted and signed by the Queen. He taught public policy and governance at Queens for over twenty years, served as Principal of Massey College and on many public company boards. In addition to Co-chairing a democratic international forum on security, he is Honorary Chair of the Naval League and Honorary Captain (Navy) in the Canadian armed forces. He holds honorary degrees from several Canadian Universities including the Royal Military College.

Among many other awards, Hugh is also an Officer of the order of Canada and a member of the order of Ontario. In recent decades, Hugh has become a prominent proponent of Guaranteed Annual Income. He addresses this in his most recent book “ Boot Straps need Boots: one Tory’s lonely fight to end poverty in Canada.”

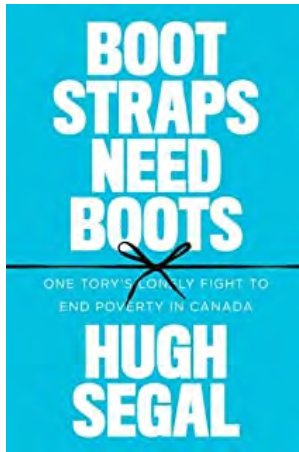
He will share some of his thoughts on lessons we have learned from the pandemic on changes to our job market and security.

CURRENT GUEST SPEAKER BOOKS

Hugh Segal

For more than four decades, Hugh Segal has been one of the leading voices of progressive conservatism in Canada. A self-described Red Tory warrior who disdains “bootstrap” approaches to poverty, he has always promoted policies, especially a basic annual income, to help the most economically vulnerable. Why would a life-long Tory support something so radical? In this revealing memoir, Segal shares how his life and experiences brought him to this most

basic annual income makes economic sense but for why it is the right thing to do.



Click here to see Hugh Segal's recent publication [click here](#)

RECENT GUEST SPEAKER

Robert Sandford

"The New Climate War: In the Trenches over Climate Intervention" August 12, 2021, via Zoom

Robert Sandford, noted climate change expert, delivered a talk on "The New Climate War: In the Trenches Over Climate Intervention" to our Probus Club on August 12, 2021. Introduced by Bob Weese and thanked by myself, Sandford spoke to us as Canada was consumed by raging forest fires in British Columbia and Northern Ontario, part of a global pattern, with nearly 7000 communities in North America in June 2021 recording record temperatures. Sandford told us that his own community of Canmore, Alberta was so dry that it was only a lightning strike away from an evacuation alert.



The theme of the talk was "learning from the burning". The general dimensions of the Climate change crisis are probably well known to the Club as we have several speakers on the topic but Sandford stressed a particular Canadian aspect that is not widely recognized: as the permafrost melts in the Arctic- and next to Russia we

As humankind has not had the will to make the necessary changes, many hope for technological breakthroughs like Solar Geoengineering, but Stanford warned there may be many unintended consequences of such interventions. Stanford recognized as he told the Club, that such doom and gloom scenarios turn off many but he felt it was his responsibility, to tell the truth about the science even if it was so difficult to comprehend. He said not to give up on the fight against Climate change but his talk showed how long the odds are in winning the battle.



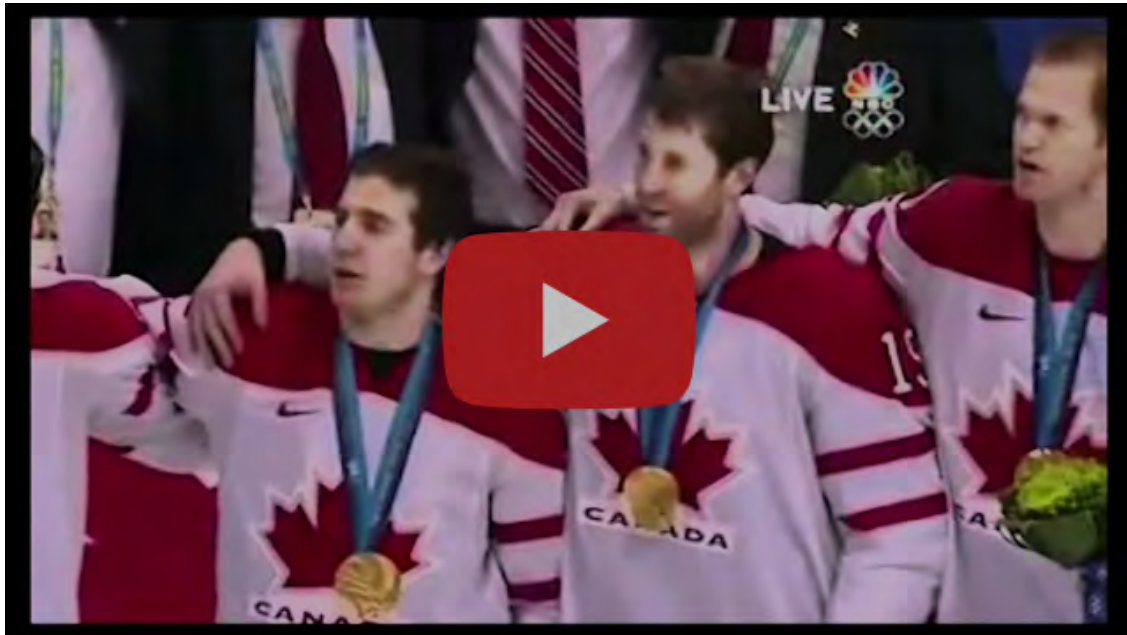
"The New Climate War: in the Trenches over Climate Intervention"
Robert Stanford, August 12th, 2021

GUEST SINGER



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



"O Canada"

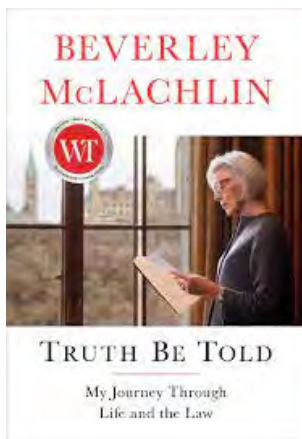
National Anthem of Canada after winning the gold medal during Olympic game (2012)

BOOK CLUB



Now that you are spending a lot more time at home, you could consider opening a few of your books or downloading an eBook from the library. To find out what our very active Book Club has read recently [click here](#).

Truth be Told by Beverley McLachlin



All agreed that this is a well-written autobiography, which reads smoothly. Reference was made to another book about Beverley McLachlin (Beverley McLachlin: The Legacy of a Supreme Court Chief Justice by Ian Greene and Peter McCormick), as well as to her first novel, Full Disclosure, written shortly after her retirement).

McLachlin has an outstanding history of scholastic and career achievement, which is recognized both nationally and internationally. Her account of growing up in a small town in Alberta is straightforward, as is her youthful enthusiasm about the library. Her personal life had its share of ups and downs, which she relates with grace, warmth and humor.

McLachlin has witnessed a tectonic shift in the participation of women in the legal system. The role of the Supreme Court in interpreting the Constitution Act (1982) was addressed in considerable detail, particularly as it intersects with law-making. The notwithstanding clause was discussed, with general agreement about its importance.

David Williams
Convenor



PROBUS WALKERS

September 2, 2021 -Marked the 100th Probus walk. It was along the Glen Erin and Sawmill Valley trails, Walkers met at the parking lot of St Thomas a Becket church just west of Erin Mills Parkway and South Common Mall. This was a 6 km walk, with a combination trail, asphalt, hardpack, boardwalk. Proceeding southward along the paved Glen Erin trail passing through Brookmede park and Erindale Secondary



Great egret in the river. We ended the morning with a picnic lunch at the riverside.

If you are interested in participating in future walks, please contact Phil Walker, everyone is welcome.

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SENIOR COMMON ROOM Friday, August 27, 2021 Session "Afghanistan, lessons learned"

There were 16 persons who dropped by for coffee and discussion at our Senior Coffe Room. Bob Weese was the meeting moderator and we had four discussion groups. A good time was had by all.

Next month's topic will be the Federal election.

If you are interested in participating in future discussions, please contact Paul Moore
pmoore@yourwebperson.com everyone is welcome.

Regards

Paul Moore

APPLEWOOD PROBUS CYCLING

On a very nice Friday morning (Aug. 27) 9 riders rode the Waterfront trail from the foot of Mississauga Rd to the Col. Samuel Smith Park Point for a picture opportunity. Our return trip was previously planned to bike to Stonehooker Brewery patio for beer and lunch. As luck would have it the beer was readily available

Note, this is one of our few times that it is not on a Friday. Further details will be forthcoming.

John Mark
Biking Coordinator



PROBUS GOLF

After a late start due to Doug Ford's closure of golf courses, our first round was June 8. We have been alternating courses this year at Lakeview and Indian Wells. An average of 20-30 members are playing on a regular basis since June. Unfortunately, we are unable to secure starting times at Lakeview as we were able to in the past at Millcroft. So playing as a group and connecting afterward is difficult.

Lakeview requires online booking one week in advance and a number of members agreed to do this and I want to thank them for that. The only "whining" I've noticed is the frustration of getting a decent starting time for us at Lakeview. As we are approaching the end of the season, Lakeview closes October 17, and a year-end dinner and tournament are unlikely at this point.

However, we've had the opportunity to play the game and enjoy the chance to join with our own foursome and sometimes with other groups who stay afterward.

I have been in conversation and written a letter to the manager of our city's golf courses, requesting consideration next year for our golfers to get starting times.

My argument, among many, is that we are a recognized Mississauga Men's Association and should have preference over other golfers, many of who reside outside our city.

Hopefully, next year all of us are able to play together, socialize together, and end the season with a tournament and dinner together.

John Spence
Convener



PROBUS WINE TASTING, Group 2,

report of August 25, 2021 session

Group 2 met virtually to close out the 2021 wine tasting season and answer the question “ what was your favourite wine under \$20 in 2021”

Victor Fornasier selected Italy's Sangiovese by Fantini at \$8.95

Peter Crawford chose from California a Cab Sauvignon from Apothic at \$16.95

Bob Weese says his favourite is a Chardonnay by Kendall-Jackson Vintas Reserve of California at \$11.49 in the US but here is \$18 - 19.

Ron Kowchuk chose as his favourite PKNT's Cab Savv Reserve from California at \$11.95

Hugh Turner selected a Grenache Blend Cote du Rhine Reserve by Famille Perrin France at \$16.95

Mark Inkster as usual had his favourite Australian white Lindemans Bin 85 Pinot Grigio currently \$9.70

John Bray (didn't submit his choice to me)

Each had their own attributes as offered by their respective sommelier, and we all agreed everyone has their own “tastes”.

We then had a follow-up discussion of Robert Sandfords disturbing conclusions on Climate Change; And in closing each group member offered “A little know fact about the Oceans of the World ”.

We had 7 of our group of 9 represented as others were off for family summer fun.

See you next wine season

Little Known Ocean Facts



You probably already know that there are 5 oceans and that over 75% of the earth's surface is covered by water. Today, the ocean is home to most of the planet's dominant forms of life. In fact, over 94% of all life on Earth is aquatic. These life forms include the world's greatest structure- the Great Barrier Reef and over five thousand species of coral. With all of these living forms down there, it's high time we take a keen interest in the oceans around us.

Hugh Turner – Did you know that 70 to 80 percent of the oxygen we breathe comes from the oceans.

Robert Weese – the sex life of an angler fish (one of the deep ocean bioluminescence fish). The female can be up to 3 feet in length. The male is very small and never matures unless they attach to a female, who can live over 30 years.

The male and the female and fuse to the female's blood system. the male loses all function except sperm production.



walk.

Peter Crawford – was on a golf junket to Hilton Head in the Carolinas, waiting for the sunrise on the ocean early one morning. Anyway, they all decide to skinny dip in the ocean to watch the sunrise. What they did not notice, was the tide was coming in quickly, covering their rental bikes and their clothes. The problem was the early morning beach walkers, mostly female, started their sunrise

Of the 1300 Gt carbon dioxide from anthropogenic emissions over the last 200 years, about 38% of that has already gone into the oceans. Carbon dioxide is currently emitted at 10 GtC per year and the oceans currently absorb 2.4 Gt carbon dioxide per year. The ocean is an enormous carbon sink with the capacity to hold thousands of more gigatons of carbon dioxide. Ocean sequestration has the potential to decrease atmospheric carbon dioxide concentrations according to some scientists.

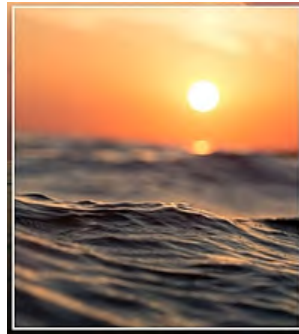
COMMUNITY EVENT OF INTEREST

September 15, 2021, and September 29, 2021

“Tom Axworthy has been a member of Applewood Probus for three years and is well known by many members of our Club. He has had a distinguished career as a senior political adviser, academic, and public intellectual. In Probus, he has been an active member of the book club, the Speaker’s Committee, the Senior Common Room discussion group, and, with his wife, a participant in a dinner group. He has also spoken to the Club about Canada’s North.

Tom is doing a two-part lecture on the federal election – the first on September 15, before the election, and the second on September 29, after the election. To register, [click here](#). The price is \$35 for the combined lecture. Proceeds go to a worthwhile cause.”

OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY



GUY BAKER

May 24, 2021

Our deepest sympathies go to Linda Baker on the passing of her husband and Applewood Probus member Guy Baker. Guy passed away on May 24th at Credit Valley Hospital after fighting a returning illness. An obituary and further information will be released at a future date.

IN LOVING MEMORY

RUTH STEEN

August 20, 2021

It is with profound sadness that I am advising you of the peaceful passing of my wonderful wife Ruth on the evening of Friday, August 20th. She was the love of my life and we recently celebrated our 60th wedding anniversary. She fought a courageous battle with lung and bone cancer, which was diagnosed in early January of 2021.

A celebration of her life will be held in the near future.

Don Steen

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 (Garry Jenkins). Garry will update your record. Thanks.

Probus Activities

Click the Item for Details

Billiards

Book Club

Craft Beer

Cycling

Dinner Clubs

Golf

Investments

Mixed Bridge

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