



NEWSLETTER – September 2022

WOMEN’S PROBUS CLUB OF VANCOUVER

Next meeting: **Tuesday, October 4, 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: Dr. Stanley Hamilton, C.M., O.B.C.

Topic: Building a Better Regulator to Protect Public Interests and Promote Trust in BC’s Financial Services



Dr. Hamilton is an emeritus professor at UBC’s Sauder School of Business where he taught and conducted research in real estate valuation and investments, institutional investments, pension fund governance and the real estate brokerage industry. He also served in a number of senior administrator roles at UBC. His work at UBC led to serving on many related boards in the community, including chair of the Vancouver Property Tax Policy Review Commission. He also served for six years as a member of the advisory committee for the Property Endowment Fund at the city of Vancouver.

Since officially retiring, Dr. Hamilton has been active in the arts community. He is a past chair of the Arts Club Theatre Company and of the BC Arts Council. He served as Project Manager for a Bard on the Beach/Arts Club Theatre Company new space initiative and also advises a number of arts organizations on space and governance issues.

Dr. Hamilton is currently a director of Ballet BC and chair of the Ballet BC Relocation Committee; a member of the Advisory Committee for the Vancouver Asian Canadian Theatre; and serves as trustee and chair of the Wicekaskosiw Sahkahkan Askiwi-Pimiy Heritage Trust Fund (Onion Lake Trust Fund).

Dr. Hamilton has received the Order of British Columbia and the Order of Canada (CM), both in recognition of his community service to arts and culture. UBC has recognized Dr. Hamilton as the first recipient of the President’s Award for Distinguished Service by a UBC Emeriti.

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MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Past President Leslie Chang opened the meeting at 10:00 and thanked the greeters Myrna Kozier and Donna Battye. She reminded everyone to turn off their cell phones – how did that work, Leslie!!!

Past President Donna Battye announced that Music in the Morning is back! Over the years, many of us have enjoyed these live concerts at the Vancouver Academy of Music in Vanier Park. The 2022-2023 concert schedule and ticket information is available at www.musicinthemorning.org.

Position Available

Sharron Williams, Greeter Coordinator, will resign due to other commitments on Tuesdays – who would be willing to take over for her? There is a list of members willing to be a Greeter to contact and this position is ideal for a long-time member of Women's PROBUS who would know more people. Do you agree it is nice to see a friendly face when arriving for a PROBUS meeting?

DUES ARE NOW PAST DUE

If you have not paid your membership dues yet (\$80.00), now would be a good time to do so.

New Member: A warm welcome to Andrea Petersen and we look forward to meeting her at future meetings.

Perhaps you have a friend who would like to become a member? They should go to our website, www.probuswomen.com, and click "Join Us".

For Your Calendar: Our Next Meeting Dates

Tuesday, October 4

Tuesday, November 1

Tuesday, December **13**

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.

POTPOURRI

In time for Thanksgiving leftovers.

PIE FEVER

A Parody by Anonymous

I must go down to the fridge again, to the lonely apple pie,
And all I ask is a tall fork and a knife to cut her by,
And the apples thick and the raisins stick and the light crust flaking,
And a golden brown on the pie's face, and the pale edge breaking.

I must go down to the fridge again, for the call of the pie I eyed
Is a hungry call and a rumbly call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a single scoop of vanilla soft ice cream,
On the rich pie with the flaky crust, to melt in luscious stream.

I must go down to the fridge again, to the vagrant cholesterol life,
To the apple's way and the pastry's way all cut with a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a piece of pie for this nocturnal-rover,
And guilt-free sleep and a sweet dream when the midnight raid is over.

SEA FEVER

By John Masefield

I must go down to the seas again, to the lonely sea and the sky,
And all I ask is a tall ship and a star to steer her by;
And the wheel's kick and the wind's song and the white sail's shaking,
And the grey mist on the sea's face, and a grey dawn breaking.

I must go down to the seas again, for the call of the running tide
Is a wild call and a clear call that may not be denied;
And all I ask is a windy day with the white clouds flying,
And the flung spray and the blown spume, and the sea-gulls crying.

I must go down to the seas again, to the vagrant gypsy life,
To the gull's way and the whale's way where the wind's like a whetted knife;
And all I ask is a merry yarn from a laughing fellow-rover,
And quiet sleep and a sweet dream when the long trick's over.

SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Stan Ridley, Engineer and U.N. Advisor
Global Warming & Climate Change – Perspectives on World Energy

Stan used his vast experience to share his knowledge with us and, with reliable data from the World Bank, the U.N., and the U.S. EPA, created graphs and charts to accompany his talk. To view the slides of the presentation, use the arrows at the bottom of each page. He will welcome comments and questions.

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Highlights of his talk discussed the surge in population over 200 years -- from 1 to 8 billion. As inventions created a reliance on fossil fuels (oil, natural gas and coal), they now comprise over 80% of our current energy needs (a cell phone contains 80% fossil fuels). The byproducts of fossil fuels are hydrocarbons released into the atmosphere; the two causing the most damage are carbon dioxide and methane*, creating unprecedented heat waves, terrifying storms and extreme floods around the world. *Natural gas is not clean; it is 95% methane.

U.N. Secretary General Guterres warns we must shift to renewable energy now. We need immediate breakthroughs from Power & Energy Research & Development to give us new alternatives and to enhance existing sources of energy such as wind turbines, nuclear power plant safety, and hydroelectric sources. A projected Global cost is estimated at USD one trillion per year; Canada's portion would be USD20 billion. (Canada is second to Saudi Arabia in fossil fuel consumption per capita; source: <https://ourworldindate.org/fossil-fuels>). The Global military cost is USD two trillion per year.



Despite promises made in Paris and Glasgow, Stan feels governments are not acting fast enough, using 100-year plans rather than 20/30-year plans, and issuing "fuddle duddle" reports (his words). There is no doubt that politicians follow the votes and private companies the money, but there must be ACTION now to attain the goal of zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

Water, Food, Shelter & Energy & Power are the cornerstones of our human existence. Global warming is the most important challenge facing us and the millions of plant and animal species with whom we share our world.



PLANET EARTH – THE ONLY HOME WE HAVE; CAN WE SAVE IT?

Barbara Wynn introduced the speaker and Meredyth Kezar thanked him.