



2023 / 2024

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President's Message

As our thoughts turn to the wonder of the festive season, we are also reminded that the ever-present hope for 'peace and joy for all' continues to be out of reach for some. As we

celebrate the wonders of the season with family and friends, we can hope that one day fellowship and friendship will be what describes the world rather than unhappiness and hardship.

Our December 5th meeting is our Probus Christmas get together. We look forward to sharing our memories of Christmas, singing familiar Christmas songs, and enjoying a lunch together.

Our gathering would not be complete without a visit from Saint Nick!

On behalf of the management committee, I want to wish you all a very Happy Christmas!

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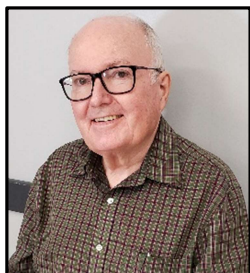


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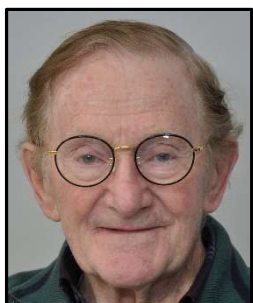
Friendship and Fellowship

To share please contact our Fellowship Director, Peter Kuipers, at home at (905) 453-1759 or on his Cell phone (905) 965-3958 or

On the Mend



Our thoughts are with Bob England and wishing him all the best on his road to recovery



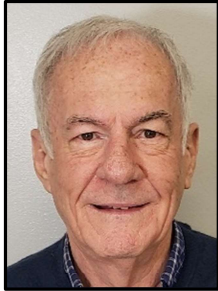
Our thoughts are with Paschal Brogan and wishing him all the best on his road to recovery

Management Committee Vacancy



Vice President – This is a great opportunity to better knowing the Club and its members. A trajectory from VP to President and then Past President. If interested, and we know you are, please contact Murray Gingrich (Past President) 647-527-5630 or by email gingrichmurray@gmail.com

PROGRAMS



Programs – Neil Watson



BRAMPTON PROBUS REMEMBRANCE DAY PROGRAM

Probus Vets



Remembrance Day Service – Guest Speaker Marc Potvin



Our Remembrance Day meeting guest speaker was Marc Potvin a retired Canadian Armed Forces Chaplain.

Marc Potvin's career with the Canadian Armed forces spanned multiple continents and assignments. His Probus presentation focused on Canada's support of a United Nations initiative in Somalia. The Canadian Armed Forces members took part in the UN Mission.

Marc Potvin related the challenges and realities of the mission including the extreme climate (no rain for two years) the incredible poverty, the complex relationships of a tribal based society and the frustration of an operation that lacked a fully articulated political strategy.



Ron Crouse thanking our guest speaker



Cec Bechamp reading "In Flanders Field"

December 05 Meeting

December meeting will include lunch, Probus member speakers, carols, a visit by St. Nick and many photo opportunities.

EVERY PROBUS MEMBER HAS A CHRISTMAS STORY



We would love to hear one of your stories.

For the last few years, the highlight of our Christmas meeting (other than a visit by St. Nick) has been our members relating a fond Christmas memory.

Often these stories communicate the importance of family, the benefits of hard work, the value of education, dreaming big, making mistakes, being kind to others or the need for resiliency,

Please think about what story you would like to share with your fellow Probus members. Your story could inspire others to make a difference in someone's life.

With gratitude
Neil Watson
Questions ? contact

Neilwatson2016@gmail.com



Peter Kuipers providing a Friendship and Fellowship update.



John Gow giving an update on the number of membership openings

Share the Wealth – Winners



Steve Hughes (r) receives winnings from Bill Watson



John Inglis wins a "share of the wealth"

30th Anniversary Luncheon



President Murray Gingrich accepting the Probus Canada Plaque in recognition of The Probus Men's Club of Brampton's 30th anniversary.



"In a world full of negativity, it is refreshing that there is an organization that is focused on friendship and fellowship.

For thirty years the Probus Men's Club of Brampton has focused on shared values, common goals, and the fundamental humanity that binds individuals together. For thirty years this organization has transcended political, cultural, and geographical divides and has created spaces for people to connect, share experiences and learn from one another in an environment of mutual respect and dignity."

M. Davis Remarks at the Nov. 16 2023 luncheon



Mike

I thoroughly enjoyed your meeting last week and would like to thank you for inviting me to participate and giving me a delightful lunch, It was a job well done and I congratulate you and your team for making it special.

Attending meetings of the Clubs is my favourite part of being a District Director and I learn something new every time. Seeing the two videos made me wish we could have a link to them for either our website or our quarterly magazine, Do you think that is possible?

Once again thank you and please convey my thanks and Best Wishes to the Club and its Management Team - your Club is in great hands.

Martin Capper
President
Probus Canada

OUR STRENGTH IS FELLOWSHIP – OUR SUCCESS IS PARTICIPATION”



Figure 1L-R: Ron Crouse, Martin Capper, Marilyn Sider, Ken Sider and Guest Speaker John Cutruzzola



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Figure 2 Neil Watson Honoring the founding members



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Martin Wall “The Piano Guy”

Probus Thursday Playdate

Thursday afternoons at Spot One. A terrific way to spend your Thursday afternoon 1:30 – 4:30



Click the link to hear Marcel describe Thursday Playdate at Spot One...

https://youtu.be/gStwtnnLX_M



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Cocktail Hour *(this hour has 40 minutes)*

The Cocktail hour (it is only 40 minutes) is a virtual social get together each Friday @ 4:00 pm. You provide your own Beverage from the comfort of your own home, and we provide Friendship, Camaraderie, and spirited discussions.

It is light-hearted, completely casual, and a lot of fun – Barrie Williams ends the hour* with three quizzes and trivia questions. Cheers, see you there!

The invitation for this event is emailed, on Fridays, to all our Probus members and it includes the Zoom link. Questions? Contact Mike at mikedavis0723@gmail.com



Book Club

The Book Club does not meet in December - We meet on Monday January 15th, 2024 @ 2:00 pm.

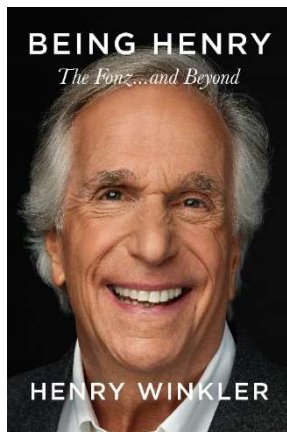
New members are always welcome.

Questions ?... Contact Fred Messacar at Fred.messacar@gmail.com

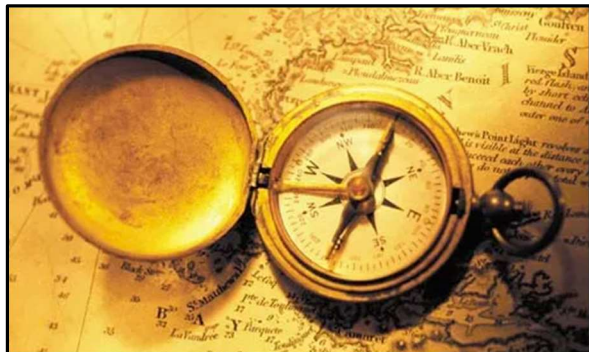
The January Book Selection – Being Henry

Goodreads rating: 4.38

Brilliant, funny, and widely-regarded as the nicest man in Hollywood (though he would be the first to tell you that it's simply not the case, he's really just grateful to be here), Henry shares in this achingly vulnerable memoir the disheartening truth of his childhood, the difficulties of a life with severe dyslexia, the pressures of a role that takes on a life of its own, and the path forward once your wildest dream seems behind you.



Club Activities



Walking Club

The Walking Club walks each Friday. The schedule for December is shown below.

Questions should be directed to...

[Elgin Kreuger \(pictured right\) \(905\)457-5377](#)

[Ward Wright \(905\)459-5596](#)



December Walking Schedule

DEC.1 FLETCHERS CREEK SOUTH FROM SOUTHBROOK

- Follow Highway 10 (Hurontario Street) north to Ray Lawson Blvd.
- Turn right and follow to Susan Fennell Sportsplex on the right.
- Park near the Southbrook Seniors Residence.
- 9:00AM start.

DEC 8 CHINGUACOUSY TRAIL –AVONDALE NORTH

- Follow Orenda Road east over Dixie Road on to
- Birchbank Road.
- Turn right on Avondale Blvd. and follow to the Lions Club parking lot near Victoria Park arena.
- 9:00AM start.

DEC 15 PEEL VILLAGE GOLF- ETOBICOKE CREEK TRAIL SOUTH

- Follow Steeles Avenue east to Hartford Trail.
- Turn right and follow to the Peel Village Golf course parking lot at 29 Hartford Trail.
- 9:00AM start.

DEC 22 RIDGEHILL TRAIL – SOUTH FLETCHERS

- Follow McLaughlin Road south to Harold Street.
- Turn left on Harold and right on Curtis and follow to Curtis Park access.
- Park on the west side of Curtis Drive near the Curtis Park sign.
- 9:00AM start.

DEC 29 ETOBICOKE CREEK TRAIL – DOWNTOWN BRAMPTON

- Follow Highway 10 (Hurontario Street) to the Brampton Mall, south of Clarence Street.
- Park across from the Metro Grocery store for a
- 9:00AM start.

Probus Around Town



The Probus Women's Group (3rd Tuesday of the month) organized a trip to the Shaw Festival. Some of our members tagged along....



No popcorn?



Dinner at the
Skylon
Restaurant



At the Theatre

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Probus Men's Club Flowertown – First Wednesday

Hi folks

Below is the u-tube link for "Antarctica" presentation.

November 15th Topic: Antarctic Adventure by Al and Ann Shaver.

Most of us will never be able to visit Antarctica; but we can enjoy their adventure.

Al & Ann had a great story to tell and included several photo panoramas of penguin colonies and ice bergs that were spectacular.

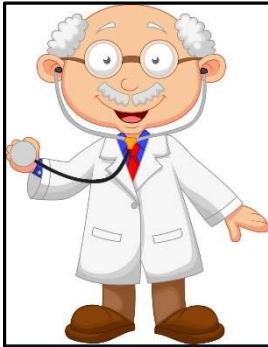
Here is the link to their video on YouTube.

<https://youtu.be/R2qd2rOEKvI>

Enjoy

Lionel Nichol

Probus Travel Group



Laughter, the best medicine

(it's free and, no prescription required)



John tells a joke...click on the link to hear the joke

<https://youtube.com/shorts/ZFgFjnQwksw>



Jack tells a joke....click on the link to hear the joke

<https://youtube.com/shorts/HHGcCZIWN2o>

✓ email us at probus32brampton@gmail.com and let us know who was the funniest of the two....and who shouldn't quit their day job!

Tiny Thoughts.... presented by **Neil Watson**



There are a lot of things you don't control
You don't get to pick your parents
You don't get to pick the country you are born in.
You don't get to pick your given talent.
You don't get to pick the test.

You don't control where you start, but you can change where you go.

Integrity is a choice.
Kindness is a choice.
Hard work is a choice.
Preparation is a choice.
Consistency is a choice.
Your attitude is a choice.
Your response is a choice.
The people you hang around are a choice.
Changing your trajectory is a choice.

Contact us!

*Newsletter comments, suggestions, or
submissions, may be directed to*

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