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Our January speakers, Shelagh Butterworth Levey and Julie Johnston are retired educators dedicated to an optimistic environmental future. Shelagh has been involved in environmental action in her career and in the community. Julie is a sustainability education consultant with Green Heart Education and an associate with the climate Emergency Institute based in Victoria.

The title of their talk is

Thinking Like An Ancestor; Leaving a Good Future for our Young People

Shelagh Butterworth Levey and Julie Johnston are members of **Seniors for Climate Victoria**, a group of concerned citizens connected to a new, nonpartisan, national network of seniors across Canada. They and their peers are concerned about climate breakdown and the future for our young people, and future generations of all species.

Shelagh and Julie observe that we are in serious trouble: climate destabilization and wild weather, biodiversity loss and ecological breakdown, food and water insecurity, and social collapse. While they do not minimize these problems, their presentation will focus on the good news that we can still create; that is, if we take immediate and drastic action, a safe, clean, equitable, healthy, and beautiful future is attainable. They will show examples of positive action around the world.

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From Your President



Happy New Year -or so we hope!

So 2024 has passed into history. As the world goes, it has been a difficult year with turmoil in the Middle East and stable European governments facing strong challenges destabilizing forces. Canada faces challenges of its own with a now unpredictable neighbour and a very likely change in our own governing party. At times like this it seems that events are very much out of our control. But as we are reminded with the recent death of ex-US President, Jimmy Carter we can still be decent human beings and do what we can within our narrow sphere of influence to make our lives and those around us better.

Probus is an organization that provides intellectual and social stimulation and encourages its members to engage with their community. Both of these are critical to healthy aging, and I know my own retirement years have been made much richer by my involvement with Probus. So, with this New Year upon us, let's take time to appreciate our organization and your fellow Probus members. Perhaps you could make a resolution to introduce yourself to someone you haven't talked to before or bring a new member into Sidney Probus.

In 2025 your energetic executive is committed to continuing to bringing you interesting speakers and events. At our next meeting we will introduce some interest groups being sponsored by MC members; these include a wine-tasting group, a movie discussion group and a current events group. We are hoping to pique some interest in these events. There are certainly possibilities for other interest groups, so if you are willing to start one, please contact John Lewis at johnjarvislewis@gmail.com

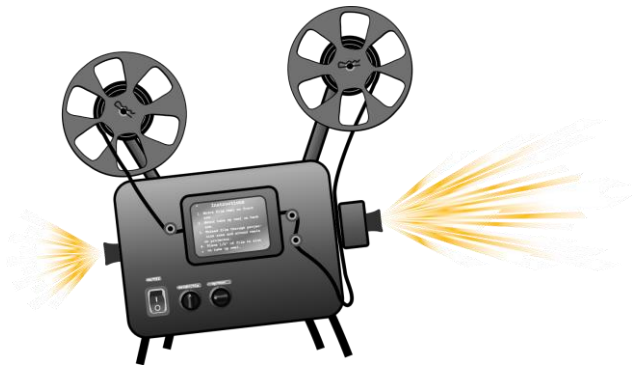
Speaking of our next meeting, consider allowing some extra time in your schedule for a discussion following the presentation "Thinking like an Ancestor- by Shelagh Levy and Julie Johnston. Finally, please remember that you can get information on Sidney Probus activities, by visiting our website <https://probussidneybc.ca/> You can also find it by typing Probus Club of Sidney BC into your search engine. Remember that we are still soliciting photos of Sidney to use for our webpage. We have had a couple of submissions but hope to have many more by the January 31 deadline.

All the best,
Ken Marsh President

LOOKING AHEAD

In February we will learn about “**Vaccines**” from our speaker Jean Simpson.

MOVIE MATINEE



We are organizing an outing for our members to go to a Tuesday afternoon matinee at the Star Cinema once a month. The group will meet at the Star Cinema a half hour before the show begins so everyone can purchase their ticket and find a seat. After the show, we will find a coffee/wine bar to sit down to discuss how we liked (or disliked) the movie and to choose a movie for the next outing.

If you are interested in joining the group, please sign up on the sheet presented at the meeting in January.

WEBSITE PHOTO CONTEST

OK members, here's a chance to exhibit your photography skills and win a modest prize. The Management Committee is of the opinion that our website home page needs a refresh. We are looking to you to submit photos of Sidney that are appealing and associated with our lovely town. Above is one that I took recently as is the one preceding my message. You don't need a fancy camera, just an eye for the right scene. You may already have some great ones on your computer. Send your photos (say a max of 3 per person) to me Ken Marsh. vikayakguy@gmail.com by January 31. We will figure out details such as judges and the modest prize and announce a winning photo at our February meeting.

