



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

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November 16, 2023 – 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 – November 16, 2023



Wendy Rinella
Chief Executive Officer, Oakville Community Foundation

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This month, we are delighted to welcome Wendy Rinella, Chief Executive Officer, Oakville Community Foundation, (OCF)¹. The Foundation's purpose is to "Build Community Through Philanthropy" with a vision of "A Community Where No One is Left Behind." Both Rinella and the OCF have been widely recognized for their innovative community programs, partnerships and achievements.

OCF has been a key player and liaison amongst public and private donors, government and other institutions which depend upon it to manage and distribute those funds for the benefit of Oakville communities and charities. For example, in 2022, OCF distributed \$4.3MM to various local entities; more recently this summer, OCF has distributed \$587M in government funds to 10 organizations in Oakville to assist with pandemic recovery. In total, over \$63,500,000 has been distributed in grants by OCF over three decades.

Oakville, as we know it today, ranks high in the list of wealthy communities in Canada. Astonishingly, it also has such a wide disparity in median income that many of its residents are in need ([National Post, Sept 2023](#)). Whilst our Town, located on the Treaty Lands and Territory of the Mississaugas of the Credit², has thrived since its founding in 1827, not all residents have access today to equal opportunities as real-world circumstances change. Oftentimes, there are systemic barriers and persistent inequalities in our community that result in not everyone having the same sense of belonging and opportunity to connect, contribute and realize their potential. Sometimes understanding our present requires us to be informed and learn from our past. Here is where OCF steps up to help.

Today, in addition to sharing OCF's ongoing broad-based community initiatives to its Clients, Wendy will 'connect the dots' sharing various funded initiatives that are intended to engage many Oakvillians, including amongst others, elementary and high school students in art; culture; further education and the environment. '[Debwewin](#)'³ is an important initiative that furthers our shared understanding of Oakville's history and helps to strengthen and focus community-to-community understanding and reconciliation. Welcome, Wendy!

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

<https://www.theocf.org/2023/10/05/top-10-reasons-why-charitable-people-get-daffy-at-the-foundation/>

https://www.probusoldoakville.ca/files/ugd/2e3b2c_1932f899b04f469f8255ee1ab20a668c.pdf (Darin Wybenga - Treaties 14, 22 & 23, Oakville & the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation ²)

<https://www.linkedin.com/in/wendy-rinella-she-her-1350042/>

<https://www.theocf.org/2023/09/26/debwewin-the-oakville-truth-project-update/> ³

Probus Holiday Luncheon – December 14



Our Probus Club of Oakville is hosting a terrific three course Holiday Luncheon at the Oakville Golf Club on December 14 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Make your reservation and bring your cheque and entree choice(s) to our November 16th meeting. The cost is \$60 per person which includes taxes and gratuity. Spouses, Significant Others, Friends and Relatives are also welcome to attend. There will be a cash bar.

Or you can make a reservation -if you haven't already, with Jay Kell: jaykell9@gmail.com or 289 407 3859.

You can also make an **Interac** payment : Instructions follow the **Menu** listed on the next page

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MENU

**Lunch - Plated
Breadbasket and Butter per Table**

House Salad

**Entrée - Choice of:
Dark/White Meat Turkey
Stuffing
Mashed Potatoes
Cranberry Sauce
Seasonal Vegetables**

OR

**Atlantic Salmon
Roasted Red Pepper Coulis
Rice Pilaf
Seasonal Vegetables**

OR

**Vegetarian
Crispy Polenta, Roasted Red Pepper, Goat Cheese, Tomato Chutney,
Seasonal Vegetables**

**Dessert
Molten Lava Chocolate Cake
Tea & Coffee**

\$60 per person Including Tax and Gratuity

**The Oakville Golf Club is an Elegant Facility Located at 1154 Sixth Line in Oakville
with an In-House Chef, Plenty of Parking and an Elevator to the Dining Rooms**

Interac Payment Instructions

1. Access the e-transfer area of your bank's online banking screen.
2. Set up the Oakville Probus Club as an e-transfer recipient. Use oakvilleprobusno5@gmail.com as the club's email address. You will only need to set up the Club for the first e-transfer. After that the Oakville Probus Club will be included in your personal e-transfer directory.
3. Identify the account from which you want to send the transfer and amount of the payment that you wish to send.
4. In the message area specify the purpose of the e-transfer payment. Do not create a security question/password. This will prevent the autodeposit from happening.
5. Click on "Send". You will receive an immediate response that your payment has been sent and deposited into the Club bank account.
6. All e-transfers are automatically encrypted and are highly secure. No personal or bank data that is attached to the e-transfer can be hacked or stolen by a third party

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President's Message November 16, 2023

Hi all –

Hope you are all doing well and have unpacked your woollens and had your winter tires installed. It's the time of the year when we don't look forward to the snowy and cold weather unless we are keen skiers. Many of you have winter exit plans which i hope you enjoy - take your clubs and tennis rackets and if you are brave enough your swimsuits.

Our Holiday lunch is on December 14th and a



notice re payment details has been sent out and is also included with this Newsletter.

We have one more meeting this year - November 16th with a terrific speaker - look at the website for all upcoming speakers.

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Our investment club continues to make strategic decisions re the stock market and the book club will review the book Vanderbilt and then Dominion - which describes the political and other difficulties in financing and building of the CPR cross country railway and of the country - both clubs can add members.

All the best,

Alex Murphy (President)



The Probus Club of Oakville

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Probus Club of Oakville

October 19, 2023

Oakville Public Library

Minutes

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

Vice President Paul Nelson said that he is now responsible for scheduling of a profiler for each meeting and will soon be calling on individual members to do a 10-minute summary of their life and career. Tim O'Shea was away on holidays so Paul summarized the list of impressive speakers we have had over the past 12 months and congratulated Tim for a job well done.

3.0 Membership Peter Pretty introduced three new members, John Hinnen, John Paterson and Ermanno Pascutto

Guests- Ivor Barlow introduced his guest Oleg Dolzkov.

Don Jack introduced his guest Doug Peebles.

Peter went on to announce that he is no longer able to carry on with his

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duties as head of Membership because is selling his house and moving to a retirement home. He asked for a volunteer who could take up the challenge to be Membership Chairman and hopefully someone will come forward in the next month or so.

Treasurer's Report

Ray Henrickson said the end of September bank balance is \$7,459.32 after minimal expenses.

Ray also did the 50/50 draw which was won by David Patterson

5.0 Speakers

Tim O'Shea is on holidays.

Alex Murphy again spoke about the proposed meeting with Anita Anand next spring. He had sent out an email asking for anyone interested in attending to let him know by email with complete contact information (names, address and email address) This is for security reasons and no one will be admitted if they are not on the list. Alex said he would send out another email to everyone shortly.

Upcoming Club Activities

Jay Kell is on holidays but he wanted to remind members the

Christmas Lunch has been set for December 14th and will again be at the Oakville Golf Club and the doors open at 11:30. The cost will be announced next month.

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Website/Newsletter.

Gerry Pielsticker talked about the club's website and how it is gradually coming together as a whole after many years of adding bits and pieces by different people. Gerry is also documenting and recording all that he is doing so that anyone can take over from him and know the key information as to sources, Google ID#s, Pin#s, etc.

The information on the website just keeps getting better and Gerry documented the trip to the Ireland House last month and that is shown on the site.

Gerry noted that Peter Pretty had donated a great Sony Video camera for use at future events.

Gerry went on to say that he went to the Olde Oakville Club meeting and not only was made extremely welcome by the members but there was an excellent speaker who talked about Memory and the Hippocamera. He will pass this info on to Tim O'Shea.

NOTE: The book club is short two members so if anyone would like to meet once a month to discuss nonfiction books, please contact Alex Murphy

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8.0 Profiler- There will be no profiler this month

9.0 SPEAKER

Helmut Erxleben introduced today's speaker

Declan Keogh, Dale Lana School of Public Health, U of T
- Investigative Journalism Bureau. Declan is also a gold-medal graduate of the Toronto Metropolitan University's School of Journalism.

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The Investigative Journalism Bureau (IJB) is a non-profit, collaborative newsroom based at the Dalla Lana School of Public Health and has been responsible for ground-breaking stories that have revealed apparent injustices within the healthcare field. Through their reporting, Declan and his colleagues expose government and institutional mismanagement, identify systemic wrongs and seek solutions to rectify them. Deeply researched and contextualized investigative journalism, they believe, is a powerful tool that can affect robust and meaningful change, inspire debate, and inform the public.

A recent example is **Suspended**, a joint investigation by the IJB and the Toronto Star, which found that medical condition reports — little-known but widely used provincial forms that some medical professionals must file to the ministry when patients have certain potentially dangerous conditions. Their reporting found the system is vulnerable to abuse, inconsistency and misjudgment by doctors and government officials. His recent article on **RADON GAS** exposed alleged shortcomings at Health Canada that affect Canadians given its contrary position relative to the World Health Organization and generally accepted research.

The IJB brings together academics, journalists, interns, and undergraduate and graduate students in journalism, law and policy, who work together and apply their combined knowledge and experience to current and emerging investigations across North America and internationally. This is great training for whatever career the students pursue. Declan emphasized that IBJ is a nonprofit organization and all donations are tax deductible. Paul Nelson thanked the speaker.

Alex Murphy declared the meeting closed.

Jim Tonner

Secretary

October 28, 2023

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2023-2024 Management Committee

President	Alex Murphy	(905) 337-2924
Past President	Mike Purcell	(905) 845-4097
Vice President	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
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Treasurer	Ray Henrickson	(289) 469-0158
Speakers	Tim O'Shea	(905) 842-5133
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Newsletter	Paul Nelson	(905) 631-2390
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
Investment Club	Brian Zinck	(647) 558-9443
Photographs	Peter Pretty	(905) 338- 5583
Greeter	Jack Rugg	(905) 820-1973