



MURRAY, OUR PRESIDENT WAS AWARE THAT OUR GROUNDHOG, WIARTON WILLIE WOULD PREDICT THE PROGRESSION OF WINTER AND RETREAT BACK TO HIS BURROW FOR 6 COOL WEEKS.

IF THERE IS NO SHADOW THERE WILL BE AN EARLY SPRING.



Groundhog Day

JACK, OUR PROPERTY DIRECTOR WAS AWARE THAT ST. VALENTINE SECRETLY MARRIED YOUNG COUPLES TO SPARE HUSBANDS FROM WAR. ST. VALENTINE WAS A ROMAN PRIEST WHO WAS IMPRISONED AND BEHEADED.

YOUR HEART



YOUR LOVE

NEIL, OUR SPEAKER DIRECTOR WILL ENJOY FAMILY DAY FEBRUARY MONDAY 19 SKATING WITH PROBUS FRIENDS IN GAGE PARK.



PETER, OUR FELLOWSHIP DIRECTOR WILL DANCE ALL EVENING WITH HIS WIFE ON FAMILY DAY, FEBRUARY MONDAY, 19 WITH HIS PROBUS FRIENDS



RON CROUSE 2024  
FEBRUARY

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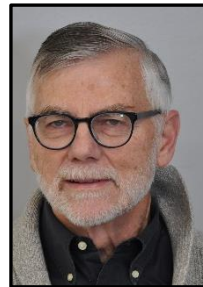
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## President's Message

As winter slowly passes and we get to see a bit more daylight, we welcome the month of February. We even get an extra day this year thanks to it being a leap year.

I want to once again remind you that we are still looking for a member to step forward and offer to serve as our club vice president. If you are at all interested, please speak to any member of the management committee to learn more about what that position involves. Also, any suggestions of other members that you believe would be up for the job are very welcome.

Thanks to you our club continues to thrive with monthly meetings and a variety of activities including weekly Thursday Play Days, Friday Walking Group and Friday Cocktail Hours, as well as the monthly Book Club. Our upcoming special event is our return visit to the Orangeville Theatre on February 14th. Those of us that attended last years production can speak to the quality of entertainment presented there and to the fun we had.

We also are bringing back the Coffee Club in March where any member is welcome to join the walkers for coffee and conversation on the first Friday of the month.

The details including dates and location are in the newsletter.

Happy February to all. Murray Gingrich

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## MEMBERSHIP

### 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.

### 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](mailto: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.*

### FEBRUARY 06 MEETING – FRED MESSACAR

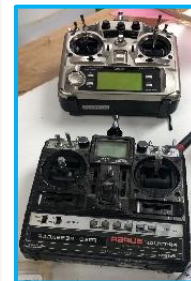
#### Radio Controlled Model Airplane

*"OH, I HAVE SLIPPED THE SURLY BONDS OF EARTH AND DANCED THE SKIES  
ON LAUGHTER-SILVERED WINGS..."*

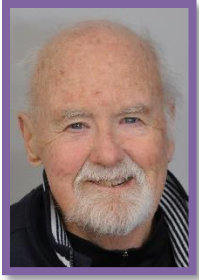


Fred started modelling as a boy and returned to it as he prepared for retirement.

For 43 years Fred has been involved in Radio Controlled Modelling and has served in Executive roles in many model flying clubs and organizations.



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## SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

**30 Tickets Only** - A few tickets left

**Significant Others Welcome**

Wednesday, February 14, 2024,

2:00 pm

### Doris & Ivy in the Home

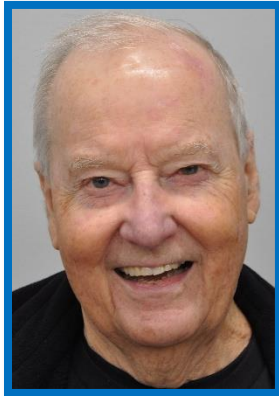


Retired prison guard Doris Mooney has just moved into Paradise Village, a retirement home in Canmore, Alberta. She quickly befriends Ivy Hoffbauer, a former champion skier who's taken aback by Doris' cheerful brashness.

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](mailto:bramptonprobus@gmail.com) or Cash / Cheque at February Meeting



## OUT TO LUNCH

Bill Watson – for over 13 years “Telling members where to go” ... (for lunch)

Following the February 06<sup>th</sup> meeting – Lunch is at BOSTON PIZZA.

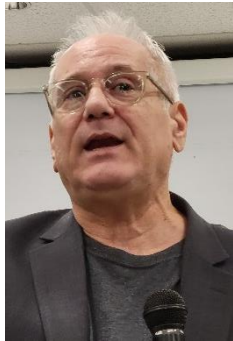


65 Resolution Drive  
Brampton, ON, L6W 0A6

Steeles and Rutherford area

## FROM THE JANUARY MEETING.....

### Our Guest Speaker Dr. David Chandross - "Making Sense of the World"



This is the second time Dr. Chandross has spoken to our Probus group. In each presentation his interest in the subject matter was obvious to all. His presentation "Making sense of the world" was enjoyed by all. He spoke quickly and confidently – he had a great deal he wanted to say. His audience often found it challenging to hear and then process the many "Facts" that he presented.

Click on the link to view the video

<https://youtu.be/vPZDBCSBUc8>

## MEMBERSHIP – NEW MEMBER INDUCTED



David Heathfield is our newest member. He enjoys Golfing, Biking, and walking.

Welcome David, the Walking and Golf Clubs look forward to your joining in their activities.

*John Gow (L) inducts Dave Heathfield into the Club. Murray Gingrich, President (far right), and Randy Skidmore (Sponsor) welcome Dave*



## SHARE THE WEALTH – January meeting winners.



Bruce South (R) and Murray Gingrich each won \$41.00.





## **BOOK CLUB – Mon February 19, 2024 @ 2:00 pm**

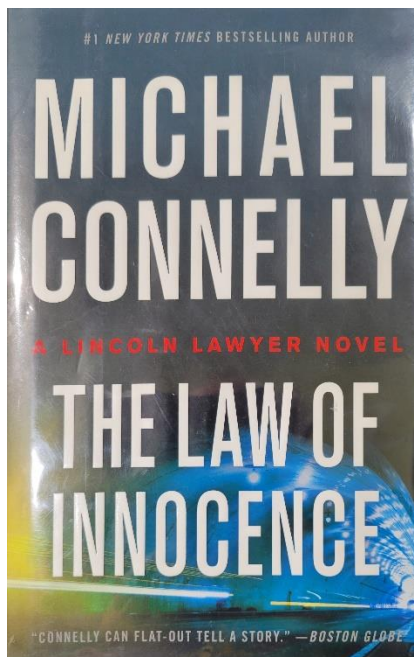
**Central Public School – 24 Alexander St.**

New members are always welcome.

Questions?... Contact Fred Messacar at [Fred.messacar@gmail.com](mailto:Fred.messacar@gmail.com)

4,752 reader's reviews from the world's largest community of readers gave this book a 4.3 / 5.00

### **The February Book Selection – The Law of Innocence by Michael Connelly**



**Book is available through the  
Brampton Public Library**

Defense attorney Mickey Haller is pulled over by police, who find the body of a client in the trunk of his Lincoln. Haller is charged with murder and can't make the exorbitant \$5 million bail slapped on him by a vindictive judge.

Mickey elects to defend himself and must strategize and build his defense from his jail cell in the Twin Towers Correctional Center in downtown Los Angeles, all the while looking over his shoulder--as an officer of the court he is an instant target.

Mickey knows he's been framed. Now, with the help of his trusted team, he has to figure out who has plotted to destroy his life and why. Then he has to go before a judge and jury and prove his innocence.



## **COCKTAIL – SOCIAL 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](mailto:mikedavis0723@gmail.com)



## **DARTS, CARDS, and other things....**

A terrific way to spend Thursday afternoon between 1:30 – 4:30 at Spot One 289 Rutherford Rd. South... An amazing lunch offering is available.

Questions? Contact Marcel [marcel.spidaleri@gmail.com](mailto:marcel.spidaleri@gmail.com) or Mike Mahaney [retiredsharyn@hotmail.com](mailto:retiredsharyn@hotmail.com)





## 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



Each Friday the Walking Club walks 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.



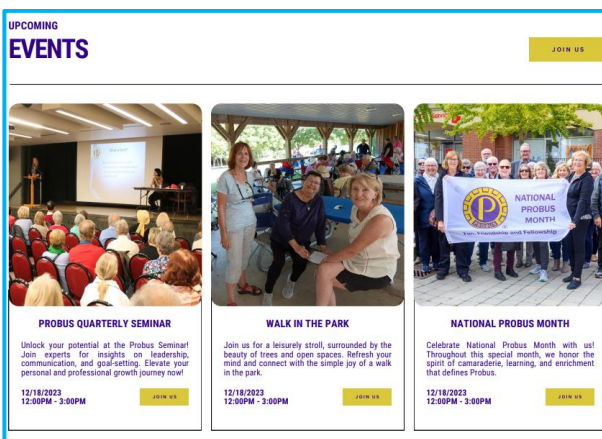
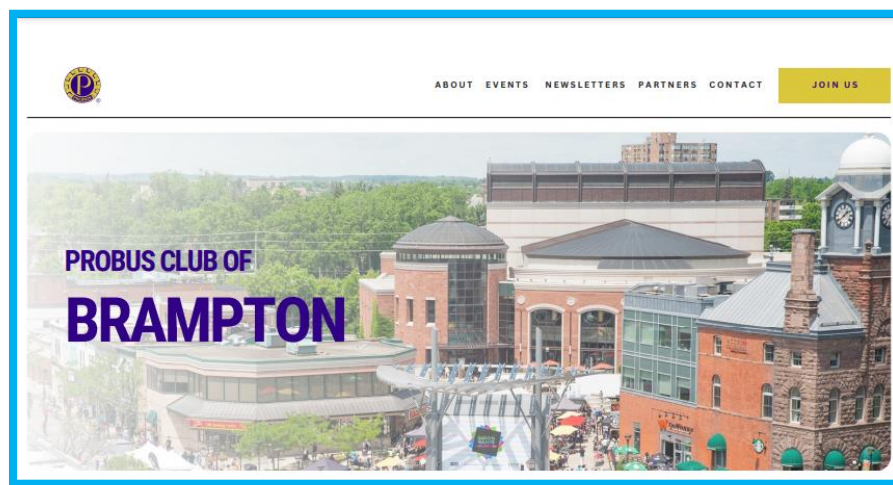
*The Probud Walking Club*

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**OUR WEBSITE: Soon to be released - mockup shown below**



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## COFFEE CLUB – The return of the in-person Coffee Club

**What:** All Probus members are invited to meet the Walking Club for Coffee and fellowship

**When:** Friday March 01<sup>st</sup> @ 10:15 am

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 10:15 am

Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:15 am

**Where:** Tim Hortons at Dixie Rd. and Orenda

**Note:** If you want to join the Walking Club, please contact Elgin  
ekreuger@sympatico.ca

## OUR MEMBER'S STORIES....BILL BAILLIE

### It's one thing to know history....

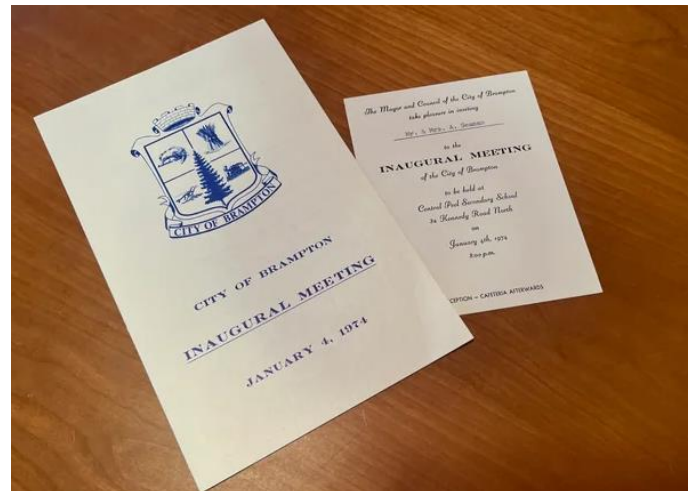
Brampton in the early 1800's was a small community of 78 settlers. Brampton grew and in 1853, with a population of 550 it became a Village. Twenty years later, in 1873, Brampton was incorporated as the Town of Brampton. In 1974, one hundred years later, Brampton became a city through a merger of the town of Brampton, the townships of Chinguacousy (which included Bramalea) and Toronto Gore. At this time the county of Peel also changed, becoming the Region of Peel.

### But it is entirely different to make history....

And that's what Bill Baillie did, in 1974, as a member of the City of Brampton's inaugural Council. For Five years Bill served on the Council and dealt with the amazing growth of Brampton including the challenges of transportation and recreational; facilities.



**Bill Baillie (L) is recognized at Brampton's 50th anniversary celebration. Pictured with Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown**

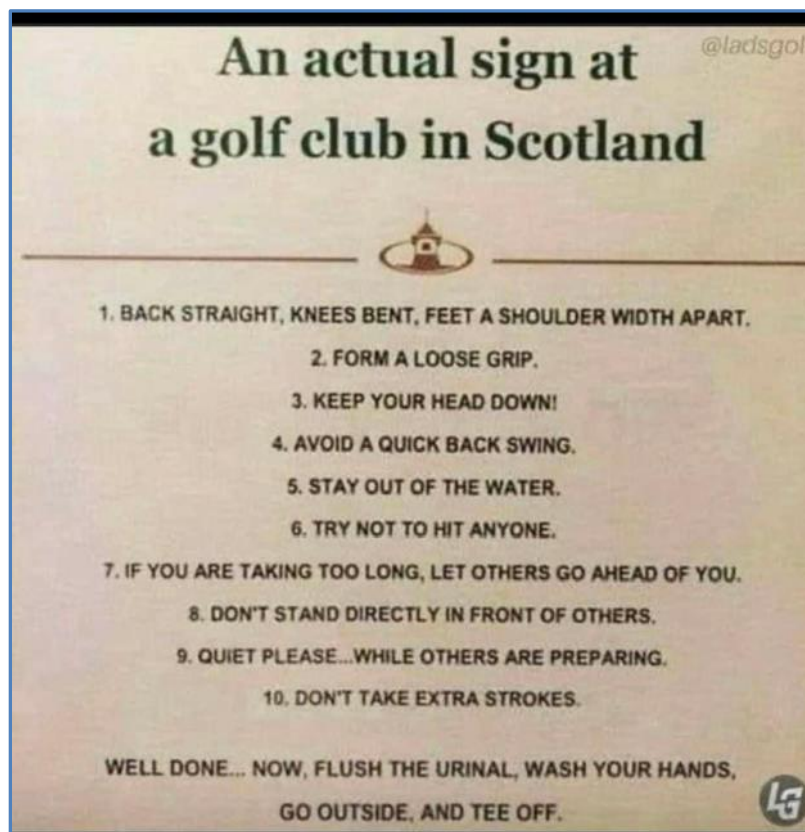


**Minutes of the inaugural City Council**



## Laughter is the best medecine

**"There is a thin line between a numerator and a denominator...but only a fraction of the readers will get the joke!**



*submitted by Elgin.*



## PROBUS AROUND TOWN


**Probus Women's Club of Brampton #179**  
**Limited number of tickets available**  
**February 21 – Last day to register & payment required.**  
**Contact Elaine Walker 905-791-9708**

Women's PROBUS Club of Brampton Flower City #179 Presents

### Toronto City Tour & the Magic of Little Canada

We begin our day with one of Toronto's best known tour guides, noted historian Bruce Bell. So much of Toronto's history is either buried under parking lots or confined to dusty history books hidden on the top shelves of libraries or just plain forgotten. Using his wealth of knowledge and experience, Bruce Bell is determined to look under those parking lots to see what secrets are held in Toronto's much overlooked colonial and 19th century past. After a delicious meal at the Hot House Cafe, we will visit Little Canada. Little Canada is a celebration of all things Canada. It's a unique journey of discovery through the sights and sounds of our great country in miniature scale. Everyone should travel through Canada at least once in their lifetime. From captivating vistas to famous landmarks, iconic cityscapes and little stories, you can visit the vast miniature Canadian landmarks all under one roof.

<p><b>Date:</b> Wednesday, March 20, 2024</p> <p><b>Depart:</b> 8:30 a.m. Century Gardens</p> <p><b>Tour:</b> 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Enjoy a two hour city tour with Bruce Bell</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> 12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lunch at the Hot House Cafe Choice of  1) Chicken Parmesan. Panko crusted chicken breast, with confit peppers smothered in a rich house tomato sauce, and melted mozzarella cheese served with penne noodles tossed in fresh tomato basil sauce.  2) Cannelloni. Fresh pasta shells stuffed with wilted spinach and ricotta cheese baked in our house made tomato and alfredo sauces topped with mozzarella and cheddar cheese  3) Roasted Pork Loin, served with braised red cabbage and apple seasonal veg and finished with pork demi jus.</p> <p><b>Canada:</b> 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Visit to Little Canada</p> <p><b>Return:</b> Arrival in Brampton by 6:00 pm</p> <p><b>Price:</b> \$139.00 per person</p>	<p><b>Inclusions:</b> Return transportation via deluxe coach, city tour, lunch, admission to Little Canada, driver gratuity, gratuity on meal, and all taxes.</p> <div style="border: 2px solid red; padding: 5px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p><b>To Book:</b> Call Elaine Walker at 905-791-9708 or by email at ewalkeris@rogers.com</p> <p><i>by Feb 21</i></p> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p><small>Following along the bustling K17 highway, one will still through the familiar, historic and landmarks of Scarborough. One will find a beautiful display of historic culture.</small></p>  </div> </div>
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## Tiny Thoughts.... presented by **Neil Watson**



Competence is often less of a problem than confidence.

An underrated aspect of doing anything hard is believing in yourself. Action creates both confidence and momentum.

When action seems hard, narrow the gap between where you are and what you focus on.

A marathoner who hits a wall running at mile 5 doesn't focus on the end of the race; they focus on getting around the next corner. Then, the next corner.

What's the smallest step you can take right now to make progress?

Have a comment? A suggestion? or a submission?

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

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