

Probus Club of Burlington



Newsletter

September 2022

Our presenter for September 15th is *Dr. Myriam Nafte*

Dr. Myriam Nafte, a forensic anthropologist at McMaster University. She is an active advisor and consultant for criminal casework across North America. She will join us by Zoom to discuss “**Forensics in Crime Solving.**” The complex world of crime scene investigation will be explored. For more information, please see our newsletter.



As a forensic anthropologist, **Dr. Myriam Nafte** is an active advisor and consultant for criminal casework across North America. She received a Specialized Honors BA in Medical Anthropology from York University, a BEd degree in Science from Brock University, and completed an MA and PhD in Physical Anthropology [Skeletal Biology] at McMaster University. Currently, Nafte is an instructor at McMaster University where she teaches upper-level courses in Death and Dying, Global Health, Infectious Disease, and Narratives of Health and Illness. Nafte is the author of numerous articles and books including *Flesh and Bone: An Introduction to Forensic Anthropology*; *Crime and Measurement: Methods in Forensic Investigation*; *The Skin of Murder Victims* [Editor], and the forthcoming anthology *Trophies and Talismans: The Traffic of Human Remains*.

Her presentation is entitled “**Forensics in Crime Solving.**” The complex world of crime scene investigation is explored in two parts. In the first half, Dr. Nafte will take us through the fast-evolving field of police forensics with an overview of the protocols governing death scenes, expert witnesses, and the processing of physical evidence. In the second half, she examines the highly specialized area of identifying human remains. Determining a biological profile, the manner versus cause of death and the challenges of facial reconstructions are all brought to life through real life images and case studies. Due to the nature of the physical evidence she’s recovered, it has been Dr. Nafte’s experience to work alongside law enforcement, scientists and homicide investigators as part of a collaborative team. Along with the important procedures involved with such collaborative efforts, she will discuss some of the most challenging cases of her career.

Upcoming speakers

October - Lynn Robichaud and Fleur Storace-Hogan of the City of Burlington will join us in person to outline the City's recently adopted Climate Resilient Plan.

November - Chris Leworthy will join us by Zoom from the U.K. to remind us of the sacrifices and historical importance of the Battle of Britain.

Our meeting will again be a hybrid Zoom and in person meeting, the setup will be the same as our previous meetings, except the presenter will join us via Zoom

Here's what you may expect upon arrival at the Burlington Arts Gallery:

The Gallery will open at 9:30 from the parking lot entrance only. Upon entering the building, you may need to wear your mask where 2-meter distancing cannot be done. Proof of vaccination will not be necessary.

In the Shoreline Room where we meet, chairs will be safely spaced. Please choose a chair and that will be your chair for the entire meeting. Coffee will be available and our Toonie bucket will be open for your contribution. The Gallery has asked that you be seated in your chair while drinking your coffee.

Greeters will be at the door of the Shoreline Room. We ask that you refrain from shaking hands. A friendly smile and verbal greeting will do just fine, maybe a fist bump, Name tags will replace Zoom labels.

President's message

I mentioned last month that we were reaching out to lapsed members. Well, am very pleased to report that all of the members whose membership lapsed during Covid have been contacted and we are welcoming back quite a few. This doesn't negate the need for all of us to continue to reach out to men that we know to introduce them to Probus. As I noted last month, a new brochure will be available soon to help you to recruit.

With our social outings picking up – Gordon Lightfoot Review at the Performing Arts Centre and White Christmas in Niagara-on-the-Lake, golf 2023 scheduled and

our post-meeting lunches at the Squire, it feels like almost normal time. We are even seeing more members coming out to our monthly meeting at the Art Gallery of Burlington. It is well recognized that Covid keeps lingering and many are avoiding social outings. Perhaps those on Zoom will consider joining us in person.

The Management Team has moved forward with the testing of a new website/membership tool. Ideally, it will be introduced in September or October.

October is Probus month, so please keep October 3, 9:30 am free to join us as well as all Burlington Probus Clubs at City Hall for the Probus flag raising.

Lastly, the Club needs more succession in all areas. Please consider a role helping to keep the Club healthy and successful.

Robert English, President, Probus Men's Club of Burlington

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**Shaw Festival Theatre
Niagara on the Lake**

Friday December 2, 2022, 1:00pm

**Ticket price \$53.00 per person
40 Tickets available**

you arrange lunch and transportation

Contact Dave Rokosh

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Computer Interest Group -returning in September



We are a joint, Burlington and Lakeshore Probus Club group, who get together to discuss current developments in the computer fields and help solve each others computer related issues. We meet the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 am (one week after our regular Probus meeting). Currently we meet via Zoom but plan to get back to live meetings later in the Spring. The cost is free until we go to live meetings. If you would like to join us please email Bob Dickison at rgdickison@gmail.com and he will add you to our email list.

Do you have a major milestone to share?

If you have a major milestone birthday, anniversary or some other major event you would like to share with our members send them to Gary Hindley at Ghindley1@gmail.com to get them published in the next newsletter.

Do you enjoy being a member of Probus?



If you do, then, no doubt you have friends who would also like Probus. Do them a favor and invite them to join you as a guest at one of our meetings. We have many interesting speakers over the next few months!

Should they decide to become a member, the process is easy and straightforward. It starts by sending an email to Keith Dobson. (kdobson1257@gmail.com)

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