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## FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT PREVENTION/RESOLUTION MONTH

### Happy Birthday

### Happy Anniversary

### UPCOMING SPEAKERS:

Feb 7:	Peter Beka & Ben Bligh Last Door Recovery Society	Feb 14:	Rebecca Arthur Short Term Exchange Student – via Zoom	Feb 21:	Rebecca Awan Current Property Market Trends
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### LAST WEEK'S MEETING

President-Elect **Brenda Jenkins** presided.

#### Guests:

**Alex Pope, Ron Langley,  
Theo Rathonyi-Reusz, and Sam Lewindon**

#### Happy and Said Dollars included:

**Linda:** happy that the Friends in Need Food Bank is almost back to normal after the break-in that occurred on January 5, when thieves damage the building as they forced their way in by breaking not only the front door but several interior ones, and stole two laptops and a safe from the administrative offices. The community has come to the rescue, with a donor paying towards the cost of fixing the doors that have now been installed with a solid core.

**Libby:** was amused by the fact that when she entered Ineke Boekhorst's last name on her computer, it printed out the name as 'work horse' (thanks to its auto-correct feature). Her computer must know what we all know - that Ineke is a hard worker in our club and the community generally!



"I don't object to being called a 'dependable workhorse' but do you have to keep yelling 'gidddyup'?"

Program: The Probus Club of Maple Ridge

Our Speakers:

**Sam Lewindon** is now in his third year as President of the Probus Club of Maple Ridge.

He has now been retired for 23 years. For 17 years he had a background in Business Management, followed by a 20-year career in Post-Secondary Education administration. Sam is no stranger to recruiting retirees (and "is now looking forward to retirement for himself").

**Theo Rathonyi-Reusz** (pronounced "Teo") is well known to our club. He is a long-time member of the Haney Rotary Club, and Theo and his wife Renate attend our club's annual Glamping event, held every September. Theo was the first president of Probus Maple Ridge.



## The History of Probus

The Probus Club movement was formed in the United Kingdom in 1965, when Fred Carnill, a member of the local Rotary Club, met other retired friends, with professional and business backgrounds, for morning coffee. From this, he started a luncheon club. The Rotary Club president arranged the first meeting and 45 men attended. The Rotary District took up the scheme with the result that Rotary International published a leaflet about the idea to encourage other Rotary Clubs to sponsor a similar club. The name "Probus" was suggested by a [bus driving?] member who took the first three letters from 'PROfessional and BUSiness'. It had the advantage that 'probus' was a Latin word from which 'probity' is derived.

Probus is a Social Club with goals to provide Fellowship, Friendship and Fun for men and women in the retirement and semi-retirement years. It is a volunteer-based, non-profit, non-political, non-sectarian and non-community service organization with more than 4,000 clubs worldwide, and more than 250 Clubs in Canada (with 38,000 Canadian members).

## About Probus Maple Ridge

Probus Maple Ridge had its Foundation Meeting on January 18, 2018, and its Charter Meeting on February 15<sup>th</sup> 2018. The foundation team were **Theo Rathonyi-Reusz, Howard Glossop and his wife Ingrid, Dick Drew and John Bale**. (Sadly, Howard, Ingrid and John are now deceased). **Bob Thompson** was the treasurer and **Theo** was the first club president. **Sam** was one of about 25 Founding Members that were at the first meeting. Probus Maple Ridge holds a General Meeting on the third Thursday of the month, except for the months of August and December. Guest speakers are regularly invited. It currently has 67 members. The annual membership fee is only \$40. There are no attendance requirements. The condition of membership? Answer: You have to want to join.



This picture appeared in the October 25, 2017 edition of the Maple Ridge Pitt Meadow News with the caption: "From left - Howard Glossop, Theo Rathonyi-Reusz, and John Bale are hoping to form a Probus Club in Maple Ridge."

## What Does Probus Maple Ridge Look Like (besides "Fellowship, Friendship and Fun")?

The Club has its Annual General Meeting, monthly membership meetings, management team meetings, special interest group activities for members, and social events.

The monthly newsletter of Probus Maple Ridge is called the "**Goldeneer**". It contains the president's message, speaker notes, "Memory Lane", "Through the Lens" (pictures), member happenings, and information and notices.

**SEE THE LATEST COPY ATTACHED.**

As for its AGM, **Sam** wrote in the Goldeneer:

*Welcome to Our 2023 Annual General Meeting! A very important event in our year, the Annual General Meeting provides an opportunity for members to hear how the various areas of our Club's operation have been performing. Reports from the Club's Executive will indicate how our club is being managed, and reports by the Special Interest Group Coordinators will provide a snapshot of the scope of activities open for member participation. The election of Officers to the Management Committee will also take place, and this is another vital aspect of the Club's operation! This, in-person Annual General Meeting is being held at the Meadow Gardens Golf Club, February 16th at 10am. Come and support your club and fellow members. Please advise if you can make this meeting! Given that this meeting provides a good overview of our Club, why not invite a friend to attend our AGM, not only will they hear our annual reports but they will be able to see what a friendly, fun group we are. Of course they will not be able to vote, but they will get a good idea of the benefits of membership. Remember our motto: Fellowship, Friendship and Fun, and invite someone you feel may enjoy being a part of our Probus club.*

## Monthly Membership Meetings

General Meetings usually last about 1.5 hours and include a Guest Speaker. It is for members only, but guests may be invited. Management Team members give the club an update on club matters, and the various special interest groups also give their reports.

## Special Interest Group Activities

The club has approximately 12 special interest groups that meet at least monthly for various activities, and club members can attend any of those which may pique their interest. Currently those groups are as follows:

- **Book Club**
- **Bridge** (2 groups -learners group, and old hands groups)
- **Camping** (actually, glamping)
- **Coffee Morning**
- **Computers/Photography**
- **Crafts** (mostly fiber)
- **Dining** 2 groups (mostly food)
- **Discussion** (mostly talk)
- **Lunch** (more food)
- **Table Tennis**
- **Walking** (Tuesday morning – 1 hr.)
- **Wine Club**

## Social Events

Social events are held in June, July and August.

## Announcements

**Starfish Food Pack program:** Ineke advised that we now fill 256 packs per week. We have now received an Insurance Certificate from the Rotary District insurance representative confirming that our club is covered for liability on this project (including the indemnity required of us by SD42 before they would fund this project), so we will be receiving their \$25,000 contribution which (with the \$25,000 we already have set aside) will be sufficient to pay for the food costs until the end of this school year.

**50/50 and Duck Race fundraisers:** our Treasurer **Walter** has confirmed that the applications for these two fundraisers have been filed. Gaming grants to charities (including our Rotary club) have been delayed this year, but funds are expected by the end of February from the Gaming Commission.

**History Book and 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event:** Mike advised that the History Book is ready for print. Adrienne has agreed to help organize the celebration event, to which past members will be invited. (If anyone has contact addresses or phone numbers for past members, please advise Mike so that we can contact as many former members as possible.) A slide presentation of the last 30 years will be organized for the event, and each person attending will receive a copy of the history book.

**Ineke and Debi Pearce visited Doris Gagel**, who is now in Holyrood AgeCare Manor.

They visit Doris now on a very regular basis.

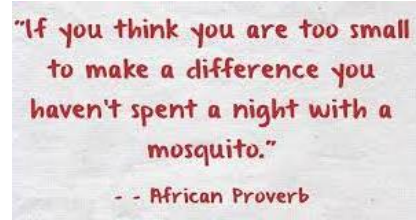


## New Salvation Army Administrative Offices

Rotary Club Member Dave Macpherson (Executive Director - Maple Salvation Army) advised our secretary Libby, that we are invited to the Open House for the Salvation Army Administrative Offices, and Community and Family Services Office, which are now located at #2 – 23315 Dewdney Trunk Road, Maple Ridge. The open house will be from 11 AM - 2PM, on Friday, February 10, 2023. Parking is on the street, and refreshments will be provided.

Dave's work number is 604-463-8296 extension 113, and his cell number is 250-616-0547.

## Quote for the Day



Submitted by Laurie Anderson



**Our next Probud Meeting**

**Is Our AGM,**

**February 16th, 2023**

**At 10:00 am,**

**In Person, at Meadow Gardens Golf Club.**

**PLEASE NOTE!**

**Election of our Club's Officers takes Place  
at this Annual General Meeting,**



# Probus Club of Maple Ridge

## President's Message and Program



Sam Lewindon, President

### **Welcome to Our 2023 Annual General Meeting!**

### **Probus Annual General Meeting Program**

**February 16, 2023**

9:40	Sign-in
10:00	Welcome
10:05	Introduction of MC Team
10:20	Introduction of SIG Coordinators
10:30	Executive Reports
10:45	Election of Officers
11:15	Social Time

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Due to the success of our Dining Group, a second group has been created, and if you wish to receive details on this fun activity, please contact Michaela O'Doherty. The Probus Wine Club is also accepting new members to participate in our second group's Tasting Sessions, make enquiries at: [probusmapleridge@gmail.com](mailto:probusmapleridge@gmail.com) Following the Social Time of the AGM and after lunch, the Bridge Group will meet and members are welcomed to stay and participate in the fun!!

*February is the month of lasting change; February is for doers. Marc Parent*



## Speaker's Notes:

*by Marie Slessor*

**SPEAKER:** This month's speaker was **Curtis Pendleton**, Executive Director of the ACT Arts Centre. Carla introduced her by telling us that Curtis has been leading the ACT since 2018 after a varied career in the arts, performing and teaching music as well as heading theatre programs in the US. Curtis came to us from the Vancouver School of Music where she was executive director there.

Curtis began by telling us that she was happy to see so many familiar faces and to be here to give us an overview of the ACT. The Maple Ridge Pitt Meadows Arts Council was founded in 1974 and is the operator of the ACT. The ACT is governed by the Arts Council board and celebrated 50 years last year.

Curtis told us there are 4 main program streams run by the ACT:

**First** is the Performance Stream, these are events that take place in the theatres and are the economic driver of the ACT. There are between 35 and 50 performances a year and include theatre and live music. The performances this year, like Shirley Jackson and Billy Bishop Goes to War, are intended to be light after the dark time of Covid. Some of the music offerings include the Sunday Afternoon Chamber Music series showcasing early music, and the Listening Lounge which features folk and jazz in a cabaret-like setting with food and beverages. She invited us to attend a co-fund raiser with the Maple Ridge Hospital Foundation featuring Keith Alessi in a "joke tellin", banjo playin' heart healin' experience" on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

The **second** stream is exhibits in the Art Gallery. There are 5 to 6 exhibits per year. The exhibit presently in the Gallery is on collage and titled Connotations in Collage. There are always a series of artist talks connected to each exhibit. There is also a new docent program, training volunteers to be able to conduct knowledgeable tours of each exhibit.

The **third** stream is Learning Programs. The Act offers classes for people aged from 3 to seniors. There is an active ceramic studio as well as classes on music, theatre, painting, dance, theatre etc. Curtis told us about one popular event called the Art Bar where you are invited to come and create something beautiful while consuming a glass of wine. This is so popular it now occurs twice a month.

The **fourth** stream involves the community. The ACT partners with the City of Maple Ridge for events such as Canada Day and Culture Days.

The ACT also supports students by offering scholarships for high school graduates. They also support other charitable organizations by offering grants to groups that deliver art to the public, such as the Art Studio Tour and the Maple Ridge Choral Society.

Funds come from 3 levels of government, with about one-third from the City of Maple Ridge and the rest from the BC Arts Council and the Province of BC, as well as Heritage Canada. Funds also come from private fund raising.

Curtis told us that all the arts have been through a difficult time in the last few years and that audiences have not fully recovered since before Covid. The ACT is now back to full program offerings and doing aggressive digital advertising to increase audiences. She ended by telling us she feels privileged to be "steering the ship" and invited us all to come and partake of the many programs offered by the ACT as well as to come and volunteer.

A question was asked about the large theatre and stage and whether it was too big or not. Curtis said that it is well used, and although not all shows will sell out, there are many that do. A question was asked about the cost of renting the ACT and the idea that it was too expensive. Curtis responded by saying that she felt their rates were in line with other professional theatres and that there was a sliding scale for community groups. The ACT also helped in the planning of the new Albion Community Centre which has a stage with sound and lighting and is a great alternative to rent.

Kathleen thanked Curtis for an excellent presentation and said she enjoys exploring all 4 program streams as well as the excellent gift shop which features items from local artists.

### A Family Story

by Skip Johnson

About ten years ago, my elder daughter went on a cruise on a large sailboat up the BC coast to the various inlets and the Great Bear Rain Forest. The boat had only a dozen paying passengers, so during the week-long voyage, they got to know each other quite well. The cook was a woman of middle age named Debra and my daughter and she became good friends, maintaining this relationship after the cruise was finished, and are still friends to this day.

Debra was visiting some friends at Gibsons, BC some time later, and went for a walk along the beach. At one of the beachfront cottages, she spotted a man who looked very much like her uncle Hal, whom she had not seen for many years. Upon talking to him, she discovered that he was actually Ken, son of Hal, thus making them first cousins to each other!

Ken is my brother, Debra is my first cousin also. So, she and my daughter are also related and had no idea that was the case while being just “friends”. Sometimes, this world is much smaller than we think!

**A Little Poem**

**Another year has passed and we're all a little older.  
Last summer felt hotter and winter seems much colder.**

**There was a time not long ago when life was quite a blast.  
Now I fully understand about 'Living in the Past'**

**We used to go to weddings, football games and lunches.  
Now we go to funeral homes and after-funeral brunches.**

**We used to have hangovers, from parties that were gay.  
Now we suffer body aches and wile the night away.**

**We used to go out dining, and couldn't get our fill.  
Now we ask for doggie bags, come home and take a pill.**

**We used to often travel to places near and far.  
Now we get sore asses from riding in the car.**

**We used to go to nightclubs and drink a little booze.  
Now we stay home at night and watch the evening news.**

**That, my friend is how life is, and now my tale is told.  
So, enjoy each day and live it up...  
before you're too damned old!**

*Author unknown*