



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

Established in 1988, The Fifth Probud Club in Canada

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January 18, 2024 – In-Person and Zoom Meeting
Meeting begins at 10:00 AM. Speaker at 11:00 AM.

**Meeting Place – Oakville Public Library - Central Branch –
120 Navy St. Second Floor Auditorium**

**Plenty of Parking on Water St with Elevator to Second Floor
but we also respect those who wish to participate via Zoom**

FEATURED SPEAKER – January 18, 2024

Wolfgang Hartmann, Ph. D



This month, we are delighted to welcome **Dr. Wolfgang Hartmann**, retired Nuclear Engineer and one of our own **Probus Club Members**.

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After graduating from the University of Calgary with a B.Sc., **Wolfgang** went on to achieve a **Masters in Engineering Science** at McMaster U., followed by a **Doctorate in Nuclear Engineering**.

For 30+ years, **Wolfgang** was a senior employee at **Atomic Energy of Canada (AECL)** working/consulting at Darlington (pictured), South Korea and other nuclear facilities worldwide. He and his team focused on stringent reactor safety standards and plant and operations efficiencies, combined with an absolute concentration on business-wide safety as an inherent part of **AECL's corporate culture**.

Canada's [history in nuclear](#) energy showcases our nation as a world leader in innovation, safety and responsible nuclear power plant operation ¹. As we look towards the future, **our ability to be less reliant on other countries' technologies** (e.g. electric car battery components from **China**) and **more self-sufficient** will be a key to our sovereignty.

As part of his presentation today, **Wolfgang** will offer his thoughts on safety & security; relative advantages & disadvantages of using our nuclear power for **domestic energy vs. military purposes**; **reactor design**, including the relative ease with which small reactors can be built and operated anywhere; **our carbon footprint**; advances in **science and medicine** using nuclear technology (e.g. **isotopes**) and the **future of Nuclear Energy in Canada** and the world. Quite a list! **Welcome, Wolfgang!**

For more background on today's presentation and to inform your questions, please consider the following amongst others:

<https://www.canadianenergycentre.ca/the-future-of-nuclear-power-in-canada-qa-with-john-gorman-ceo-of-the-canadian-nuclear-association/> ¹

<https://www.cer-rec.gc.ca/en/data-analysis/energy-markets/market-snapshots/2022/market-snapshot-potential-role-nuclear-canada-energy-future.html>

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President's Message January 8 2024

I hope you all had a great Holiday season – unfortunately for many (but good for others) – there was no snow and skiing was iffy at best. We'll probably pay dearly for the warm and no snow weather – just wait.

Our Probus Club continues to grow and offer new initiatives re events and speakers, and we continue to encourage initiatives re joint activities with the other Oakville men's probus club. Our club was invited to join theirs for a presentation on the Sherman murders which was very interesting. From the presentation, it looks like there is progress in the search for the bad guys.

Over the next few months, we will have speakers who will talk to us about – International Shipping as well as IBM Canada, and Public Education. There may be a presentation about the federal Treasury Board if we can organise a firm date by a senior official. The book Club and the Investment clubs meet monthly – do you know what returns the investment club has made on fictional funds since its outset – I'd be on a very nice warm beach if I had followed their advice.

Best regards,

Alex



The Probud Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probud Club of Oakville November 16, 2023 Oakville Public Library

1.0 Minutes

A motion to accept the minutes of the October General Meeting was made by Paul Nelson and seconded by Jack Rugg. The minutes of the last meeting were then unanimously accepted.

2.0 Membership and Guests:

We had three guests, Pat Fitzgerald from the Old Oakville Club was Mike Purcell's guest, Grant Swanson was Ray Hendrickson's guest and Carlo was Gerry Pielsticker's guest.

3.0 Treasurer's Report

Ray Hendrickson said the end of October bank balance is \$7,111.17 after minimal expenses.

Bryan Noble won the 50/50 draw this month.

4.0 Speakers

Tim O'Shea summarized the speakers for the next three months:
January will be Oleg Dolzikhov, Ships Master with TeeKay LNG shipping
February will be Lorrie Barnes from Microsoft Can. Talking about AI
March will be Diane Mulholland, Ontario Education Co-Ordinator for Alzheimer's Society

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The meeting with Anita Anand is still slated for the first quarter of the year. NOTE: Information followed the next week that the meeting is likely to take place on an afternoon in late January but it all still needs to be confirmed by Tim and Alex.

5.0 Activities

Jay Kell said that the Christmas Lunch is getting booked up nicely with about 50 people attending. The date is December 14th at the Oakville Golf Club and the cost is \$60 per person. Invitation is extended to all members, spouses and friends of members.

6.0 Website/Newsletter.

Gerry Pielsticker said he continues to update the website and encouraged all members to access and see the latest improvements. Today he tried out the blue tooth speakers for the meeting but they still need some tweaking as they were causing some problem for the speaker.

Paul Nelson issued the November newsletter and while there is no profiler for this meeting, he will be calling of all members to participate in sometime down the road. You may have presented a profile some years ago but now is a good time for an update.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Laurie Hunter, Lifestyle Director from the Oakville Estates, Oakville Estates is a Retirement Residence opening in the summer of 2024, is located on next to the OMTH on Hospital Gate

Laurie did a power point presentation showing what the 98-suite facility will look like with multiple options in terms of room sizes, swimming pool, walking track, dining rooms, restaurants, spa, etc.

They will also be able to offer care if you can no longer live in your unit but need additional nursing care.

The club will be invited to have a meeting there once it does open next year but if you want more information ahead of time call Laurie at 905-464-0807 or email QE-lifestyledirector@allseniorscare.com

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9.0 SPEAKER

John Pender introduced today's speaker

Today's speaker is Wendy Rinella, CEO of the Oakville Community Foundation.

The Oakville Community Foundation is part of network of community foundation across the country that take in donations from any number of sources, invest that money prudently and use the interest income to help the community.

The donation will come from individuals who want to set up memorial funds for family members, or corporations like the hospital who park their money there for a period of time to take advantage of the investment savvy of the foundation to maximize the return.

The interest earned is used in the community to help build trails, information Kiosks, QE Park facility, or make loans to charities that need a lump sum to build or buy something they need to operate.

Currently Wendy is responsible for \$120M dollars

There are many ways of taking advantage of the OCF and making a difference not only in the community but in your own investment portfolio and your tax situation. Consider contacting OCF at 905-844-3562 check out their website.

They are located at 410 North Service Road East.

Mike Dwyer thanked the speaker

Alex Murphy declared the meeting closed.

The next meeting will be Thursday January 18th, 2024

Jim Tonner
Secretary
December 11, 2023

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2023-2024 Management Committee

President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
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Membership	Peter Pretty	(905) 338-5583
Website	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829
Technical Co-ordinator	Gerry Pielsticker	(905) 338-9829

In addition, the following Key Support Positions have been filled by appointed Members.

Key Support Positions

Equipment	TBD	
Member Welfare	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Auditor	Bryan Noble	(905) 319-1864
50/50 Draw	Roy Oldfield	(905) 847-2062
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