



NEWSLETTER – October 2022

WOMEN’S PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

Next meeting: **Tuesday, November 1, 2022**
9:30 a.m. - Arrival Point Grey Golf Club
10:00 a.m. - Meeting 3350 S.W. Marine Drive, Vancouver

Masks are optional but recommended.

We wish to acknowledge that we meet on the unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

Invite a guest to hear:

Speaker: Tricia Smith, President, Canadian Olympic Committee

Topic: Update on a Potential Indigenous-led Bid for the 2030 Olympic & Paralympic Games

Tricia Smith grew up in Vancouver in an athletic family and first competed in swimming before taking up rowing at the age of 17. Channeling her innate tenacity and leadership, between 1976 and 1988, Tricia claimed seven World Championship medals, a Commonwealth Games gold, and became a four-time Olympian, winning a silver medal in coxless pair at the 1984 Olympic Games in Los Angeles.



While pursuing her studies and then a legal career, Tricia also assumed groundbreaking leadership roles with numerous sport organizations, becoming the first Canadian elected to the International Rowing Federation, first chairing the Women’s Commission and then as Vice-President, the first Canadian elected to the International Court of Arbitration for Sport in Lausanne and currently also sits on the Executive Committees of Pan Am Sports and the Association of National Olympic Committees.

Over several decades of exemplary volunteer work, she has worked tirelessly to expand opportunities for women and all athletes in all aspects of sport. In 2015 she became president of the Canadian Olympic Committee and in 2016 a member of the International Olympic Committee, where she sits on the Legal Affairs and Women’s Commissions. A member of the Vancouver 2010 International Bid team, she is currently the COC lead for the feasibility study regarding a possible Indigenous-led 2030 Olympic and Paralympic Games Bid for Canada.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

President Hodie called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, thanking Isabelle Stroud for greeting all of us, and asking Wendy Baker to introduce our speaker, Dr. Stanley Hamilton.

IMPORTANT – DECEMBER 13 IS OUR MEETING DATE (not December 6).

Dues: Most of us have paid the dues or have replied to emails requesting a decision about renewing membership. However, there are still a few members who have not; please reply as soon as possible.

New Members: **Judi Puil** is a returning member – welcome back, Judi. We also give a warm welcome to **Janice Brown** and look forward to seeing both at future meetings.

If you know others who would like to join Women’s PROBUS Club of Vancouver, the application will be found on our web site www.probuswomen.com; click “Join Us”.

PROBUS Global: When the rainy days of fall and winter are upon us, you might want to log on to www.PROBUSglobal.org. This will give you information about special-interest groups, activities, and amusing tidbits.



Action Items

Reminder: Please turn off your cell phones and, as a courtesy, no perfume at PROBUS meetings. The golf club has a defibrillator if anyone has a problem during a meeting.

Management Committee Contacts: Women’s PROBUS members will find the *confidential* phone numbers and email addresses on the last page of their Newsletter. Please contact them if you have any questions.

Update Your Contact Information: Have you moved, changed your email address or phone number? Please update your profile on the Club’s website <https://probuswomen.com>.



Newsletter: Contributions of stories, poems, jokes and brain teasers are welcome. Please send them to the Newsletter Editor any time you wish.

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As Ever It's All About What is Best for the Banks

An older lady handed her bank card to a teller and said, "I would like to withdraw \$200. The female teller told her, "For withdrawals less than \$1,000, please use the ATM". The lady then asked, "Why"?

The teller irritably told her, "These are the rules. Please leave if there is no other matter, as there is a line behind you." She then returned the card to the lady. The lady remained silent ... but then she returned the card to the teller and said, "Please help me withdraw all the money I have."

The teller was astonished when she checked the account balance. She nodded her head, leaned down and said "My apologies, you have over one million dollars in your accounts and our bank does not have so much cash currently. Could you make an appointment and come again tomorrow?"

The lady then asked, "How much am I able to withdraw now?" The teller told her, "Any amount up to \$20,000". The lady then told the teller she wanted to withdraw \$20,000. The teller did so as quickly as she could and handed it to the old lady respectfully.

The lady put \$200 in her purse and asked the teller to deposit the balance of \$19,800 back into her account.

Don't be difficult with older people ... they can outwit the young and the banks.

Wordles Thoughts for the Day

If you believe everything you read, better not read. *Japanese proverb*

A rattlesnake loose in the living room tends to end all discussion of animal rights. *Lance Morrow*

You must do the thing you think you cannot do. *Eleanor Roosevelt*



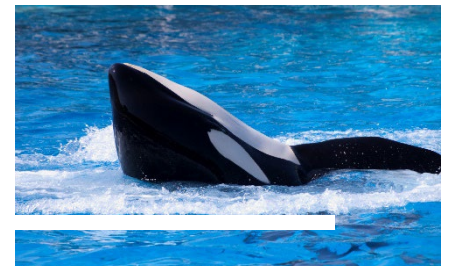
Observations About the Benefit of Exercise – or the Drawbacks:

If walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal.

A whale swims all day, only eats fish, and drinks water, but still is fat.

A rabbit runs and hops, and only lives 15 years.

A tortoise doesn't run and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years.



OCTOBER SPEAKER

Dr. Stanley Hamilton, Chair of the Board of Directors
The Work of BCFSa – BC Financial Services Authority

Wendy Baker introduced Dr. Hamilton telling us his many achievements at UBC and in the B.C. arts community. Even though he is a director of Ballet BC, he declined the opportunity to demonstrate a pirouette. He has received the Order of Canada and many other awards.

Dr. Hamilton explained that from 1989 to 2019, FICOM (Financial Institutions Commission) regulated B.C.'s financial services. In 2019, Minister of Finance Carole James announced the newly created Crown agency BCFSa (B.C. Financial Services Authority) as a more modern, effective and efficient regulator of B.C.'s Credit Unions, Pension Plans, Insurance and Trust Companies, Mortgage Brokers, and Real Estate Services & Development Marketing; financial services which include some of the most important financial decisions we all make in a lifetime.

Ninety-five percent of FICOM employees brought their expertise and knowledge to BCFSa and are a community-based team with values of: Integrity – Courage – Innovation – Growth – Collaboration – Diversity – Equity and Inclusion. Every three years BCFSa asks the Minister of Finance for a mandate to continue providing risk-based and proportional regulations to protect the public and create opportunities to streamline investigations and enforcement.

New collaborative initiatives concern the high cost of insurance for strata corporations and B.C.'s Anti-Money Laundering Regime. Insurance premiums are affected by wildfires, flooding, and (potential) earthquakes, which also have a huge impact on real estate and mortgage companies and credit unions. Unfortunately, while BCFSa regulates various aspects of insurance, the large multinational insurance companies set the rates.

Collaboration is ongoing to strengthen consumer confidence and boost protection against money laundering and criminal activity in B.C.'s real estate sector. See www.bcfsa.ca for more information.

Margaret Perry thanked the speaker.



We seem to be having two seasons in one – summer swimming and fall colours – as all three photos were taken on the same day: Friday, October 14!

Women's PROBUS Club Management Committee 2022-23

Please do not share this contact information with non-members

Our new website address is www.probuswomen.com and you will establish your own password for access to the Membership Directory (formerly called the Roster).

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