



MR. PROBUS JR.



AS PRESIDENT
I WISH
GROUNDHOG DAY, THE
DAY OF LOVE, PET DAY
AND WORLD
THINKING DAY
WILL MAKE US
HAPPIER.


GROUNDHOG DAY IS CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 2ND. IT IS A SPECIAL DAY WHEN A CUTE LITTLE GROUNDHOG PREDICTS THE WEATHER.

IF THE GROUNDHOG SEES HIS SHADOW THERE WILL BE SIX MORE WEEKS OF WINTER. HE RETURNS TO HIS DEN.




NATIONAL LOVE DAY, YOUR PET DAY IS CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 20TH FOR PET LOVERS.

WE OFFER DOG DAYCARE, DOG BOARDING AND DOG GROOMING IN PROBUS HOMES.




THE DAY OF LOVE IS CALLED VALENTINE'S DAY AND CELEBRATED ON FEBRUARY 14TH.

VALENTINE'S DAY BEGAN TO BE POPULAR, AROUND THE 17TH CENTURY.

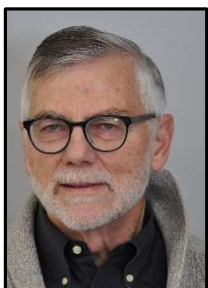


WORLD THINKING DAY IS CELEBRATED EVERY YEAR ON FEBRUARY 22 BY MILLIONS OF GIRL GUIDES AND GIRL SCOUTS AROUND THE WORLD.

GIRL SCOUTS, ON FEBRUARY 22ND OF EACH YEAR CELEBRATING WORLD THINKING DAY.



RON CROUSE FEB 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As winter slowly passes and we get to see a bit more daylight, we welcome the month of February. I do prefer the upcoming second half of winter because we can begin to anticipate the arrival of spring.

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. We would also be happy for this responsibility to be shared by two members. 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. These include weekly Thursday Play Days, Friday Walking Group and Friday Social Hours, as well as the monthly Book Club and Technology Booster Club. Don't forget that you must register for the next three Technology Booster Club sessions no later than February 4. All are welcome and if you haven't been part of this activity, you are encouraged to talk to some of the members that have participated. We have all been impressed with Chris Bint and are becoming a little more tech savvy each month.

Happy February to all.

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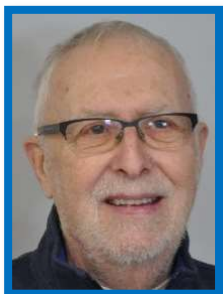
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES



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



FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Peter Kuipers

With great respect for our members' 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

It doesn't get much better than this...fellowship after the Walk.



Photo by??? ...provided by Steve Hughes

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

OUR MEMBER'S PASSING

A Celebration of Life – Phil Thompson

Phil was a founding member of our Probus Club.



Standing - Jack Murphy, Stephen Hughes Sitting - Bob England, Peter Kuipers, Elgin Kreuger, George Stephens



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 GUEST SPEAKER – Billy Watterson



Tuesday, February 04th 2025

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.

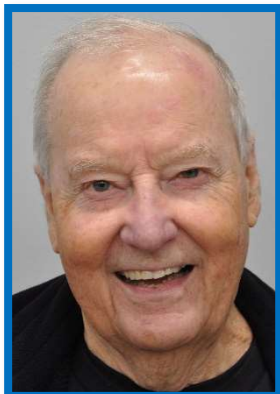
MARCH GUEST SPEAKER – John Halleran



History enthusiast John Halleran presents his new talk for 2025 entitled "**What's with Commissions?**"

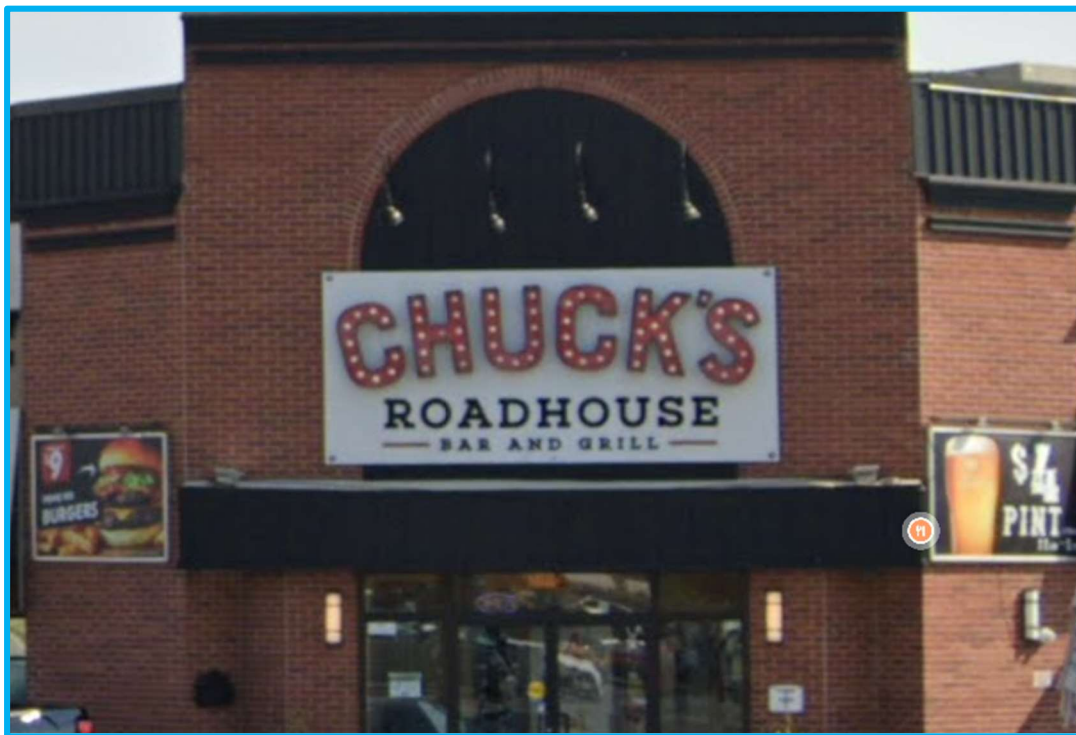
His entertaining, power-point supported monologue examines the response to four seminal events: the attack on Pearl Harbor; the Kennedy assassination, 9/11 attacks and the Canadian trucker protest.

His presentation discusses what was learnt from examining past govt commissions and juxtaposing them against the recent Public Order Emergency Measures Commission struck in response to the Canadian Trucker Freedom Convoy.



LUNCH LOCATION – Bill Watson

Following the February 04th meeting – “Lunch is at Chuck’s Roadhouse 2 Kennedy Rd S. Two things our luncheoners need to be aware of are an **18% gratuity will be automatically added to the bill and the 3% “Honest to Goodness” charge also applies.** On the positive side the \$4.00 draughts are available, and the food specials still offer a reasonably cost for lunch. I’m keeping the restaurants close during the winter months because of the possibility of snowy weather . Hopefully come March we can offer some new restaurants to go to.”



Corner of Queen St and Kennedy Rd. South

TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB - New sessions



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

Due to the positive response to the first set of sessions, we have decided to extend our involvement by having another three sessions in the months ahead. Once again, the sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 PM. All club members can subscribe to these three sessions for a \$25.00 fee. As well, you are welcome to have your spouses join the presentations as you are in the comfort of your own home.

The topics will be as follows:

February 11, 2025 - Organizing Digital Photos on Mobile Devices and Computers

March 11, 2025 - Google Toolkit: Google's Most Powerful Free Apps

April 8, 2025 - Travel Tips with a Smartphone (eSIMs, VPNs, and Map Apps)

To reserve your spot, payment is due no later than at our next meeting on February 4th. Meanwhile, you are encouraged to pay by e transfer to Peter Volkes at bramptonprobus@gmail.com.

If you have any questions, please email or phone me at 647 527-5630.

Take care,

Murray Gingrich

SPECIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES



BRAMPTON FOLK CLUB

Musical Memories - From the 50's to the 80's

With Carlos Medina, Sylvia Genders and Mark Yan

Thursday, March 13th 07:00 – 08:30 pm

\$8.00 / person

Peel Art Gallery Museum and Archives (PAMA)

9 Wellington St E, Brampton, ON L6W 1Y1

Phone: (905) 791-4055



Disc Golf

With the warmer weather coming soon (fingers crossed) a young man's fancy turns to...

Disc golf ...it's perfect for our Probus members. It's a low-impact activity that provides gentle exercise, improves balance, and engages the mind. Walking the course is a terrific way to stay active, while the strategic nature of the game keeps the brain sharp. Plus, it is a social activity that combats loneliness and fosters friendships.

John Gignac will provide details and instructions.



JANUARY MEETING – LOU LISI

Senior Safety – A unique perspective



Lou Lisi retired from the CN Police in 2018 after a 33-year career, including service as a Staff Sergeant overseeing Network Security and Intelligence. Referring to the RCMP Senior Guidebook, Lou spoke on Senior Safety. His time on the job, his training and his real-life experiences made for an enthralling and informative session. Currently, he works seasonally for the Toronto Blue Jays, conducting risk assessments and VIP protection.

Questions on may be directed to Lou's email lj10928@hotmail.com

Below...

Want to see the recorded meeting? Click on the Link

<https://tinyurl.com/yjp5fhjc>



SHARE THE WEALTH

JANUARY MEETING – WINNERS

The Dream-makers – Peter Slade (L) and Bill Watson

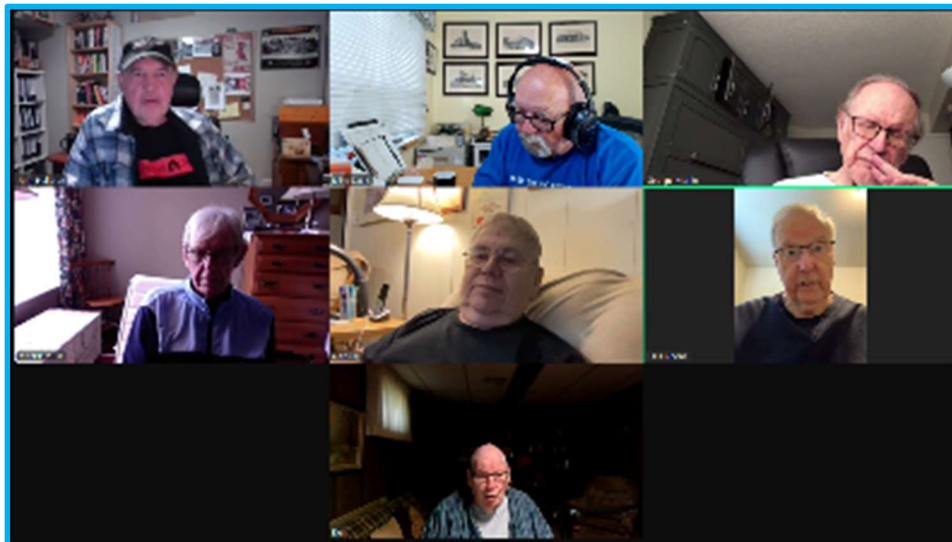


Rick Sargent (far left), Neil Watson (far right) both received their \$27.50 in winnings.

OUR NEWEST MEMBER – Allan McGregor



Allan (center) is inducted by Jack O'Reilly, membership director and Murray Gingrich, President



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 to 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

Central Public School

24 Alexander St. Brampton

3rd Tuesday of the month – 2:00 – 3:00 pm



February reading – Tues., February 18th @ 2:00 pm

A genre called “Noir” or “Pulp Fiction.”

Mike Hammer, Sam Spade...characters from the 30's, 40's, 50's by Mickey Spillane, Raymond Chandler, Dashiell Hammett.

Noir writings of the 1930s-50s are dark, cynical tales of crime, morality, and human frailty, marked by sharp dialogue, flawed protagonists, and gritty urban settings. (much like our Book Club and its members)



DARTS, CARDS, and OTHER THINGS.

Every Thursday 1:30 – 4:30

Spot One 289 Rutherford Rd. South

Questions? Contact Marcel marcel.spidalieri@gmail.com

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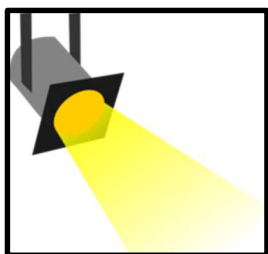
WALKING CLUB

Every Friday @ 9:00 AM at the Save Max Sports Centre, Dixie Road and Sandalwood Parkway.



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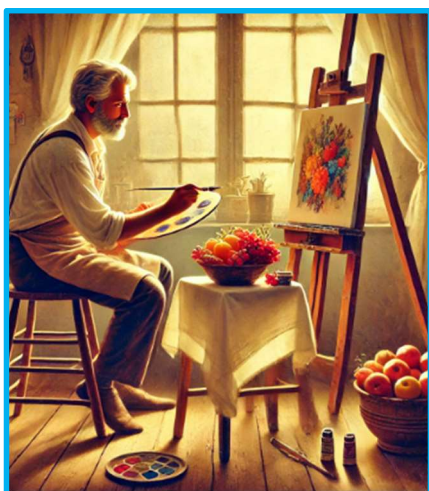
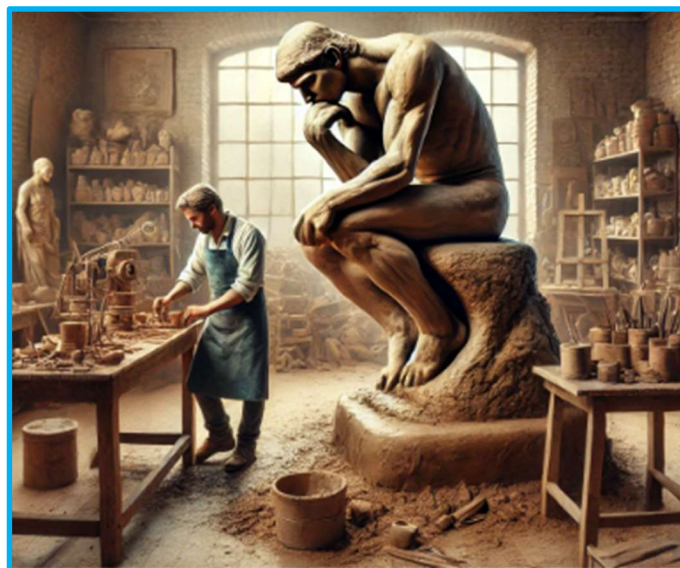
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A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

"Hobbies, Crafts and other distractions"

Do you have a hobby, craftwork or other distractions that you would like to share with our members at a General Meeting?



Please let Neil know as he is putting the Spring / Summer programs together. Neil can be reached at Neilwatson2016@gmail.com or speak with him at the February meeting

Other Probus Groups from around Brampton

Probus Travel Group



The video of Alan Shaver's road trip through Eastern Europe. The trip starts in Odessa, Ukraine, visits the breakaway Republic of Transnistria and on through the countries of the former Yugoslavia, finishing off in Slovenia. It is an area of the world that has seen more than its share of turmoil, but a wonderful place to travel. The presentation is by Alan Shaver.

<https://youtu.be/AVA3pK4-k9g>

<https://tinyurl.com/3n3dfd36>

If anyone is interested in presenting, please contact us.

Alan Shaver 905-840-4486

Lionel Nichol

Probus Travel Group



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

Everyone gets knocked down; the difference is who stays down.

When you are on the ground, you will hear people saying, 'That's not fair' or 'That shouldn't happen.' The longer you lie there, the louder the voices become.

Getting up is not easy, but it is the only way forward.

OUR THANKS....

Do you have a membership story? Something that you would like to include in the newsletter. 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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