

# The AppleCore Newsletter

November 2021



# **President's Message**



Jim Carmichael

As I sit here thinking about what I will chat with you about this month, it suddenly occurred to me that our monthly General meeting will be held on Remembrance Day. It is befitting that our speaker, which is about Mississauga's heritage, will touch on the impact WW II had on our city, but I am also reminded that one of the last trips I took before Covid, was to visit the Canadian sites of the Great War – the War to end all wars.....

As you know, I am an Immigrant to Canada some 45 years ago, but have developed a deep sense of gratitude for the lives lost and the price these men and women paid to allow us to have the life we now enjoy, and some take for granted. I do not, and my visit to Belgium only made my gratitude deeper. I took this picture at one of the more famous sites in Belgium, the St Julien Memorial. to see more pictures and a write up of the St. Julien Canadian Memorial CLICK HERE

As our experience with Covid improves, some of us plan to travel again. I certainly do as I have come to the conclusion that this virus will perhaps be with us in one form or another for a very long time. I plan to be prudent but having seen the top of the mount and making my way down the windward side, I am not prepared to further my patience. I hope my travels in the future will afford me many more opportunities to see the wonders of this world and the people that came before me.

Our Management Team is actively working on ways that will allow those that are comfortable, to rejoin their Probus friends in person. More news as they arise.



Until we see each other next, I wish you good health.

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# Thursday, November 11, 2021



"The living owe it to those who no longer speak to tell their story for them"

### VERY IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT Thursday, November 11, 2021, Monthly Meeting start time change

to facilitate those that wish to attend or watch Remembrance Day activities at 11 AM we will be starting our meeting at 9:30 AM. Further reminders will be included with the Zoom Bridge emails.

## CURRENT GUEST SPEAKER Thursday, November 11, 2021, via Zoom

Matthew Wilkinson Historian /lecturer

Michael's topic is "WWII and its effect on Mississauga."

Matthew is the Historian at Heritage Mississauga. He graduated from U of T, Mississauga with a focus on Ontario and Canadian History and Historical Geography. He has an extensive background in local history and heritage research. He is a member of the Heritage Committee for the City of Mississauga and is a volunteer with several local historical societies



### **RECENT GUEST SPEAKER**

**Adam Shoalts** 

# The Whisper on the Night Wind: The True History of a Wilderness Legend October 14, 2021,



Since Adam is part of a speaker's consortium, recordings are not permitted. There are no handouts for the same reason.

### **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"

A Tribute to Nature

### **UPCOMING SPEAKERS**

**December**: Jerry Amernic: Jerry is an author, columnist, college teacher, and novelist. His topic is "The life and times of Babe Ruth, the Legacy".

**January:** Denis M. Crawford: Denis is a lecturer at Youngstown State University and author. His talk will be based on "the Life and Teams of Jonny F Bassett", Maverick Entrepreneur of North American Sports.

**February:** Mark Fisher: Mark is the President and CEO of the Council of Great Lakes Region. CGLR is a new bi-national organization that works to enhance regional collaboration and cross-border integration by bringing together stakeholders from the private, public, and not-for-profit sectors to advance effective, coordinated, and broadly shared responses to the region's economic, social, and environmental challenges.

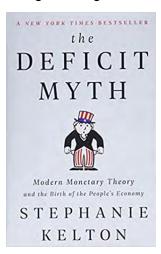
### **BOOK CLUB**



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 <u>click</u> here.

The Deficit Myth, by Stephanie Kelton

A possible subtitle could be "How I learned to stop worrying and love the Deficit". There was general agreement that the book's viewpoint was US-centric, verging at times on a



polemic approach. Although the group has had varying degrees of exposure to economics, the book was an easy read and thought-provoking. Many historical figures and events in economic were covered, including the effects of attempts at balancing budgets. Parallel events in Canada have shown the prolonged impact of (and slow recovery from) increased interest rates. There is some magical thinking in the book as well: actual methods for controlling inflation are not discussed, for instance. It was pretty easy to skim the latter pages of the book because the author was banging on the same drum throughout. The interaction of politics (particularly those of Bernie Sanders) and economics is clearly presented. The spectre of politicians with little economic background making far-reaching economic decisions is concerning.

The rating of the book was 6.6.

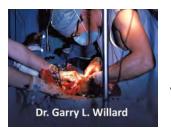
David Williams Convenor

# PAST GUEST SPEAKER BOOK PUBLISHED Dr. Gerry Willard Into The Dragon's Jaws

Some of you will remember Dr. Willard from his talk a few years ago about his experiences as a causality surgeon in South Vietnam in 1968. His book was published in August of 2021 and is a fantastic read.



"Into The Dragon's Jaws" details the exciting adventures and experiences of a young Canadian Red Cross combat casualty surgeon who volunteered to assist in the Vietnamese war



wounded following the Tet Offensive in South Vietnam in 1968.

The intensity and drama of this book are enhanced by many photographs illustrating surgical care in oft-times dangerous and volatile circumstances. Dr. Willard describes his role as a trauma surgeon candidly. Some stories are heartwarming, others heartbreaking. Such is the pathos of war.

You will come away with an intimate perspective of the Vietnam War, as seen through his eyes at the height of the conflict..

To purchase his book go to Amazon, Barnes & Noble, Kobo, Nook or *click here* 





### PROBUS WALKERS

Oct 7, 2021, Lakefront Promenade

12 walkers enjoyed a cool, overcast, but comfortable walk westward from the Lakeview promenade to the Credit river and back. The walk was 7.2 km. As usual, there was plenty of home and landscape renovation underway in the area. It was sad to see a weakened elm tree being cut down.

Oct 21, 2021. Marie Curtis Park.

Another cool, overcast, but comfortable walk. We started out from Marie Curtis Park and walked eastward through a mix of a residential neighbourhood and open parkland along the Lake Ontario shoreline all the way to Colonel Samual Smith park. There was just a short sprinkling of rain on the walk back.

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### **DINNER CLUB**

Our second dinner outing for the fall of 2021 was held at La Castile on Wednesday evening, Oct. 20, 2021 and attended by the Baileys, the Allans and the Marks.

Our conclusions were: yes, expensive;

yes, the quality was outstanding; yes, the service was impeccable.

The restaurant was very diligent in checking vaccine passports, IDs and spacing out of tables.

Highly recommended if the pricing doesn't bother you.

Host: John



### **CRAFT BEER CLUB EVENT**



### APPLEWOOD PROBUS CYCLING

Our riders met up in the town of Erin on Main and after waiting for an errant couple parked on Main in Hillsborough to come to the correct town, we started east on the Elora-Cataract Trailway and rode to the entrance to the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park for a short hike to the river bridge.

The weather was absolutely gorgeous with temperatures in the high teens.

The trip was not without incident.

John went off on his own (not very smart) and became lost to the group.

After the group called in the Caledon Emergency Services and searched the trails, John was found clinging to the bridge pier below the bridge near the water.

The rescue was performed.

All returned to the trailhead unscathed for picture taking.

The riders returned to Erin and socialized at Busholme's outdoor patio for that necessary good beer and food.

JR Mark, Applewood Probus







#### 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 <a href="Membership Co-ordinator">Membership Co-ordinator</a> (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

Movies

Poker

Pub Lunch

Theatre

Walking

Wine Tasting Groups

**Activity Conveners** 

Management Committee

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