



BRAMPTON PROBUS MENS  
CLUB REMEMBRANCE DAY  
11 NOVEMBER 2024

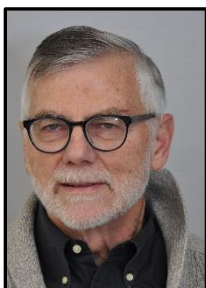
IN FLANDERS FIELDS THE POPPIES BLOW BETWEEN THE CROSSES, ROW ON  
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REMEMBER  
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ON THE 11TH HOUR  
OF THE 11TH DAY  
OF THE 11TH MONTH

ACT OF  
REMEMBRANCE  
THEY SHALL GROW  
NOT OLD,  
AS WE THAT ARE LEFT  
GROW OLD;  
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY  
THEM,  
NOR THE YEARS  
CONDEMN.  
AT THE GOING DOWN  
OF THE  
SUN  
AND IN THE MORNING  
WE WILL REMEMBER

RON CROUSE  
NOVEMBER 2024



## President's Message

Hello Gentlemen,

As we near the end of October, during which we celebrated Thanksgiving and all found many things to be truly thankful for, our thoughts now turn to November.

This is the month that we are reminded to think of those who sacrificed so much, so that we could live in a country where democratic freedoms are enjoyed by all. What continues to transpire in the Ukraine and the Middle East certainly brings the horror of war to us via on site media reports and helps us realize our own good fortune.

Our upcoming meeting will help us to honour all who have served and are serving in our military. Our special guest speaker, Tom Aldred, along with contributions from our own members, will in a somber way, hopefully be a fitting tribute to those heroes. We plan to have poppies available for all to wear for our meeting and to take home, so please remember to bring along a contribution for the poppy box.

Please also remember that November 5<sup>th</sup>, the date of our meeting, is also the deadline to pay your \$25 subscription fee if you are choosing to be part of our Technology Booster Club. As I shared previously, the initial virtual session is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM.

As well, we continue to look for a member that would be interested in the Special Events position to help plan future outings for all of us to enjoy. Even a short-term commitment would be most welcome. Of course, the search continues for a club Vice President to join our management team. New blood is vital for the continued success and survival of our club.

Murray Gingrich

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Vacant – Could be You

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## MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES

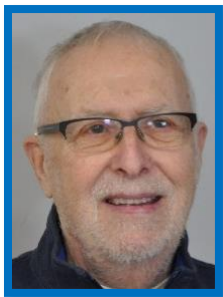


### VICE-PRESIDENT

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)

### SPECIAL EVENTS DIRECTOR

The position is vacant. It could be you! This is a great opportunity to be part of a fun, creative, and supportive team in the planning of activities and events for our Club. 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)



### FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Peter Kuipers

With the absolute greatest respect for the individual's privacy, our Club celebrates those things, the happy, the sad, those things that are important to our membership. Peter Kuiper is looking for reasons to celebrate...perhaps it's a birthday, a life lived, affiliations etc....please help and provide your information.

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)





## BRAMPTON PROBUS – CELEBRATING 31<sup>ST</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Probus began in England in 1965 as an offshoot of the Rotary Club. It was described as “a simple idea” without fundraising or participation requirements.

It wasn't until 1987 that the first North American club began in Cambridge, Ontario. Over the following six years thirty other Clubs were formed in BC, Alberta, Ontario, and New Brunswick.

### **“The Probus Club of Brampton “**

In October 1993 a notice was published in the Brampton Guardian and a letter mailed to 90 prospective members in which they were invited to attend an “interesting meeting” at Century Gardens. Of the 90 invitees, 60 showed up. The core of what was to become Brampton's first Probus Club had been formed.

On November 02<sup>nd</sup>, 1993 our Probus Club, having been sponsored by the Rotary Club, was duly accredited and registered with Probus Centre – Canada as “The Probus Club of Brampton “- the 32<sup>nd</sup> Probus Club in Canada.

Over the next ten years Canadian Probus Clubs grew from 32 to 150; while in Brampton our early success was the catalyst for Brampton's expansion to 5 Clubs.

For thirty-one years the Probus Men's Club of Brampton; an organization focused on friendship and fellowship, has created spaces for retirees to connect, share experiences and learn from one another in an environment of mutual respect and dignity.

So, happy anniversary to you, our members...thank you for being you!

## Our Member Greg Allen's wife....

### *In Loving Memory...*

It is with profound sadness we announce that The Rev. Canon Judy Allen passed away peacefully on October 7, 2024 surrounded by loved ones and embraced in prayer at the Bethell Hospice in Inglewood, at the age of 77.

She will be greatly missed by her loving husband of 53 years, Gregory Allen, her two daughters Marlene, Tara and her partner Dane, her son Greg and his wife Pegah, and her seven cherished grandchildren: Ty, Mya, Jasmine, Justin, Lia, Leila, and Marcus. She will also be mourned by her mother Salome, brothers Eustace, Mark, and Matthew, sisters Joan and Tammy, and countless family, friends, and members of the church community.



## These Members are not returning – we wish them well!



*Len Hollran*



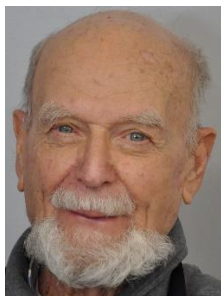
*Trevor Blachford*



*Martin Palko*



*Frank Murphy*



*Ken Robertson*



*John Porter*



*Dave Skitt*



*Norm Vreugde*



*Fred Messacar*



## NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING

### REMEMBRANCE DAY

*"We shall all gladly interrupt our business and pleasure whatever it might be and unite in this simple service of silence and remembrance."* King George V in 1919

### **The Story of Remembrance**

Guest Speaker

### **Poems**

In Flanders Fields

### **Act of Remembrance**

For the Fallen

### **Last Post (Video)**

### **2 Minutes of Silence**

### **Reveille (Video)**

### **Commitment to Remember**

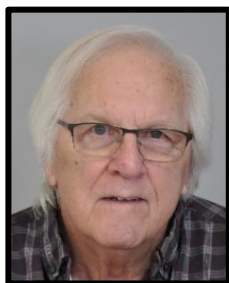
They were Young

Reading of the Veteran's Names





## BRAMPTON PROBUS VETERANS



Fred Bennett  
RCN



Robin Scott  
British Army



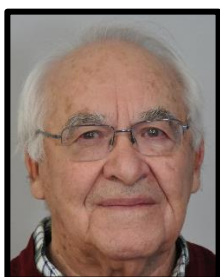
Ron Crouse  
RCAF



Tucker Harris  
Army



John Gow  
RCME  
Army



Otto Krepps  
RCAF



Peter Slade  
RCAF



Bill Ruth  
RCAF &  
Reserves



Tony Smith  
Royal Army  
Service Corp

## Tom Aldred – Our November Guest Speaker



THE MEMORY  
**PROJECT**

LE PROJET  
**MÉMOIRE**

My Military path Is below:

- Joined in 1977 as Supply Specialist primary Trade , served 11.5 Years left in 1988
- Seved 4 United Nations Missions
- Served in I CFSD at CFB Toronto
- Served aboard HMCS Ottawa, and HMCS Athabaskan.
- Posted 408 Tactical Helicopter Sqn in CFB Edmonton , served Squadron 2 years
- Posted CFB Edmonton

Special Qualifications:

- Ships Diver
- Helo Fire Fighter
- Scout
- Parachute Jumper (falling out of perfectly good Airplanes)
- Remained in Logistics until this current day

Tom Aldred P. Log. KH

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Pro Fide, Pro Utilitate Hominum

Servitum Nulli Secundus

CAVUNP In The Service of Peace

## LAST MONTH'S MEETING – OCTOBER 2024



### GUEST SPEAKER –

Chris Bint – Technology Booster Club

***"Resistance is Futile - Technology and the Rise of Digital Citizens"***

Chris Bint is the Chief Education Officer for Tech Coaches, a business that he started in 2006.

Since then, he has become a regular presenter to several Probus Clubs including two in Mississauga.

Chris is a skilled, knowledgeable and confident presenter.

## TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB

I am writing to ensure all members have the latest information on our exciting new resource, the Technology Booster Club.

Subscribing club members will be able to access monthly two-hour virtual sessions with Chris Bint, who had the opportunity to talk to us at our most recent meeting. We have agreed to have him present three sessions on the second Tuesday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. This means November 12, December 10, 2024 and January 14, 2025 will be the actual days of our meetings with him. Upon completion of those three sessions, we will decide whether or not to extend our involvement.

His idea for the three session topics are:

1. Telephone Scams, Internet Tricks and Digital Hoaxes
2. Tablets, Smartphones, Useful Apps and How to Master the Basics
3. Cloud Storage Fundamentals (Apple iCloud, Google Drive, Microsoft OneDrive)

The Zoom details will be shared well before the event and the link forwarded to all subscribers. He recommends connecting to the call via a computer or laptop, allowing use of phones or tablets without using them to Zoom simultaneously. He also suggests that members install Zoom software on their computers instead of using an internet browser. He is also open to receiving any technology questions from members before the first session.

## Technology Booster Club...continues

As previously announced there will be a cost to participants. At our recent management meeting we agreed that the total cost for the initial three sessions per member will be \$25.00. For these sessions, wives are welcome to join in. Please understand that only those subscribing will be forwarded the Zoom link to join the sessions.

While many of you have already expressed interest in being part of this new adventure, you will now need to confirm your spot by paying the \$25.00. Please note this is three package price and credit will not be given for anyone who is unable to make a session. To be included, your payment must be received by Peter Volkes no later than November 5, which is the date of our next general meeting. You are encouraged to forward your payment by e-transfer to [bramptonprobus@gmail.com](mailto:bramptonprobus@gmail.com) or pay in person at our meeting.

By Chris addressing us at our last meeting, we have had a small sample of the person, his knowledge and his gift for sharing that with others. I hope that you are as excited as I am about this opportunity to increase your technology know how and comfort level.

Please feel free to forward any questions or concerns directly to me. .... Murray Gingrich



## SHARE THE WEALTH – OCTOBER MEETING – WINNERS

The Dream-makers – Fred Bennet (L) and Bill Watson

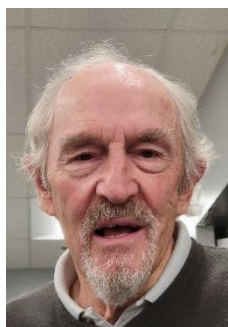


Dan Greyerbiehl winning  
\$25.00



Robin Scott winning \$25.00  
and a Bill Watson Hug.



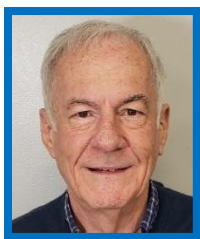


## **Our Newest Member.....**

**Rory Kerins is our newest member; he was inducted at the October meeting**



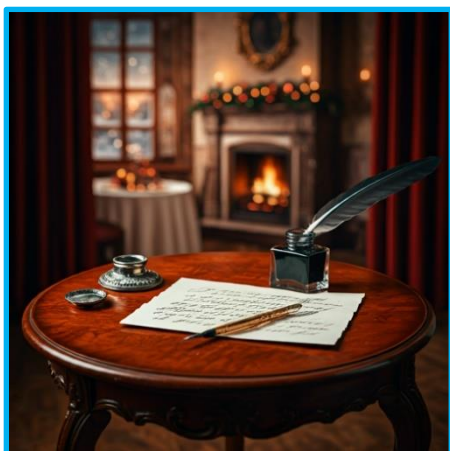
Jack O'Reilly, Membership Director, inducted Rory at the October Meeting.



## 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.*

### December Meeting – Tuesday December 03<sup>rd</sup>. 2024



We asked our members about their families – they told us a Story!

Our guest speaker will be Coral Harkies a member of the Ontario Genealogy Society. Coral will outline researching your family

We are also confident that Coral won't be the only Guest at the meeting **Ho! Ho! Ho!**

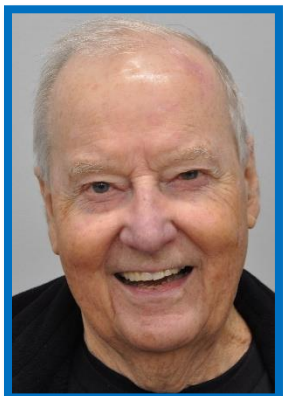
### January Meeting – Tuesday January 07<sup>th</sup> 2025



#### Scams and Cybercrime prevention

A timely presentation on Scams and Cybercrime awareness and prevention.

## Lunch after the Tues. November 05 meeting



**Bill Watson says...**

# Swiss Chalet

150 West Drive, Brampton L6T 5P1

410 @ 7 Centre

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## BOOK CLUB

**Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 @ 2:00 pm**

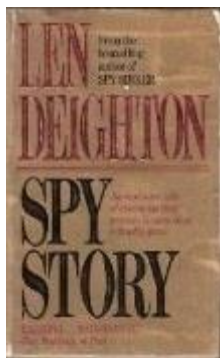
**Central Public School**

**24 Alexander St. Brampton**

New members are always welcome.

Questions?...

## November Book Club meeting....



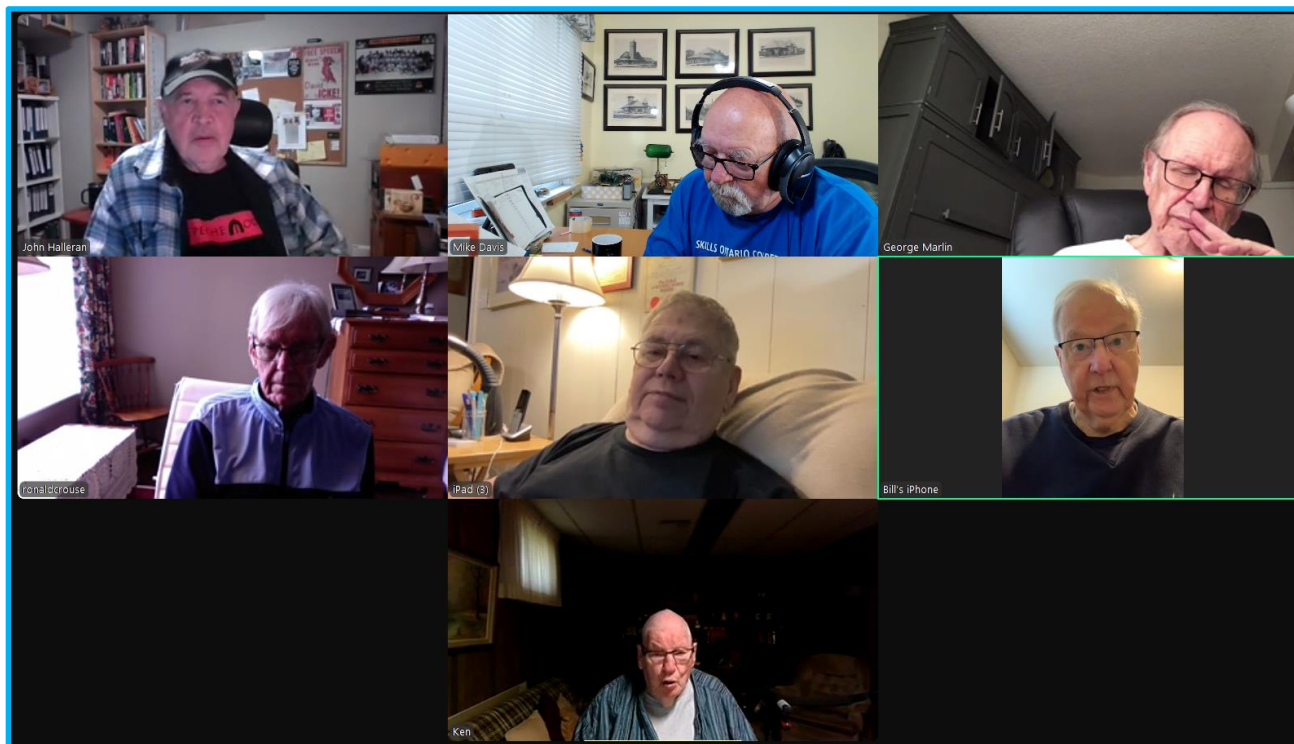
An attempted murder, the defection of a highly placed KGB official, and an explosive nuclear submarine chase beneath the Arctic Ocean seem to have little connection to one another. But they are the sparks that propel Pat Armstrong — also known as Harry Palmer — into the heart of a brutal East-West power play. And when Armstrong returns to his own apartment — where someone who looks and dresses just like him has taken up his identity — we are drawn into the world of spies and counterspies, plots and counterplots, that is Len Deighton's unbeatable trademark.

### The Book Club - Celebrating Fred's years of organizing the Book Club



Fred Messacar - 3rd from the left





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

And you thought AI (Artificial Intelligence) knew it all !!

You will find out differently if you join us on Friday afternoons at 4:00 pm as we generously provide a wealth of knowledge and advice to all that will listen.

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**

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## **NOVEMBER SCHEDULE**

### **NOVEMBER 1 ESKER –PARR LAKE TRAIL**

Follow Williams Parkway east over the 410 to Bramalea Limited Community Parking on the left at 1140 Williams Parkway. 9:00 AM start.

### **NOVEMBER 8 FLETCHERS CREEK TRAIL- NORTH FROM BOVAIRD**

Follow McLaughlin Road north to Marycroft Drive (first street on the left past Bovaird) Turn left and park beside or behind the Good Life Fitness building for a 9:00 AM start.

### **NOVEMBER 15 CONSERVATION DRIVE PARK TRAIL NORTH**

Follow Hurontario Street north to Conservation Drive. Turn right on Conservation Drive, and follow to the parking lot on the left at the top of the hill. 9:00AM start.

### **NOVEMBER 22 DONALD GORDON CHINGACOUSY PARK TRAIL**

Follow Queen Street east to Central Park Drive. Turn left and park on the right near the Fire Safety Education Centre. 9:00 AM start.



## **NOVEMBER 29 ETOBICOKE CREEK TRAIL NORTH FROM CHURCH**

Meet in the parking lot on Church Street, two blocks east of Hurontario Street, and across from Hallmark Place. 9:00 AM start.

## **Photos from the Oct. 18 Caledon Trailway walk and lunch at the Brampton Flying Club**





*"OUR STRENGTH IS FELLOWSHIP – OUR SUCCESS IS PARTICIPATION"*



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

## Walking Club Winners



The Walking Club from October 27, 2023 through till October 18, 2024 had 51 organized walks. Elgin Kreuger, the Walking Club organizer is shown presenting prizes to the Walkers with the greatest participation.

The Top participants in these walks...Kanti Mistry (R) took top spot with 45 walks, and Maurice Marsella a close second with 43 walks. Congratulations !!



## GOLF CLUB – Steve Hughes reports...

Our season is coming to an end shortly. Monday Oct 28 is the last day for our seasonal reservations.

If the weather stays good the course will remain open. You should make your own reservations if you wish to continue after Oct 28.

Thanks to everyone who came out and enjoyed golf with Probus members.

See you next season.

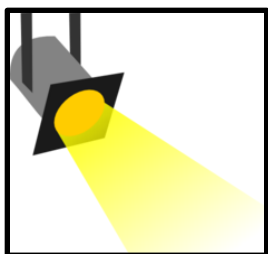
Thanks,  
Steve

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## A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

**FRED MESSACAR**

by Steve Hughes

**A Brampton Probus member from 1994 - 2024**



Fred Messacar is moving to Hastings, Ontario to live with his son and family.

Fred was one of the founding members of our Book Club. He joined Ken Braham, Ernie Atkinson, Frank Murphy, Aubrey Smith and several others when they started a book club in the early years of Probus in Brampton. Fred served as Secretary for our club keeping track of what we were reading and what we had read.

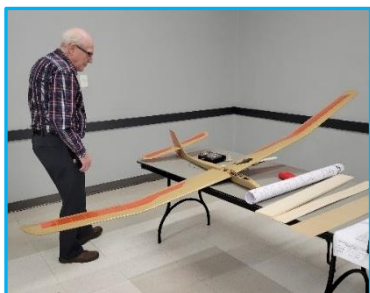
We will miss Fred from the Book Club. He always had thoughtful comments on the book we were reading.

Fred was also an early member of our Probus Club. The club was started in 1993 by Karl Ingbertson and Jack Dearlove and Cecil Elliot.

Fred joined in 1994 and has been a member ever since.

Just this year Fred was our main speaker for one of our meetings. He brought in a portion of his Model Airplane collection for us to view and regaled us with stories of the adventures he has flying these planes.

At the end of his presentation, he was surrounded by members looking in detail at his planes and asking even more questions. Fred also displayed extensive knowledge of our plane history. He seemed to know details and recollect funny stories about airplane adventures. He retold the Gimli Manitoba adventure in great detail adding facts we had forgotten.



Fred also played a role at the end of our meetings. Just before closing, the president would call upon Fred who would close us with a joke.

We will miss you, Fred.





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

#### THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

Imagine that you have won the following PRIZE in a contest:

Each morning your bank deposits \$86,400 in your private account for your personal use. However, this prize has specific Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during each day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning, the bank deposits into your account another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!"
6. It can close the account, and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do? Maybe you would buy anything and everything you wanted; not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for; maybe, even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself. No doubt, you would try to spend every penny and use it all, because you know it will be replenished the next morning, right?

ACTUALLY, THIS GAME IS REAL! Each of us is already a winner of this PRIZE. We just don't realize it or think about it.

#### THE PRIZE IS "TIME."

1. Each morning each of us awakens to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.

## OUR THANKS....

Do you have a membership story? Send it to [probus32brampton@gmail.com](mailto:probus32brampton@gmail.com)

Thanks to all who have provided content for the newsletter, and as always, a special thanks to Ron Crouse for his monthly Illustration.

Have a comment? A suggestion? or a submission?

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

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