

April 2020 Newsletter

PROBUS Club of White Rock & South Surrey

President's Message April 5, 2020

When I was elected, I said that I knew how the Captain of the Titanic felt when he was told that the ship had hit an iceberg. I thought then that the Coronavirus would have a major impact on our activities. I did not think that within a few short days I would ask the new Management Committee to suspend all activities!



Gosh how the world has changed since then. While only a month has passed it seems ages ago, doesn't it? Who would have thought there would be a petition circulating to make a 79 year old Dr A Fauci (Head of the US National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Diseases) People Magazine's Sexiest Man Alive? Does this mean there is hope for all us silver foxes?

I don't know about you, but my home is cleaner than, well it's been in a while, and let's face it a tour of our homes nooks and crannies can be quite an eye opener. I am sure we are all finding some work to do around the house, I know I am.

I read someplace that people are getting together on the web for virtual happy hours. Even while we are scared, and yes, we are entitled to be scared, we can be imaginative.

Perhaps as a society we are becoming less divided and more considerate of each other. We have a certain sense of pulling together for a common goal. Through following directives like social distancing, we contribute to and share in each other's good health. In White Rock at seven in the evening you hear the noise of residents cheering on all those working to keep our society operating and safe. Its uplifting this sense of support, connection and gratitude.

We move to a new world of self- isolation, social distancing, stay at home directives etc. Perhaps too, we become mindful how very important are family, health, and friendships. As we play games, take courses, exercise at home in new ways, find new sources of entertainment and reconnect with friends and family through the phone, email and other internet technology; maybe too we refocus on our relationship to our community including your friends at Probus. (Our own Probus Book Club is meeting through the new video conferencing technology called Zoom.)

In the spirit of Probus the Management Committee has through Probus Connections and eight volunteers reached out to each of you to affirm our concern and as a social group our connection and support for each other. Small deliveries were made to shut in members and new relationships fostered.

While there may be isolation there does not have to be loneliness. So, through the technologies we have available to us, we are confident that many of you will connect with your Probus friends. That connection is our purpose and we anticipate you will find real value and comfort with the relationships you have each formed in our club. Please engage with each other. Even though it's activities are suspended the Club can play a useful part in its members' lives. Social connection enriches all our lives. If Probus supplies that to you it serves its purpose.

However well intended, we are not qualified to offer or review professional advice and we will not give advice on any conduct relating to or resulting from the pandemic. Nor will we attempt or pretend to be a resource for information about a pandemic. There is more than enough information available about health and other matters concerning COVID-19 and repeating it in our communications would serve no purpose.

Bearing in mind that together we are stronger, you will hear from us during this suspension. In the meantime, on behalf of your Probus Club and the extended Probus family I wish you and your loved ones continuing good health.

Should any of you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me or other members of the Management Committee.

Take care, be safe and consider: “The life you save may be your own.”

Sincerely,

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Report on Covid-19 Phoning Initiative by our Probud Connections Team

Dave Bruce, Gary Combrink, Ted Cartier, Percy Smith, Jim Newman, Graham Boyle, Bill Jones, Don Lockhart, and Ray Wechselberger volunteered to phone all of our Probud members.



Committee members either spoke directly to every member or in a few cases left messages on machines. However, those of us who did speak to members were pleased the phone calls were well received. Many of us were able to spend some time visiting and getting to know each other.

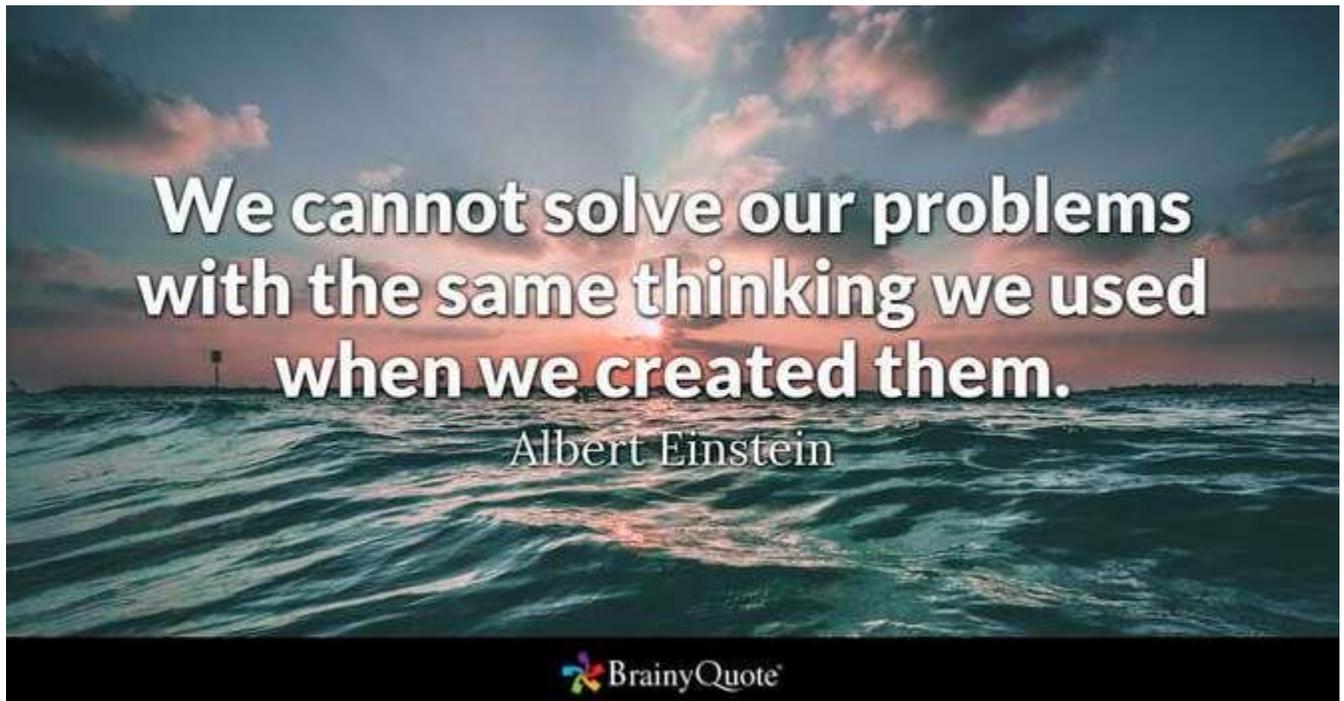
Graham for instance was happy to report that all are doing well and appreciated the call. Many said that it was a nice and good idea of Probud to do this.

For example, Ray Wechselberger, one of our new members, enjoyed connecting with everyone. He learned that he and Bert Wolfe both came to Canada as children around the same time in the 50's. They had a great visit in their mother tongue of German. Ray also connected with Dr. Roy Strang who had just returned from the hospital.

In a few cases we ran a few errands and delivered goods on the members doorstep.

Be assured that if any of us can be of assistance please call any of the volunteers or me.

Bill Jones



Quote of the Month

Smiles and Chuckles

Below is a **Slide Show**

You may have to **pause** the slides to have enough time to read the captions



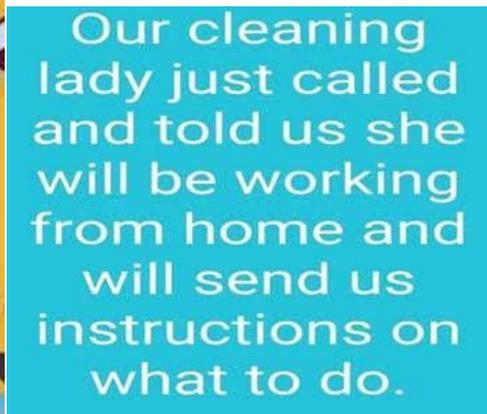
They cancelled the rodeo so people wouldn't be in large crowds



Me after I eat all of my quarantine snacks in one night



To go to the grocery store , they said a mask and gloves were enough....they lied.....everybody else had clothes on!



Our cleaning lady just called and told us she will be working from home and will send us instructions on what to do.

Going outdoors
is not cancelled, listening
to music is not cancelled,
quality time with our
families is not cancelled,
reading a book is not
cancelled, sharing with
friends is not cancelled,
singing out loud is not
cancelled, laughing has
not been cancelled,
sharing **HOPE** with others
has not been cancelled.



Let's **EMBRACE** what
we have.

Raw toilet paper for sale \$20



Some assembly required

**The only good thing
about the next 3
weeks is that, the
whole country should
finally realize that we
can survive in a world
without celebrities
and professional
sports.**

**The farmers aren't
shutting down.**

20 years ago we had
Johnny Cash, Bob Hope,
and Steve Jobs.

Now we have no Cash,
no Hope, and no Jobs.

**— PLEASE —
DO NOT
let Kevin Bacon die.**