

## PROBUS Club of Central Edmonton Newsletter

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## Summer and Stuff

Well, we are finding our way to the end of summer. Members have traveled, spent time at their cabins, biked, walked, and watched Netflix, amongst many other activities. It was somewhat challenging given the extreme heat and our visitor from B.C. (smoke). Not to mention Covid. Personally, I found the time challenging but OK. My grandchildren from Calgary visited for the first time in months. Also, I was able to meet with my St Albert family with the relaxation in rules. All good. Also, I, with my wife, was able to put together a couple of wood projects. However, some opportunities were missed. I mention these only to plant the seed that it will be nice to hear from members about their summer. I have always found hearing stories from members quite enjoyable.

While this month's meeting will not be the meeting we hoped for, nevertheless it is our first chance to get together in a considerable number of months. I look forward to seeing my fellow members and in particular our new members. Well, we have finished a unique time in our Club life. The blended meetings will be a challenge. I am certain Yves is equal to it. Also, Mel and Bob have put together an interesting program for the rest of the year.

I was encouraged when I saw the results of the survey. We seem to be fully vaccinated. Yet we are again facing a surge in infections so please take care.

Little Johnny is constantly late for school and what's worse is that he always has a big lie explaining why.

The teacher tells the principal that she has had it with his exaggerations.

The principal tells her to send Johnny to him the next time he shows up late. He will tell Johnny a lie so big that he will never tell another one. Ever.

The next day, Johnny shows up two hours late.

Johnny says, "I was two hours early today, so I had time to fish in the pond on my way to school. I caught a 17-pound trout and had to take it home. If I didn't clean it and freeze it, my mom would've been angry. That's why I'm so late".

The teacher promptly takes him to the principal's office and explains the story to the principal. The principal tells Johnny about his own trip to school that day.

He says, "I was walking to school through the park on the trail today when I heard something behind me. I turned around and was shocked to see a giant grizzly bear behind me. He was 24 feet tall and had 6-inch fangs. He was going to eat me, Johnny! Just then a little dog ran out from the bushes, jumped up and attacked the bear. The little dog killed the bear and then ate the whole bear right there in front of me. What do you think of that, Johnny?"

Johnny replies, "Oh yeah, that's my dog Sparky. That's his third bear this week."