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Tuesday, March 9, 10am, via ZOOM*

Jacqueline Gori: Life Changing Experiences with her Service Dog

Jacqueline is an Artist, Photographer and Charity Founder. Her life living on 3 continents, being wheelchair-bound for 5 years and working with animals and pets has taught her many things. She pours all this experience into her art.

Mainly self-taught, she's been mentored by one of Canada's top artists, Gordon Harrison, and had the opportunity of exhibiting her work in the prestigious Gordon Harrison Gallery in Ottawa for an apprentice show.

She's won many awards including the Canada 150 Award and has exhibited at 3 top-tier galleries in the UK and in Canada.



Jacqueline believes art can change people's lives. That's why she invests much of her time and her talent to blessing those that need help – from house-bound kids to those living with autism and PTSD. She has spearheaded a fund-raising book, "*I Love LABS – The Cooperslane Legacy*", 50 adorable stories beautifully written and portrayed by award-winning author Nancy Silcox and award-winning artist Jacqueline Gori and her art students who all donated their time and talent to create a book that will give someone with a disability their freedom back by funding a service dog for them.

Jacqueline enjoys helping people so much that she decided to make this a permanent move. So in November 2019 she founded Partners with Paws – a service dog charity mainly helping people who suffer from psychiatric and other mental health challenges.

www.jacquelinegori.com (web site)

www.partnerswithpaws.ca (Providing Service Dogs to people who need them)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dul4-Xw6YtA&t=74s> (A 4 minute CTV Interview with Jacqueline).

**Zoom meeting details will be emailed to members on Sunday, March 7.*

The Prez Sez



To all members of Probus Western Ottawa

We all enjoyed Tim Burrows, our February Zoom speaker, whose presentation is now available on YouTube. For those that missed it, or those who want to refresh their memories about Electric Vehicles, his presentation will be available there **until March 9**. Tim Burrows and his passion for electric vehicles were very enlightening.

On March 9, Jacqueline Gori will be discussing her life with her guide dog and the opportunities that this has opened up for her. Thanks again to Charlie, Ray and Peter for putting together very professional presentations. Hopefully we will have many of our members join us for her presentation. I'm looking forward to seeing you all at that time.

If anyone has other types of online activities with other groups, we would love to hear your stories.

In the meantime, stay safe and think positive!

- Ron Armstrong, President

At our February Meeting



Our speaker in February was Tim Burrows, a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned an honours degree in psychology. Tim has owned and driven battery-electric cars for the past 7 years and has logged over 250,000 kilometres without the need for gasoline or diesel fuel. His talk was entitled “Should Your Next Car be Electric?” and in it, he makes the case that we are nearing the “tipping point” when electric cars will replace those powered by gasoline.

72 members attended this meeting. Tim talked for 40 minutes followed by a question period which lasted 45 minutes – the longest we’ve ever had. Even after the formal meeting ended, further informal discussions about the topic lasted 10 minutes – a measure of the interest in this topic.

This meeting was recorded and has been posted on YouTube (*email with link sent February 16*).

We would like to know who is participating in our meetings.

Please encourage interested friends to contact membership@probuswesternottawa.ca. Members will receive our monthly newsletter and links to our virtual meetings and any YouTube recordings that we are permitted to make. Tips on using the Zoom application are provided with Zoom link emails.

Membership is free until face-to-face meetings resume.

Our lineup of future speakers (via Zoom)

Here are our upcoming speakers (subject to change). All meetings start formally at 10 am on the second Tuesday of each month. To allow time for informal socialization or just to ensure you have no technical issues with the ZOOM application, you will be able to join the call after 9:30 am.

A link to the ZOOM session and further instructions will be emailed to the membership on the Sunday prior to each meeting. More information about each speaker will be provided in the newsletter for that month.

Please pass ideas on to Charles Boole via program@probuswesternottawa.ca.

Speaker information is also available on our website: www.probuswesternottawa.ca

April 13 – Alberto Suarez-Esteban

Nature's Apprentice Farm

May 11 – Roman Talkowski

Climate Change


June 8 – John Boyko

The Devils Trick – How Canada Fought in the Vietnam War

September 14 – Tim Moses

Funeral Planning





Welcome to the new members who joined since our last newsletter (total membership now 173)

Tom Dettman
Alison Green

CORRECTION

Apologies to June Stewart
Whose last name was misspelled as Stuart in the last newsletter.

Chuckle Corner

You gotta love the Irish...



Paddy was driving down the street in a sweat because he had an important meeting and couldn't find a parking place.

Looking up to heaven he said, 'Lord take pity on me. If you find me a parking place I will go to Mass every Sunday for the rest of me life and give up me Irish whiskey!'

Miraculously, a parking place appeared.

Paddy looked up again and said, 'Never mind, I found one.'



Father Murphy walks into a pub in Donegal, and asks the first man he meets, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

The man said, 'I do, Father.'

The priest said, 'Then stand over there against the wall.'

Then the priest asked the second man, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

'Certainly, Father,' the man replied.

'Then stand over there against the wall,' said the priest.

Then Father Murphy walked up to O'Toole and asked, 'Do you want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'No, I don't Father.'

The priest said, 'I don't believe this. You mean to tell me that when you die you don't want to go to heaven?'

O'Toole said, 'Oh, when I die , yes. I thought you were getting a group together to go right now.'



Paddy was in New York.

He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk.

After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'



Gallagher opened the morning newspaper and was dumbfounded to read in the obituary column that he had died. He quickly phoned his best friend, Finney.

'Did you see the paper?' asked Gallagher. 'They say I died!!'

'Yes, I saw it!' replied Finney. 'Where are ye callin' from?'



An Irish priest is driving down to New York and gets stopped for speeding in Connecticut . The state trooper smells alcohol on the priest's breath and then sees an empty wine bottle on the floor of the car.

He says, 'Sir, have you been drinking?'

'Just water,' says the priest.

The trooper says, 'Then why do I smell wine?'

The priest looks at the bottle and says, 'Good Lord! He's done it again!'



Happy St. Patrick's Day – Wednesday, March 17