



2023 / 2024

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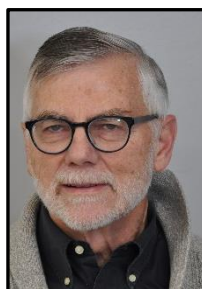
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President's Message

I hope that all have enjoyed the Christmas season and are looking forward to continuing to enjoy all that good friends and family bring in 2024.

May we all experience the year that we are wishing for, including the continued friendships and experiences that come from being part of our Probus Club. Don't forget the activities that are ongoing to help you get through the winter. From Thursday afternoons at Spot One for darts, Euchre, Bridge and Checkers, to Book Club, to Friday morning walks and afternoon cocktail hour.

I need to remind you one more time that just like last year, we continue to seek help on the management committee, specifically, a member to step forward and offer to be our vice president. If there is any chance you would consider doing so or perhaps first want more information about the position, please speak to any member of the committee.

On behalf of the management committee, I wish each of you health and happiness in the new year.

Murray Gingrich

Fellowship Director

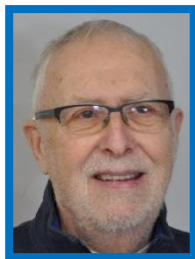
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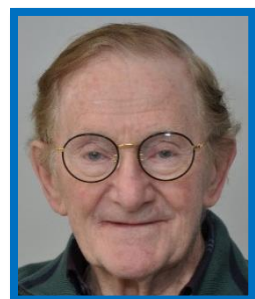
Friendship and Fellowship

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. Bob is on the mend at the Reactivation Care Centre - 200 Church St. in Etobicoke. It is near Jane and the 401.



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 & Speakers

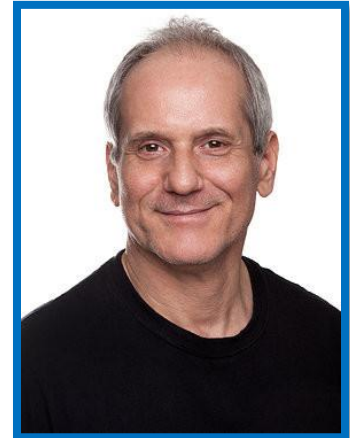
Please note – Our meetings will be livestreamed for those unable to attend, and then archived for future viewing. The Zoom link will be emailed on the Monday, the day before the Meeting.

January 02nd Meeting – “Making Sense of the World”

David Chandross, M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D.

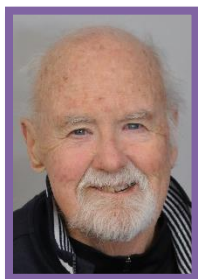
Scholar in Serious Games, Mixed Reality, and Inclusive Design Computational Safety Lab and Masters of Digital Media Program

Toronto Metropolitan University (formerly Ryerson)



Dr. David Chandross says....

“Mythology is about how we make sense of the world. In this lecture we will look at examples of Greek, Norse, African Celtic, Japanese, Chinese, Hawaiian and Filipino myths and see how these principles apply to our everyday lives. From Thor, to Athena, to Wakan Tanka, to Gaia, to the Kamis and the Druid ritual of mistletoe come travel across time to see man's search for meaning. We are human stories and myths seem to be a biological event, as if our brain were wired to understand the world through epic storytelling.”



Special Events and Activities

30 Tickets Only - Significant Others Welcome

Wednesday, February 14, 2024,

2:00 pm

Doris & Ivy in the Home

written by Norm Foster

A Theatre Orangeville Mainstage Production



Retired prison guard Doris Mooney has just moved into Paradise Village, a retirement home in Canmore, Alberta. She quickly befriends Ivy Hoffbauer, a former champion skier who's taken aback by Doris' cheerful brashness.

Rounding out the trio is dapper Arthur Beech who has designs on Ivy. Love, gossip, and sex behind the compost heap, this is Norm Foster at his hilarious best!

Theatre Orangeville 87 Broadway Orangeville, ON, L9W 1K1

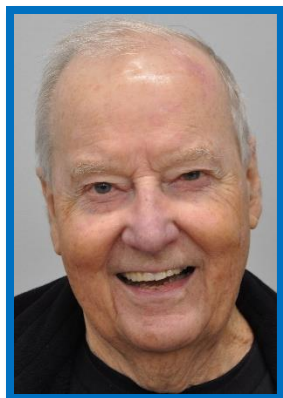
\$35.00 / person

E-Transfers to bramptonprobus@gmail.com or Cash / Cheque at January Meeting

Membership



John Gow giving an update on the number of memberships openings.



Bill Watson – Lunch Location

Following the January 02nd meeting – Lunch is at **Heritage Fish and Chips**. Everyone knows it! They have been in business for over 40 years... great food, friendly service, and reasonable prices.

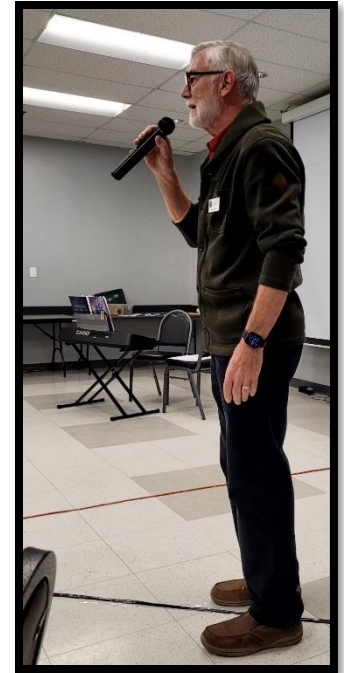


Bramrose Plaza

*295 Queen St. E
(beside the No Frills
store)*

Probus Christmas Meeting

Probus President Murray Gingrich welcomed all to our Christmas meeting.



Accesssing photos from our Christmas meeting

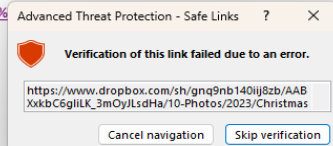
A large number of photos were taken at the Christmas Party – **Thanks John Gow !** and they have been archived in our Dropbox account – **Thanks Dieter !**

Click on the link below to access the photos.

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/gnq9nb140iij8zb/AABXxkbC6gliLK_3mOyJLsdHa/10-Photos/2023/Christmas%20Photos%202023?dl=0

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Neil Watson, our Program Director, believes that every Probus Member has a Christmas story that is important to them, and Neil provides the opportunity for them to share it with all our members.



EVERY PROBUS MEMBER HAS A CHRISTMAS STORY



“Click on the Link to hear their Story.”

Ron Crouse's Christmas Story <https://youtu.be/P3HJpZ7mAlg>

Jack Murphy's Christmas Story <https://youtu.be/2rfm9lCKvyl>

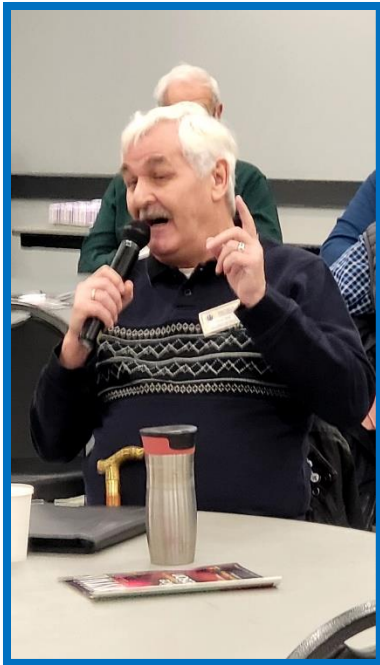
Bob England's Christmas Message <https://youtube.com/shorts/DHMc-ME1nHM>



Cec shared his “*Moving*” Christmas story.



Bruce Walker shared his Christmas story.



Dave Skitt told his story of “*Good Cheer.*”

OUR STRENGTH IS FELLOWSHIP – OUR SUCCESS IS PARTICIPATION”



Steve Hughes, accompanied by George Stephens, led the members in song.



*“TO STIMULATE THOUGHT, INTEREST & PARTICIPATION IN ACTIVITIES AT A TIME OF LIFE WHEN
IT IS EASY TO BECOME COMPLACENT & SELF-CENTERED”*



Saint Nick visited with all.



Saint Nick and his elves put out the buffet.

Share the Wealth – Winners



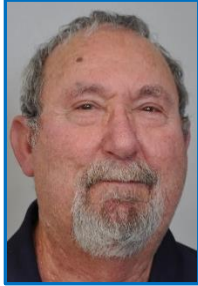
Otto Krepps \$27.00 winnings



Peter Slade \$27.00 winnings

Probus Thursday Playdate – Christmas Buffet

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/gStwnnLX_M



Marcel and our Spot One Hostess.

OUR STRENGTH IS FELLOWSHIP – OUR SUCCESS IS PARTICIPATION”



Roger, Maurice,
Cec, Neil and Barry
enjoying friendship
and fellowship



Bob, Tucker, John,
and Len enjoying the
Darts Buffet

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Pat Kerins (L) and Ken Postill playing Darts.



Bruce Walker (far right) and the Gang from the Wednesday Men's Probus Club playing Bridge.



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 – Monday January 15, 2024 @ 2:00 pm

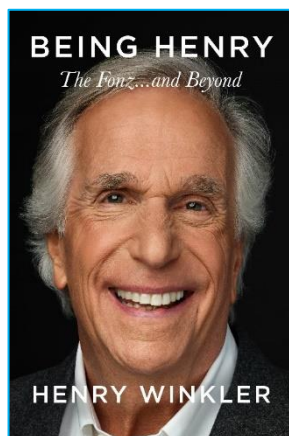
Central Public School – 24 Alexander St.

New members are always welcome.

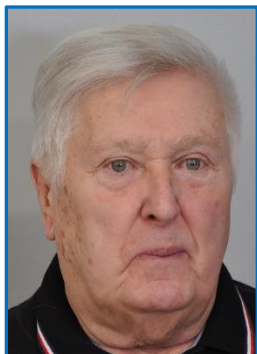
Questions?... Contact Fred Messacar at Fred.messacar@gmail.com

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.



Walking Club

The Walking Club walks each Friday.

Questions should be directed to

[Elgin Kreuger \(L\) \(905\) 457-5377](#) or [Ward Wright \(905\) 459-5596](#)



Commencing on Friday January 05th the Walking Club moves indoors at the Save Max Sports Centre (formerly the Brampton Soccer Centre)

Start time is 09:00 am and walkers are asked to check in at the reception desk.

1495 Sandalwood Parkway E. The Southwest corner of Sandalwood and Dixie Rd.



The Red Ball Jet and Probus Walking Club share the same motto "Run Faster Jump Higher"

The first **Red Ball Jets** were introduced in **1951** and were produced by the Ball Band- Uniroyal factory in Mishawaka Indiana. **Red Ball Jets** were advertised in the 1950's showing kids leaping over wagons, hurtling over tall bushes, and out running big dogs. Their tagline was "*Red Ball Jets. They make you run faster and jump higher*" Although they ceased production in 1971 - the good news is that the Red Ball brand has been reintroduced; but sadly, as there are no factories in the United States or Canada using the vulcanized method – they are all imported from China.

Our Member's Stories.....

The Helmet – submitted by John Gow

The helmet

Bombardier George Gow, of Ottawa, was a member of the 2nd field battery, 4th regiment of the Royal Canadian Artillery. Part of the artillery's role was to capture German guns and use them against the enemy. But Gow was wounded and captured. A French nun, Sister Marie du Sacré-Coeur, later found Gow's steel helmet and kept it, says Eric Fernberg, a collections manager with the Canadian War Museum. In 1972, Canada's veterans affairs department organized a pilgrimage to Dieppe and the nun gave the helmet to the group. The helmet was presented the following year to Gow by the veterans minister, Daniel J. MacDonald. Gow died in 1991, and his family donated the helmet to the museum.



PROBUS AROUND TOWN

The Probus Travel Group

The 3rd Wednesday Probus Club has a Travel group which meets on the 3rd Wednesday afternoon @ 01:45 pm – through Zoom

MORE PENGUINS: Cruise around South America

“**More Penguins: Cruise around South America**” by Lionel Nichol

Another view of the Antarctic Area.

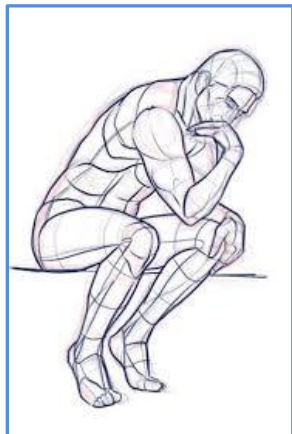
Wed. Jan. 17 @ 01:45 pm – Zoom link below

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89975620747?pwd=bGl3UzNnRDVQbGxrNnhYZWZ3QnhlZz09>

ANTARTIC ADVENTURE

View Al & Ann Shaver’s “Antarctic Adventure” – click on the youtube link <https://youtu.be/R2qd2rOEKvI> Expires March 15, 2024

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



To hear this month's Tiny Thought from Neil Watson, click on the link below...

<https://youtu.be/Qs4qnwqM5zU>

In Africa, lions hunt in packs. And when they go out to hunt, they take with them the oldest female of the pride. By this point, she's old and infirm and toothless, can no longer catch her own prey, a little bit like me. But she has the deepest roar. And what the lionesses do- and it's the lioness who do the hunting – the lions position this old lion in the middle of a field facing the bush. The bush could be a mile away. And the prey is between the old lion and the bush, and all the lions hide in the bush. And when this old lady roars, the prey run away from the roar to their death. And so, the concept is "go at the problem" Go at what you perceive to be the problem. And what you will invariably find is that it's a toothless old lady."

Have a comment? A suggestion? or a submission?

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