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The AppleCore Newsletter

July 2024



President's Message



Like many of you, I enjoy watching sports. It's a pleasant diversion from what can sometimes be a depressing world of reality. Two recent events caught my eye.

The Oilers quixotic quest for the Cup, only to fall short by two goals. It's now 31 years and counting. I suggest a National Day of Sadness. (If it had been a Leaf's loss, 3 days of mourning.)

The other was the Croatia / Italy match in the UEFA Championship. Croatia needed a win to go on. With 38 seconds left in an unusually long 8 minutes of stoppage time, Italy scored to tie, sending them on and eliminating the Croats. The emotion was palpable, grown men sobbing uncontrollably prostrate on the pitch, and the Italians running around the pitch with unbridled joy.

That's the nature of sport's tremendous highs and lows. What sets sports apart is the constant creation of hope through renewal. In a few days the NHL draft will occur, and we'll entrust teenagers to lead our teams to glory. The summer may bring a trade or two, and we'll convince ourselves that the new fourth line winger will provide the grit to get us to the top. If it doesn't happen, and we reach the grim realization that really next year will be the year, spring training will have arrived with new hope as we switch our focus to the Jays.

That's what it's all about - the hope of a better day, a suspension of reality. In the real world whether they win or lose, we still have to get up wash our faces and feed our families.

Enjoy the summer.

Paul Taylor
President

REMINDER



July's Meeting is CANCELLED.

Probus meetings will resume as usual in August, at PCYC.

Future Speakers

August 8, 2024

Diana Trepkov

Forensic Artist, Author, Lecturer

"Forensic Art as used in Identification"



Forensic Art is the artistic technique used in the identification, apprehension or conviction of a wanted person. This person may not necessarily be a criminal, but could be a missing person or an unidentified deceased person. These forensic art images can be admissible in a court of law.

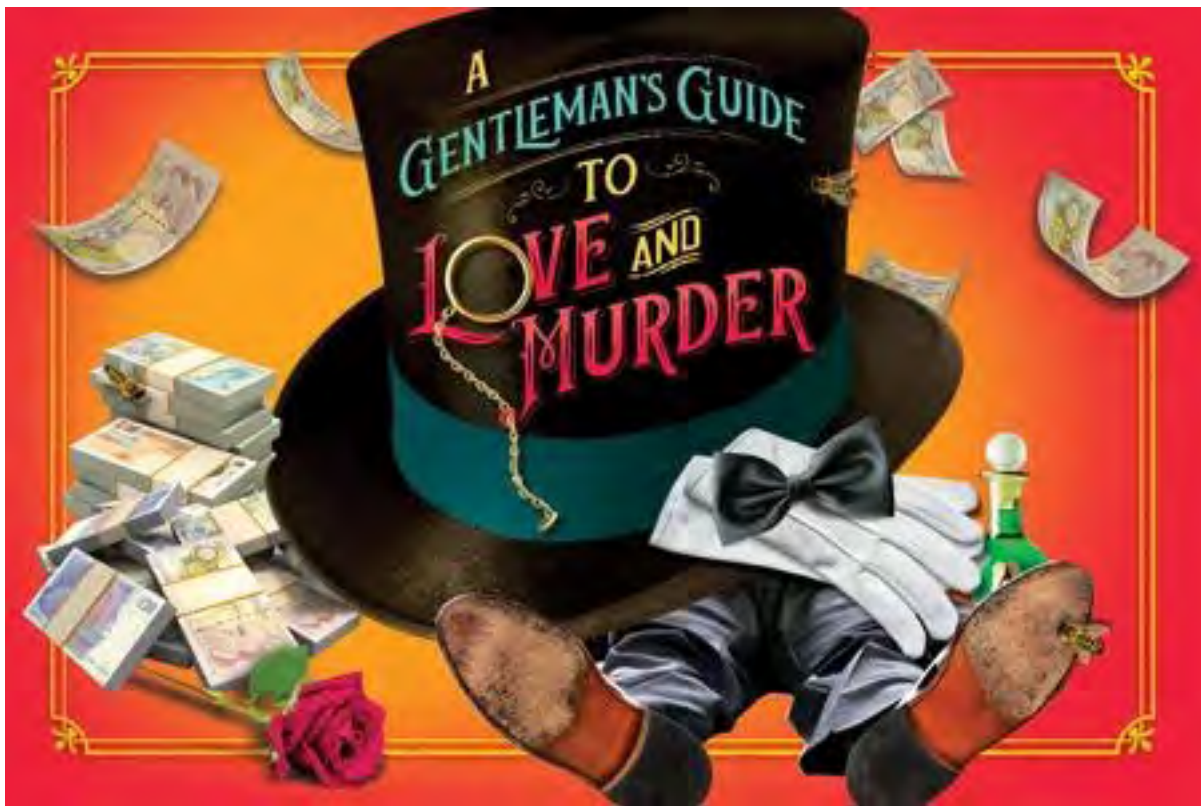
In this presentation, Ms. Trepkov will speak about the remarkable 1845 lost Franklin expedition and how one of the members was identified and this was published in the New York Times News! She will also talk about missing loved ones and why this career is so important not only to her but to all victims of crime.

Diana P. Trepkov is a Forensic Artist, Author, Lecturer, Creator, Producer and Host of a Podcast, "Can I Help Find Your Missing Loved One?". She started her career

volunteering at the Durham Rape Crisis center to help victims of crime. Throughout Canada and the United States, she has been an artist for many years now and has been involved in 247 law enforcement cold cases to date, which involved her forensic artwork techniques. Ms. Trepkov has helped to solve high profile cases in the United States. She is an author of six books, one is a forensic art book and four of them are children's safety and motivational books. The newest one is a genuine book about her, and how she overcame so many obstacles! Her newest book, "No Time For B.S. Just Go For It and Kick Ass!", was just released!

Upcoming Events

Fall Theatre Outing - October 22, 2024 at 2:00PM



"A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder"

A Drayton Entertainment Production

Hamilton Family Theatre in Cambridge, Ontario

For best seat selection, go to www.draytonentertainment.com now and buy your choice of seating location while there are still good selections available.

For those interested, lunch is to be organized prior to showtime at a local restaurant.

This is a "drive yourself" event but we will try to arrange carpooling when requested.

Contact Don Wilkinson (donwilkinson756@gmail.com) after you buy your tickets and advise if you wish to join the lunch group.

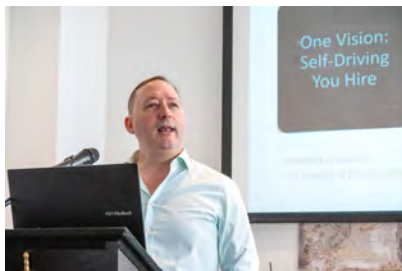
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Past Speaker - June

Andrew Miller

Urbanist, Futurist and Mobility Specialist

"The Cities of Tomorrow"



After a preliminary discussion about his role in Toronto's Smart City project, Andrew lead us on an interesting journey into the future of autonomous driving cars. His relaxed, casual but knowledgeable speaking style quickly immersed us in his topic. It was easy to see why he is considered both a futurist and mobility specialist.

He gave a succinct world view of the current state of autonomous driving and two scenarios for the future. One optimistic and favourable and the other somewhat dreary. Clearly, congestion will be an issue under both but can be ameliorated by more intelligent planning and use of driverless public transit. The elimination of drivers substantially reduces transit cost and the need for families to have one or more personal cars.

Andrew's description of the current technology as being "The best of what has been but the worst of what's to come" captured his message well.

His, was a very interesting and fun presentation packed with ideas and information about an important subject most of us knew little about.

I for one, left with a greater understanding of the potential for this technology and how close it is to being realized.

Thank you Andrew!

Lloyd Posno

Upcoming Activities

Applewood Probus Wine Tasting

"Wine Tasting" - a pretty broad statement.

I'm sure that most, if not all of you have tasted wine in an informal setting. I'm sure too, that most of you have either been on a wine tour, visited a wine cellar, wine bar or ALL of the above and experienced some of the formalities in their tastings, noting colour, clarity, aroma/bouquet, grape type, hints of fruit, coffee, chocolate, sour grapes etc.

Well, Applewood Probus Tastings, from my experience, incorporates some of this formality but REALLY we are just tasting the wines. We do use an evaluation sheet so that you may score your impressions on each wine tasted with respect to Appearance, Aroma/Bouquet, Taste/Texture, Aftertaste and more. It is amazing how at times the scores can be so similar OR, SO very polar opposite among the group, which causes immediate "guffaws" and discussion. Personally, the tastings have exposed me to wines that I may not have otherwise tried, as well as helped me develop a "do not purchase list". Above all, it's a great social gathering in a very informal setting where there is a good group of guys, plenty of conversation, opinions and laughter.

There are currently 5 tasting groups consisting of 8-9 members. The current wine group leads are: Mike Read, Mike Preston, Reg Perkin, Bill Tourgis and Dave Stubbart. They meet at once a month, at least 8 times a year (usually excluding July and August). One group meets on a Tuesdays; two meet on a Wednesday, and two on a Thursday. Each member hosts at least one month with the other members contributing \$20-\$25 (the group's decision) to the host to cover the cost of the wines (typically \$10-\$20 per bottle), cheese, crackers etc.

There are those who prefer to participate occasionally who are on a "Spares" listing. The wine groups are encouraged to invite spares as well as those of other groups to make up their usual compliment (due to absenteeism).

Probus has a mantra to further socialization. If there is an interest to change to another group, let it be known to the Group organizer or myself and we will try to make it happen.

TASTE RESPONSIVELY.

Cheers,
Mike Preston

Members Update



John Collinson passed away on the morning of June 18. He hadn't been well since going into LTC and had stopped eating in the weeks preceding his death. John was a Probus member until last September.

Deanna and Kids are doing well and feel at peace.

The funeral was held June 28 at St John's Anglican Church in Mississauga.

New Members



Terry Green (New Member, L)
Paul Ferri (R)



Paul Taylor (L)
David McCash (New Member, R)

Applewood Probus Guest



Tony Hart (L)
Rajeeva Sinha (Guest, R)

Tips for Building Membership

Probus, do your friend a favor and

- Bring them to a monthly meeting.
 - Invite them to a Probus Activity. ie golf, beer tasting, book club, walking, etc
 - Post a Probus Poster in your condo bulletin board. (see Tony Hart).
 - Email them a copy of our AppleCore Newsletter.
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- Send the web URL: www.applewoodprobusclub.org

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

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@applewoodprobusclub.org. or [click here](#). and Doug will update your record.

Thanks.

Probus Activities

To see the recent activities and pictures from our various activity groups click the activity listed below

[Billiards](#)
[Book Club](#)
[Craft Beer](#)
[Cycling](#)
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