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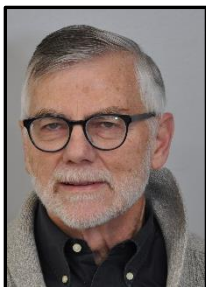
THE PROBUS
MEN'S CLUB OF
BRAMPTON WISH
OUR MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE A
MERRY
CHRISTMAS



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VERY
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WITH
FAMILIES
AND
FRIENDS.



RON CROUSE
DECEMBER 2024



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 this special season with family and friends, we can

hope that one day fellowship and friendship will be what better describes the world, rather than unhappiness and hardship for so many.

Our December 3rd meeting is our Probus Christmas get together. We look forward to another entertaining speaker who will share some of her extensive knowledge of genealogy. We will be led once again by Steve Hughes in singing familiar Christmas songs and will be able to enjoy sharing a tasty 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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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – Our newest Committee member



John Gignac - SPECIAL EVENTS

We are pleased to introduce John Gignac as our newest addition to Activities and Special Events. John officially moves into this role in January and is eager to work with John Inglis in developing an exciting events calendar. Your suggestions are eagerly encouraged and can be sent to either of the Johns...John Inglis

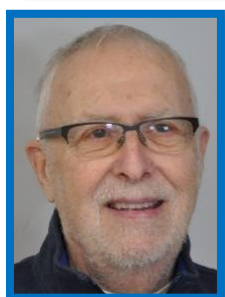
Johninglis1@bell.net or John Gignac jlignac7@gmail.com

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



FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Peter Kuipers

With the absolute greatest respect for the individual's privacy, our Club celebrates those things, the happiness, the sadness, 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



DECEMBER MEETING – Tuesday December 03rd. 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

All Members – Tell us your Family research stories, the good, the bad, the skeletons in the closet!



St. Nick and his elves will be visiting and bringing lunch.



Steve accompanied by Barry Endicott on keyboard will lead Carol singing

TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB (second session)



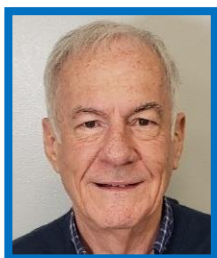
December 10th, 01:00 – 03:00 PM

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

Twenty-two Probus members signed up for the Technology Booster Club and the consensus is that the first session was a resounding success. The first session focused on scams, internet tricks and digital hoaxes. The next session – Tuesday December 10th @ 01:00 – 03:00 pm – will deal with mastering the basics. A look at Tablets, smartphones and useful apps.

If you didn't sign up for the first session you can still sign up for sessions two and three – the cost for both sessions is \$25.00 Please bring cash or cheque to the December 03 Probus meeting or e-transfer the funds to bramptonprobus@gmail.com

These sessions are delivered by Zoom and the Zoom details will be shared well before the event and the link forwarded to all subscribers. Chris, the presenter, 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 each session.



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 Meeting – Tuesday January 07th 2025



Scams and Cybercrime prevention

A timely presentation on Scams and Cybercrime awareness and prevention.

February Meeting – Tuesday, February 04th 2025



Billy Watterson – Wood Carver

Local Brampton wood carver and artist Billy Watterson completed a carving of a life-sized Second World War soldier, which he donated to the [Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15 \(80 Mary St.\)](#) to honour the memory of fallen service men and women for Remembrance Day.



NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE DAY MEETING

Our Remembrance Day meeting was live streamed and recorded. To watch it click on the link below.

<https://tinyurl.com/y93j79rz>



The Probuss Vets!!

Remembrance Day readings



Cec Bechamp reads "in Flanders Fields"



Bruce South reading "For the Fallen"



Murray Gingrich reading the "Commitment to Remember" and "They were young"



Our Veteran's Memories –

to hear their story – click on link beneath their name



John Gow

<https://tinyurl.com/ywmempm8>



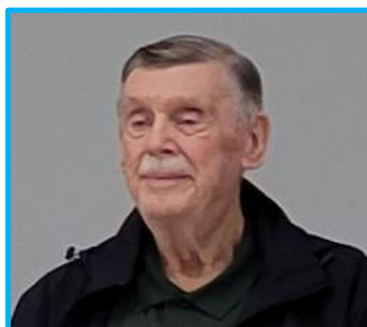
Otto Krepps

<https://tinyurl.com/yw6ps8vn>



Bill Ruth

<https://youtu.be/uORFnqsZ0lQ>



Tony Smith

<https://tinyurl.com/6txjua8w>



Our Member's Memories

To hear their memories click on the link beneath their name



Peter Kuipers

<https://tinyurl.com/bddvhu3x>



Neil Watson

<https://tinyurl.com/3brdyt28>



Henk
Degraauw

<https://tinyurl.com/2te2sjns>



Cec Bechamp

<https://tinyurl.com/ydmrmxav>



Barry Endicott

<https://tinyurl.com/5zne2tmw>



Giulio Rossi

<https://tinyurl.com/3eztamvu>

Our Newest Members....

Jack O'Reilly, Membership Director (far right) inducts our newest members....



Our newest members...Tony Smith (2nd from left) and Rick Sargent (3rd from right) are introduced to the Probus membership during the November meeting.



SHARE THE WEALTH – NOVEMBER MEETING – WINNERS

The Dream-makers – Jim Wyllie (L) and Bill Watson



John Gignac having won \$26.00 pulls
the next winning ticket



Giulio Rossi winning \$26.00



BOOK CLUB

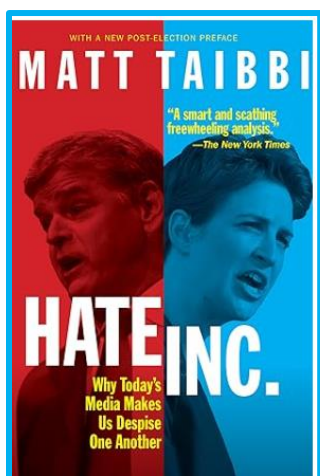
Monday January 20th, 2025 @ 2:00 pm

Central Public School

24 Alexander St. Brampton

New members are always welcome.

January Book



Hate Inc.: Why Today's Media Makes Us Despise One Another

Matt Taibbi

(copies available)

In this characteristically turbocharged new book, celebrated *Rolling Stone* journalist Matt Taibbi provides an insider's guide to the variety of ways today's mainstream media tells us lies. Part tirade, part confessional, it reveals that what most people think of as "the news" is, in fact, a twisted wing of the entertainment business.



PROBUS ZOOM SOCIAL

Friday afternoons at 4:00 pm., is a virtual social get together. 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 provides three quizzes and trivia questions. Hope to see you there!

The invitation for this event is emailed, on Fridays, to all our Probuss members and it includes the Zoom link. Questions? Contact Mike at 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 or Mike Mahaney retiredsharyn@hotmail.com





WALKING CLUB

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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 6 CHINGUACOUSY TRAIL- AVONDALE NORTH

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

DECEMBER 13 FLETCHERS CREEK SOUTH FROM SOUTHBROOK

Follow Ray Lawson Blvd. west from Hurontario Street to Susan Fennell Sportsplex. Park in the Sportsplex parking lot on the right closest to the Southbrook Seniors Residences. 9:00 AM start.

DECEMBER 20 RIDGEHILL TRAIL –FLETCHERS CREEK

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

DECEMBER 27 ETOBICOKE CREEK TRAIL – BRAMPTON MALL

Meet at the Brampton Mall parking lot, east of Hurontario Street, adjacent to the Metro grocery store. 9:00 AM start.

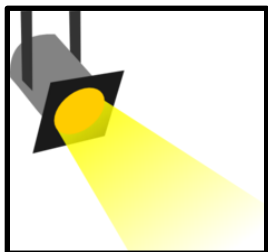


Brampton Soccer Centre – Indoor Walking

Beginning Friday, January 3rd, 2025 @ 9:00 AM and continuing every Friday until further notice, we will be walking at the Brampton Soccer Centre, which is at the intersection of Dixie Road and Sandalwood Parkway.

Etobicoke Creek North of Conservation Drive Walk - November 15/24





A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

"Where the magic begins"

The Meeting production



Jack Murphy (L) sets up the equipment and ensures the room is set up. At the end of the meeting, he returns all the equipment to the storage locker. Dieter Christiansen sets up the audio / video controls



Fernando DelBuono live streaming the meeting through Zoom

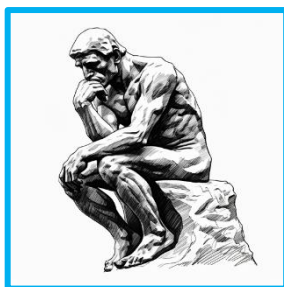
OTHER BRAMPTON PROBUS CLUBS

Probus Brampton Flowertown Travel Group Presentation

"Mizoram – The sound of music in the land of Head-Hunters"

Click on the link below

<https://tinyurl.com/4vn2cnem>



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

Frustration is bargaining with reality, hoping it will change.

Yelling at traffic doesn't make it move faster. Rehearsing the same complaints about your spouse doesn't change their behavior. Getting angry at the delayed flight doesn't make it take off sooner.

While you're busy fighting what is, you're blind to what could be.

All the energy you put into arguing with reality comes at the expense of improving your situation. The mountain doesn't care how much you yell at it, but you'll find a path around it if you stop and look.

OUR THANKS....

Do you have a membership story? Send it to 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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