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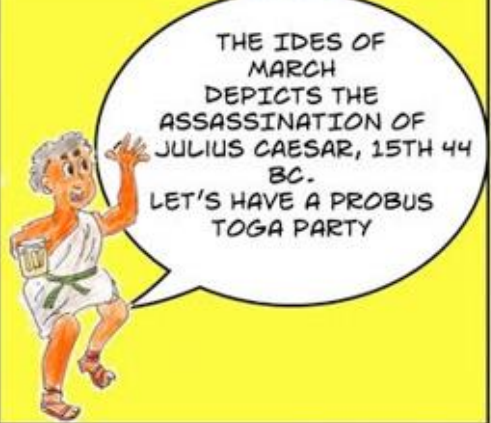
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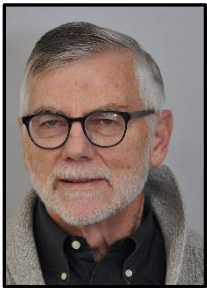
MARCH WAS NAMED AFTER MARS, THE GOD OF WAR



ON MARCH 1 1893 PEOPLE IN LANARK, SCOTLAND INTRODUCED "WHUPPITY SCOORIE DAY" TO CELEBRATE SPRING.



RON CROUSE MARCH 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we enter another new month, it is time to think about what awaits us. We do know that in March we tend to get even more "nice" days as we near the coming of spring. Before we know it, St. Patrick's Day will be here and once again our very own Irish legend, Pascal, will be ready and able to join others in truly celebrating that special occasion.

Once again at our meeting this month we will have Upcoming Events sheets available on each table. The hope is that they provide a reminder of what club activities are coming up, whether weekly, monthly, or special for that specific month. You are encouraged to take several with you from the supply sitting next to the name tag bin to share with anyone that may be interested in learning about our club. As well, you are to help yourself to the club brochures and business cards if you can think of opportunities to share them with potential new members.

I want to again remind you that we are still looking for a Vice President. If you have any questions about the time commitment or tasks, please speak to any of our committee members. We continue to look forward to having new faces at our monthly management committee meetings.

Thank you to Neil Watson for consistently arranging interesting speakers each month. We hope you are enjoying the various activities we continue to offer. If you have any ideas for additional events or activities, please let me know.

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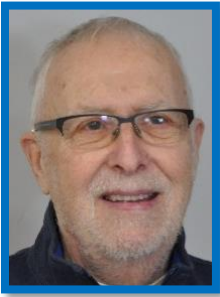
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES



VICE-PRESIDENT

if you have not yet had an opportunity to serve on the Probus executive, let me draw your attention to the ‘header’ on each page of the newsletter. “Our Strength is Fellowship - Our Success is Participation”. Please give your earnest consideration to the idea of Participation on the executive. – Bob England



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...a beer and a deck of cards!



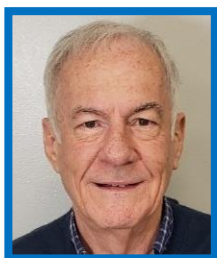
OUR MEMBER'S PASSING

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.

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.

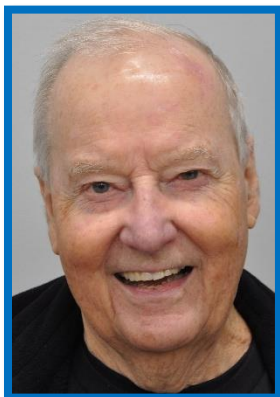
His presentation discusses what was learnt from examining past govt commissions and juxtaposing them against the recent Public

Order Emergency Measures Commission struck in response to the Canadian Trucker Freedom Convoy.

APRIL GUEST SPEAKER – Jim Kenzie



Jim Kenzie, Canada's top automotive journalist for 38 years, was Chief Auto Reviewer for the *Toronto Star* and a longtime host on TSN's *Motoring* TV. A racing champion and author of *AutoBiography*, he shares global car industry stories. Copies of his book are available today for \$30.



LUNCH LOCATION – Bill Watson

Following the March 04th meeting – Lunch is at Boston Pizza



Boston Pizza - 65 Resolution Drive - Rutherford and Steeles area

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 the next two 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:

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 March 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.

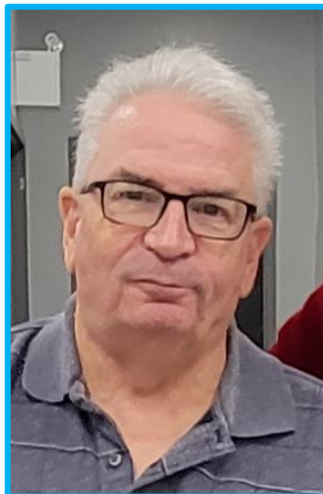
John Gignac will provide details and instructions.



What do you get when you combine Lunch and Special Events ?



Bill Watson - Lunch



John Gignac – Special Events



Lunch at the Mandarin !

Tuesday, April 01 @ 12:30

Significant others welcome !

\$26.99 plus Tax & Gratuity

238 Biscayne Crescent Brampton ON L6W 4S1

[\(905\) 451-2222](tel:9054512222)

Details and signup at the March 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.



Want to see the recorded meeting? Click on the Link Below...

<https://youtu.be/zhoBEZp4bso>



SHARE THE WEALTH

FEBRUARY MEETING – WINNERS

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

They both got the memo on Plaid shirts!



Paschal and David Heathfield won \$25.50 each – Congratulations

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

Probuss members and it includes the Zoom link.

Questions? Contact Mike at mikedavis0723@gmail.com

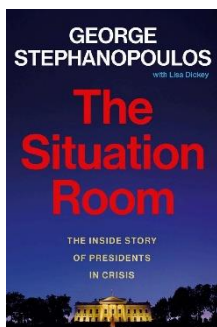


BOOK CLUB

Central Public School

24 Alexander St. Brampton

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



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

George Stephanopoulos's *The Situation Room* reveals the White House Situation Room's pivotal role in global crisis management over 12 presidencies. It uncovers historic decisions, close calls, and the people shaping events behind its secretive walls.



DARTS, CARDS, and OTHER THINGS.

Every Thursday 1:30 – 4:30

Spot One 289 Rutherford Rd. South

Questions? Contact Marcel

marcel.spidalieri@gmail.com or Mike Mahaney

retiredsharyn@hotmail.com



WALKING CLUB

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

Who is this guy ?? He just joined the Probus Walkers for the photo – sign him up!



Questions...

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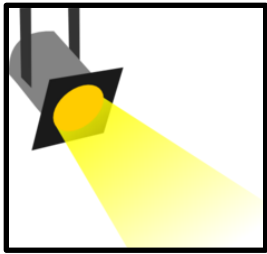
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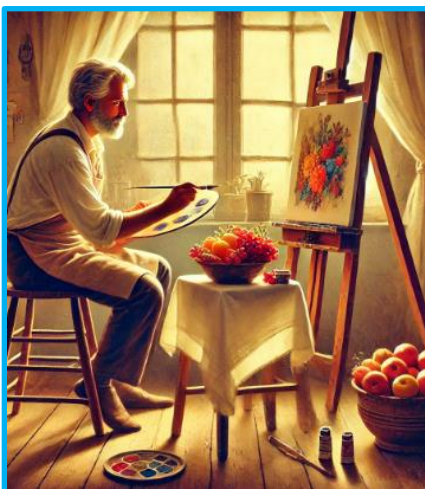
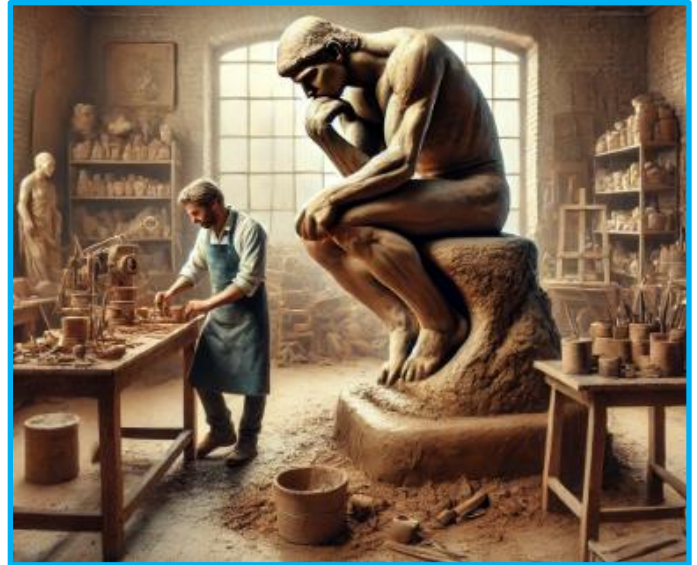
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A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

"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 – March 19th @ 2:00 pm

Zoom meeting - Roy Prince will be presenting his September 2024 trip to Cornwall, Devon and Dorset

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Meeting ID-853 5461 0585
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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**

Your choices determine your trajectory.

Waiting for perfect conditions is how otherwise intelligent people keep themselves stuck.

While you wait for perfect conditions, others are creating them.

We can't control the political winds, but we can adjust our own sails.

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
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