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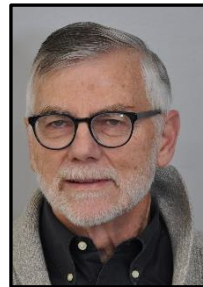
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## President's Message

It finally appears that spring is here to stay, even though we know that chilly nights and the danger of frost will be with us for several weeks yet. An uplifting time of year as our world turns greener while grass,

flowers and trees all continue coming to life for another year.

We are looking forward to our next general meeting on May 7 when another entertaining and this time, local author will be our guest speaker. Astrid Peters will stir memories for many as she talks of her family's arrival in Canada and subsequent business venture, Humber Nursery. I am happy to report that we have found a new Membership Director, as Jack O'Reilly has kindly offered to step into that role and we are so pleased to welcome him to the management team.

We want to again thank John Gow for his valued contributions over the years he served in that position.

Please be aware that as in past years, we are unable to access our usual meeting place at Century Gardens Recreation Centre for our July and August meetings. The July meeting will once again include a barbeque for all in attendance. We are in the process of finalizing the details and will share them as soon as we possibly can.

*President's message continues on the next page*

Murray Gingrich.

### Friendship & Fellowship Director

Peter Kuipers

[peterthomaskuipers@gmail.com](mailto:peterthomaskuipers@gmail.com)

## President's Message *continues....*

Our other activities are picking up with the resumption of golf on Monday mornings, walking outdoors each Friday morning, along with the continuation of book club, Friday cocktail hour and Thursday gathering at Spot One.

I must remind you yet again that we continue to search for a vice president.

Please don't let such an opportunity to enrich your Probus experience pass you by.

Enjoy our next gathering on May 7.

Murray Gingrich

## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE



Vice President, the position is vacant. It could be you! This is a great opportunity to better know 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 (President) 647-527-5630 or by email [gingrichmurray@gmail.com](mailto:gingrichmurray@gmail.com)



Thanks to John Gow for his work as Membership Director



Thanks to Jack O'Reilly for stepping forward as Membership Director.





## FRIENDSHIP & 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 through email [peterthomaskuipers@gmail.com](mailto:peterthomaskuipers@gmail.com)

### On the Mend



Bob Newson – Wishing Bob a speedy recovery.



Bob's road to recovery included a side trip to a nearby park to enjoy some Spring weather.

Jack Murphy (far right) made the arrangements. Bob is joined by his wife and Brother (far left)

## WELCOME – JOHN GIGNAC, OUR NEWEST MEMBER



**John Gignac (middle)** – Is introduced to the Club by John Layzell (L) and presented with his name badge by President Murray Gingrich.



## 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.*

## MAY GUEST SPEAKER – ASTRID PETERS



Humber Nurseries – If you have lived in Brampton for any length of time then you know Humber Nurseries. Astrid Peters is the daughter of the founders and has written a book *Sibylla, One Story At A Time* – Her book explores the trials of moving to Canada and establishing a successful nursery.

Our May guest speaker is Astrid Peters. She is the daughter of the founders of Humber Nurseries and she writes....

"Sibylla, One Story at a Time" is the culmination of two different research efforts. The first was intended as a family genealogy project, with the goal of producing a manuscript which would be given only to Sibylla's children and grandchildren. The second was the daunting task of getting the memoir published.

While a family history, the book is also a document where Sibylla and her husband Frans, as immigrants to Canada in the post Second World War era, laid the foundation for their beautiful garden centre, Humber Nurseries Ltd. in Brampton.

In 2020, this same nursery was reconstituted as Humber Nurseries 2020 Ltd. in Caledon all in due respect to Sibylla and Frans's succession planning.

One of my presentation goals is to encourage and inspire audience members to write about themselves, whether it be in a journal, or in research of family genealogy or even writing the first chapter of a book!

Astrid Peter's book "Sibylla, One Story at a Time" will be available for sale @ \$20.00 each. – Cash sales only.

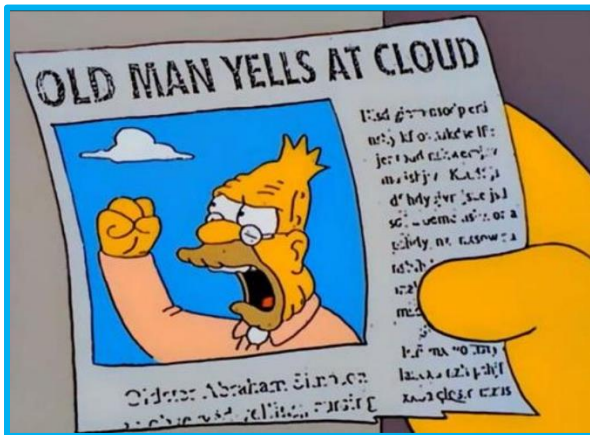
## June GUEST SPEAKER – JOHN HALLERAN



History enthusiast John Halleran talks for 40 minutes in an entertaining but serious power-point supported monologue to explain his view of how world events have been impacted by the society we live in.

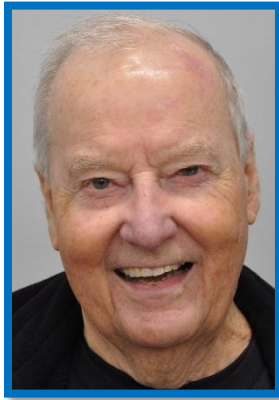
John writes "My intent is to reach the two groups (Boomers and Millennials) with the message that you need to learn about the past to allow you to effectively apply critical thinking to sort out the current world for yourself. Towards that end I make available to attendees, a word document with links to the sources of the many topics I discuss so they can explore for themselves: a book, an article or a video. If I encourage people of any age to follow and learn something new to help better understand the current world, then I will have been successful".

## The ECLIPSE



A member expressed his disappointment that the Eclipse was not as spectacular as hoped for.





After the Tues. May 07 meeting.....

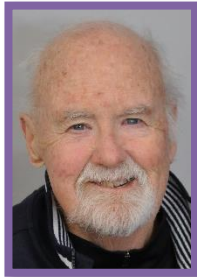


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## SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



### Euchre Tournament (Partners rotate each game)



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| Date:     | Tuesday May 28, 2024  |
| Time:     | 11:30 – 3:30 pm   |
| Location: | Spot One - 289 Rutherford Rd S, Brampton, ON L6W 3R9  |
| Cost:     | <b>\$20.00 / person</b><br>Includes Euchre Tournament and Lunch (Burger, Fries, Coffee / Tea) |
| Invitees  | All Brampton Probus Members – First Come Basis<br>8 tables of 4 = 32                          |
| Prizes:   | Highest Individual Points,<br>Lowest Individual Points,<br>Most lone hands                    |

Email John Inglis [johninglis1@bell.net](mailto:johninglis1@bell.net) to register for the Tournament.



## PROBUS JULY MEETING & BBQ



**Date:** Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

**Time:** 10:00 July General Meeting

**Location:** Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15

80 Mary St, Brampton, ON L6W 2R3

**Details to follow**

## APRIL GUEST SPEAKER.....

# Canadian Defence Policy in Uncertain Times

Address to the Probus Men's Club of Brampton  
April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024

By **Adam Chapnick**  
a.chapnick@gmail.com <http://adamchapnick.ca>



**Adam Chapnick** is a professor of Defence studies at the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC). He is in Toronto, where he also serves as the deputy director of education at the Canadian Forces College.

Adam spoke on the Canadian Defense Policy – A subject which is timely and of great importance.

To view Adam Chapnick's presentation – click on the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/mrxy7kzv>

## SHARE THE WEALTH – APRIL MEETING WINNERS



Bill Watson (middle) present Peter Kuipers (L) and Glen Pierson (R) with their winnings of \$27.25 each.



## APRIL WAS "BRING A FRIEND MONTH"



John Layzell invited Doug Emerson



Henk invited Joe Auger



Steve invited John Halleran



An April invited guest



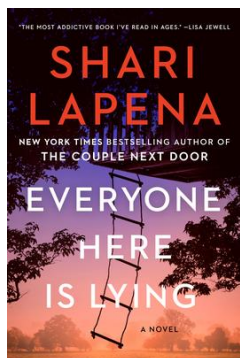
## BOOK CLUB

**Tuesday May 21<sup>st</sup>, 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)



## MAY BOOK CLUB READING – EVERYONE HERE IS LYING

By Shari Lapena

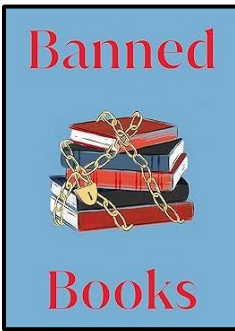
Everyone has a secret.

Everyone is a suspect.

Everyone here is lying

Shari Lapena does such a good job of writing realistic, fast paced books that keep you on your toes with unexpected twists and turns throughout the book. Her latest book "Everyone Here is Lying" does an outstanding job in maintaining her standard. "Lying" tells the story of a 9 year old girl, Avery, who goes missing

This book is available through the Brampton Public Library.



## JULY BOOK CLUB READING

The concept of banning books runs counter to a free and sophisticated society but many of the world's greatest literary works have faced challenges or bans at some point in their history.

These books were challenged as they offered new and profound insights, challenged the norms of the day, and would ultimately be recognized for their role in better understanding the world.

Please join us on April 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm at Central Public School recreation Centre – 12 Alexander Street. - We will be discussing Banned Books, and we will select one of those books to be read and discussed at our July 15<sup>th</sup> Probus Book Club meeting.



Marion the...

## GOT A BOOK, GET A BOOK

### Probus Book Swap

Marion reminds all members that the Probus Book Club is running a Book Swap at our April 07<sup>th</sup> Meeting – ***Got a Book, bring it in, need a book, make the swap.***

Books will be available at the front of the room.





## COCKTAIL / SOCIAL HOUR *(this hour has 40 minutes)*

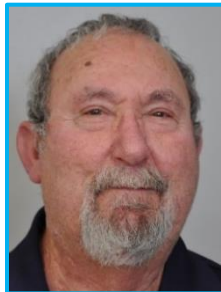
**\* If 2 is company and 3 is a crowd; then what is 4 & 5**  
(answer below)

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)

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## 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.spidaliere@gmail.com](mailto:marcel.spidaliere@gmail.com) or Mike Mahaney [retiredsharyn@hotmail.com](mailto:retiredsharyn@hotmail.com)







## WALKING CLUB

The Walking Club walks each Friday. The schedule follows below....

Questions should be directed to:

**Elgin Kreuger (L) (905) 457-5377**



Fifteen Probus walkers out this morning (Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup>) The beautiful Sakura cherry trees in Joyce Archdekin Park are the result of a Centennial 2000 goodwill exchange between Japan and Brampton



A special appearance of Bob England. Jack Murphy picked up Bob from Amica which is adjacent to the trail.. Elgin

## WALKING CLUB – MAY SCHEDULE

### **MAY 3 CHINGACOUSY TRAIL NORTH FROM AVONDALE**

Follow Orenda Road east over Dixie Road to Birchbank Road. Turn right off Birchbank onto Avondale Blvd. and follow to the Lions Club parking lot adjacent to Victoria park arena.

9:00AM start.

All Probus members are invited to join the Walking Club for coffee at the Orenda and Dixie Tim Hortons at 10:15AM

### **MAY 10 HUNGRY HOLLOW TRAILS –GEORGETOWN**

Follow Highway 7 west through Norval (becomes Guelph Street) Turn left on Hall Road, which is near the top of the west hill as you leave Norval. Park near the intersection of Hall and Beaumont streets for a 9:45AM start. Following our walk we will have lunch at the Shepherd's Crook Restaurant at 86 Main Street South, Georgetown.

### **MAY 17 CONSERVATION DRIVE TRAIL NORTH**

Follow Hurontario Street north to Conservation Drive. Turn right and follow to Conservation Drive parking lot at the top of the hill on the left.

9:00AM start.

### **MAY 24 CALEDON TRAILWAY –CHELTENHAM BRICKYARDS**

Meet at the 'old brickyards' on Mississauga Road, north of King Street. This is a 9:30 AM with post walk refreshments on the deck of the Cheltenham General Store.

### **MAY 31 FLETCHERS CREEK SOUTH FROM SOUTHBROOK**

Follow Ray Lawson Blvd. west from Hurontario Street (Highway 10) to Susan Fennell Sportsplex. Park in the Sportsplex parking lot off Ray Lawson Blvd. closet to Southbrook Seniors residences.

9:00AM start.





## GOLF CLUB

STEVE HUGHES REPORTS...

Our Probus Golf has started.

We have four tee offs on Monday morning starting at 8:00 AM. Then 8:10, 8:20 and 8:30.

Carts will be available near the end of April or the beginning of May. Weather will be the deciding factor on the exact date.

I will send out an email to everyone to let you know when the carts arrive.

The course is concerned about money lost by "no shows." These are people who book a time and then don't show up. We frequently don't use all our time slots.

This year we have had to change our procedure to address this problem. You need to let me know in advance whether you are coming for the Monday tee off.

This could be done simply by telling me on the previous Monday that you will be playing again the next Monday. Or any time during the week, you can send me an email and I will add you to the list.

By Saturday evening I need to know everyone who is coming on the following Monday so I can reserve the correct number of tee times.

Saturday at 6:00 PM , I will email Peel Village and reserve our slots out of the 16 we have previously booked. That will release our unused position for others to use.

Looking forward to seeing you.

Steve Hughes

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## Bring a Friend Month!

Guests are always welcome at our meetings, but in April we are opening the doors wide open...

**General Meeting** – Our April guest speaker discusses Canada's Defense Policy – an interesting and timely presentation - Bring a friend to the meeting.

**Book Club** – Both you and your guest are welcome at the April 15th Book Club meeting. Darts, Cards, and more – Thursday afternoons, you and your guest are welcome to join in playing darts, cards or just to socialize.

**Cocktail Hour** – Share the link and join in the conversation. Always a great time as Barrie tries to stump us with Trivia and quiz questions.

**Walking Club** – The Walking Club always encourages guests – so join in and bring a friend! After walking the socializing continues over coffee at a nearby McDonalds.

### Events

APRIL, 2024

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| 02 | PROBUS GENERAL MEETING |
| 04 | DARTS AND OTHER THINGS |
| 05 | WALKING CLUB           |
| 05 | COFFEE CLUB            |
| 05 | COCKTAIL/SOCIAL HOUR   |
| 12 | WALKING CLUB           |





## 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, 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](mailto:ekreuger@sympatico.ca)

## PROBUS AROUND TOWN – Lot's happening, and we have been invited...!!

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

### Shake, Rattle & Roll June 12th

**It's a 50's Rock n' Roll Party!**

A Rock and Roll flashback to the 50s and 60s with the most memorable songs from music's most exciting era. From Elvis and Jerry Lee to Connie Francis and Bill Haley.

Featuring a special guest appearance by the great Jeff Scott as Buddy Holly!





Don't miss the excitement of this 50's Rock n' Roll party! Featuring the hit songs of some of your favorite artists including Elvis, Fats Domino, Jerry Lee Lewis, Connie Francis and many more....All of this AND a special guest appearance of Buddy Holly featuring the incomparable Jeff Scott. This is a show you do not want to miss!

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| <p><b>Date:</b> Wednesday, June 12, 2024</p> <p><b>Depart:</b> 10:00 a.m. Century Gardens</p> <p><b>Show:</b> 12:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.<br/>Enjoy a buffet lunch and show at Bingeman's Conference Centre, Kitchener</p> <p><b>Return:</b> Arrival in Brampton approx. 5:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Inclusions:</b> Return transportation via deluxe coach, luncheon show, gratuity on meal, driver gratuity, and all taxes.</p> | <p><b>Price:</b> \$140.00 per person</p> <p><b>To Book:</b> Contact Elaine Walker at 905-791-9708 or by email at ewalkeris@rogers.com</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;"><i>by May 15</i></p> | <p><b>Sign-up for our monthly E-Newsletter at <a href="http://yearroundtravel.com">yearroundtravel.com</a></b></p> |
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# Dundum Castle & Whistling Gardens –

WOMEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF BRAMPTON CENTRE has a Special Event coming up and we would like to invite all the other Probus clubs in Brampton to participate.

Women's Probus Club of Brampton Centre Presents

## *Dundurn Castle & Whistling Gardens*

Our day begins with a guided tour of the Dundurn Castle. A costumed interpreter will guide you through this early 19th century home, complete with period furniture and décor. This 40-room Italian style villa was built in the 1830's on Burlington Heights. Once home to Sir Allan Napier MacNab and his family, today Dundurn Castle tells the story of the family who lived above stairs and the servants who lived and worked below stairs to support their affluent lifestyle. Her Royal Highness The Duchess of Cornwall is the museum's Patron and the great, great, great granddaughter of Sir Allan MacNab. Enjoy a delicious lunch at the Olde School House, where her Majesty the Queen dined on one of her visits to Canada. Our next stop is at Canada's only privately run botanical gardens, Whistling Gardens. It's home to the largest public collection of conifers in the world with over 2,500 species, hybrids and cultivars on site. One of the many highlights at Whistling Gardens is the "fountain amphitheatre". The fountain display features over 100 individual fountains that have been choreographed to music composed by owner Darren Heimbecker.

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| <p><b>Date:</b> Tuesday, May 28, 2024</p> <p><b>Depart:</b> 9:00 a.m. Century Gardens</p> <p><b>Castle:</b> 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.<br/>One hour guided tour of Dundurn Castle</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> 12:15 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.<br/>Enjoy a delicious meal at the Olde School House in Paris<br/>Choice of 1) Chicken Supreme 2) Pickerel<br/><span style="color: red;">Meal selection required upon booking</span></p> <p><b>Gardens:</b> 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.<br/>Visit to Whistling Gardens in Wilsonville</p> <p><b>Return:</b> Arrival in Brampton approx. 6:30 p.m.</p> <p><b>Inclusions:</b> Return transportation via deluxe coach, tour of Dundurn Castle, lunch, admission to Whistling Gardens, gratuity on meal, driver gratuity, and all taxes.</p> <p><b>Price:</b> \$150.00 per person</p> <p><b>To Book:</b> Contact Vicki Dunnet at 289-752-7879</p> |    <p style="text-align: right; color: red; font-size: small;">Sign-up for our monthly E-Newsletter<br/>at <a href="http://yearroundtravel.com">yearroundtravel.com</a></p> |
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**Tiny Thoughts**.... presented by **Neil Watson**



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What every human being wants and needs:

1. To be part of something larger than themselves
  2. To be paid attention to
  3. To be listened to
  4. To be respected
  5. To be loved
  6. To matter
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Have a comment? A suggestion? or a submission?

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

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