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Hi Everyone

With no meeting in April due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, this will be a "different" format for the newsletter.

Your president, Sal Polito and the management committee continue to hope that you are all well and adhering to all the guidelines for protecting yourself and others during these difficult times. As you know we have already cancelled the meetings for May & June and will continue to assess the situation in cooperation with regional and national Probud organizations.

We have two new members on the management committee; John Rose, Director of Club Services and Bill Legere, Director of Technical Services. We wish both gentlemen much success in their new roles. These positions opened up with Hans De Visser having left the club sooner than expected and he is in the process of moving to Aurora. We would like to thank Hans for his fine service to our club over the past few years and wish him every happiness in his new home.

We were very pleased with the new meeting location at Celebrations for our March meeting and for members not present here is a view of the meeting space.



Photo Courtesy of Bob Whitfield

## Next Meeting

**May & June Cancelled**  
**Future Meetings TBA**

## **Health and Welfare**

Please notify **Ron Morgan** (705) 324-2318  
If you have knowledge of a member who is experiencing health issues at any time.

For those of you who may have been anticipating a talk on the October Crisis, here is a short summary courtesy of Wikipedia.

*“The October Crisis (French: Crise d'Octobre) occurred in October 1970 in the province of Quebec in Canada, mainly in the Montreal metropolitan area. Members of the Front de Libération du Québec (FLQ) kidnapped the provincial Deputy Premier Pierre Laporte and British diplomat James Cross. In response, Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau invoked the only peacetime use of the War Measures Act. The kidnappers murdered Laporte and negotiations led to Cross's release.*

*The Premier of Quebec Robert Bourassa and the Mayor of Montreal Jean Drapeau supported Trudeau's invocation of the War Measures Act, which limited civil liberties. The police were enabled with far-reaching powers, and they arrested and detained, without bail, 497 individuals, all but 62 of whom were later released without charges. The Government of Quebec also requested military aid to the civil power, and Canadian Forces deployed throughout Quebec; they acted in a support role to the civil authorities of Quebec.*

*At the time, opinion polls throughout Canada, including in Quebec, showed widespread support for the use of the War Measures Act. The response, however, was criticized at the time by prominent politicians such as René Lévesque and Tommy Douglas.*

*The events of October 1970 galvanized opposition to the use of violence in efforts to gain Quebec sovereignty and accelerated the movement towards electoral means of attaining greater autonomy and independence, including support for the sovereigntist Parti Québécois, which formed the provincial government in 1976.”*

Our guest speaker D'Arcy Jenish has published an in depth account of these times for those of you who wish to learn more, but we hope we can reschedule this talk for a later date. <https://www.amazon.ca/Making-October-Crisis-Nightmare-Terrorism/dp/0385663269>

**How are you keeping busy as we have more time on our hands...this from past president John Sale.**

*One of many activities cancelled due to current circumstances has been the Probus Art Group. I'm sure I am not alone in getting round to many things which need a bit more time than our busy retired lives normally permit. In my case this has included some painting. I attach a couple of examples of my recent artistic efforts.*

*The example of perspective is a watercolour from a photograph of Vicars' Close, Wells, Somerset, England; which is part of the Wells Cathedral complex. Jo and I used to visit the cathedral for Evensong services when we lived fairly close. The second picture, using acrylic paints, was inspired by an art lesson on TV which Jo kindly recorded for me.*

*I, for one, would be interested in hearing about what other members have been up to in their enforced isolation.*



**Ryan Alexander (a recent speaker) from Community Care sent the following:**

The world, our country, and locally here in the City of Kawartha Lakes, we continue to work through the unprecedented impact of COVID-19. As you are likely aware, here in our community many individuals and families have been devastated by this illness. Our hearts are heavy for those who have experienced illness and/or the death of a loved one due to COVID-19. One can't imagine the range of emotions that you are likely experiencing!

We also recognize the increased challenges that exist during these times for those living with other illnesses like cancer, ALS, advanced kidney disease or otherwise, or those who are working through grief after the death of a loved one. Serious illness and grief can be difficult and isolating during normal times. If we then layer in the existing restrictions and the COVID-19 backdrop, that journey becomes even more difficult.

At Community Care Hospice Services we want you to know that despite our services being altered, we are open and here to support. Please be safe, stay healthy, and together we will get through this!

**Not sure which of our members came up with this but we bet it could be very effective for your weekly trip to the grocery store.!!**



*Should you have anything you would like to share with other club members, please forward it to me. Looking for content that would be of interest for inclusion in the May newsletter.*

*Regards, John*

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