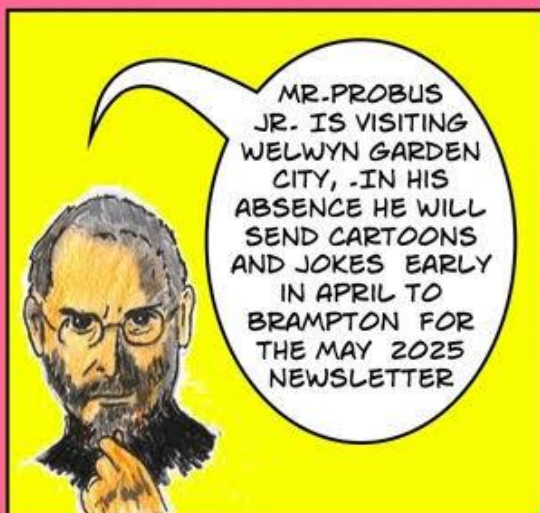


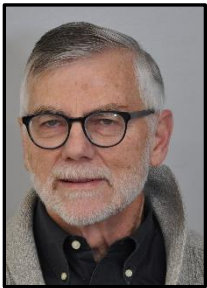


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As I write this, I am assuming that you are as eager to welcome spring as I am. It is a favourite time of year for many as we witness all that comes to life in the garden, around our homes and in the neighbourhood. It is so nice to be able to store those shovels away.

As our thoughts turn to spring, I am reminded that the Walking Club will soon resume the Friday morning treks outside. Please think about joining us as we explore interesting trails in our area. Before we know it tee times will soon be available for booking on Mondays. Our Thursday afternoons at Spot 1 will continue along with the Friday afternoon social hour, our Book Club and our Technology Booster Club. We also look forward to a variety of special events over the upcoming months. Remember, if you have an idea for any other activity, please pass this along to any member of the membership committee.

For the continuing viability of our club, it is most important that we have some new additions to our management team. Right now, there is a pressing need for a Vice President. By August the list of vacancies may well grow even longer. So, if there is any way that you would consider helping, please reach out to learn more about what would be involved in such a commitment.

On behalf of the management committee, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Easter and Happy Spring.

Murray Gingrich

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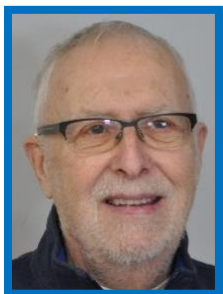
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES



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

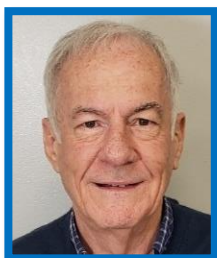
Peter Kuipers

With great respect for our members' privacy, our Club celebrates those things, the happiness, 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

Always looking for something to celebrate!





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.

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.

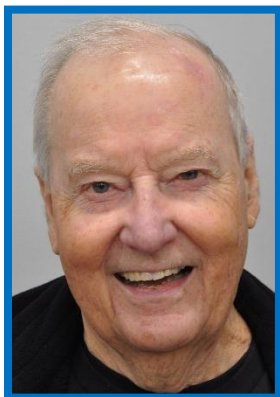
MAY GUEST SPEAKER – Grant Linney



Grant Linney has dedicated over six decades to outdoor and environmental education, working with conservation authorities, school boards, the Ontario government, and independent schools. His contributions have earned him numerous municipal, provincial, and national awards.

Since retiring from full-time teaching, Grant has delivered more than 1,100 climate change presentations and spent over 10,000 hours researching this critical issue. A passionate writer, he regularly contributes opinion pieces to *The Hamilton Spectator*.

In 2024, he published *Outdoor Magic: The Power of Nature Connection*, a widely acclaimed book emphasizing the importance of direct, repeated engagement with nature to inspire action on global environmental challenges. Today's presentation will explore key themes from his book, highlighting the profound impact of nature on our well-being and environmental stewardship.



LUNCH LOCATION – Bill Watson



After the Tues. April 06th meeting.....



Spot One Bar and Grill

289 Rutherford Rd S, Brampton, ON L6W 3R9

Phone: [\(905\) 456-0422](tel:9054560422)

Menu: spot1live.ca

TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB - New sessions



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

The remaining session in this series is:

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

Next Series of Sessions - May 13, June 10 and September 9th

The sessions will be held on the second Tuesday of the month - at 1:00 PM. All club members can subscribe to the 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 off your own home.

To reserve your spot, payment is due no later than at our next meeting on MAY 6th. 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



PROBUS JULY MEETING & BBQ

Date: Tuesday, July 08th , 2025

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Royal Canadian Legion Branch 15
80 Mary St., Brampton, ON L6W 2R3



BBQ Lunch

Details to follow



A VISIT TO A HORSE FARM – GIDDY-UP

Date: Tuesday, June 10th , 2025

DETAILS TO FOLLOW





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.



A good time was had by all.... BRAMPTON FOLK CLUB at the Pama Courtroom



The verdict is in..."it was a great night"



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

Looking Back – Our March Meeting



MARCH GUEST SPEAKER – John Halleran

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

This was a thought provoking and always entertaining look at four events that touched us all: the attack on Pearl Harbor; the Kennedy assassination, 9/11 attacks and the Canadian trucker protest.

His presentation discussed 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.

Well worth a second watch...to see the recorded meeting click on the Link Below...

<https://youtu.be/3BbcVezNWZA>

OUR NEWEST MEMBER – Billy Watterson



Billy Watterson is inducted by Jack O'Reilly (Right), Membership Director



SHARE THE WEALTH

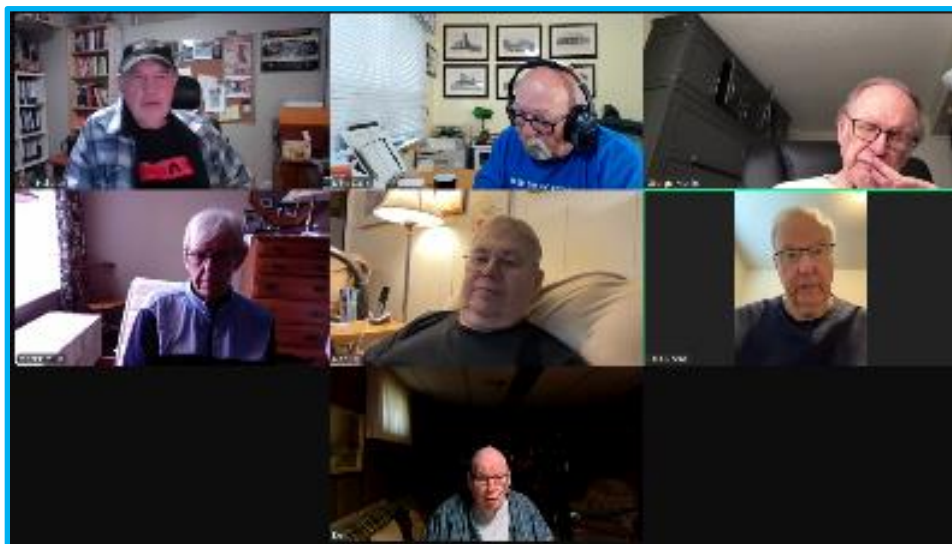
MARCH MEETING – WINNERS

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

They both got the memo on Plaid shirts!

Ted Jurgens and Barrie Williams won \$27.00

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

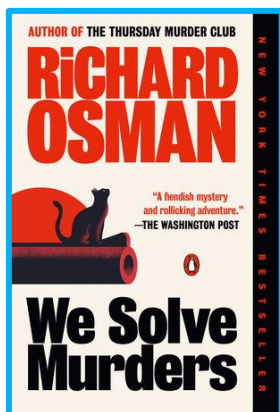


BOOK CLUB

Central Public School

24 Alexander St. Brampton

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



April reading – Tues., April 15th @ 2:00 pm

INSTANT *NEW YORK TIMES* BESTSELLER!

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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





GOLF CLUB

Hi Golfers,

At the start of each month, golfers can reserve their Monday tee-off times for the month by sending Peter Volkes an email money transfer for the cost of the 4 [or 5] Mondays in the upcoming month.

For example (prices below include taxes)

- \$34.66 (adult) X 4 = \$138.64
- \$26.57 (Senior) X4 = \$106.28

Peter will inform Steve of the number of tee-off spots to reserve for each Monday of that month. Golfers should arrive prior to their tee-off time and go inside to pay if they wish to rent a Golf cart.

Costs

Walking:

- \$34.66 (adult)
- \$26.57 (Senior)

Cart:

- Adult with cart and tax - \$48.52
- Senior with cart and tax - \$40.43

Golfers who are unable to attend on a particular Monday but have already paid Peter for the entire month can notify Steve by Friday morning (at least 48 hours in advance). Steve can then cancel that tee-off spot, and the course will be aware that the tee time is no longer needed, with no charge or penalty.

If the tee-off spot is not cancelled in time, we will be required to pay for the unused tee-off.

If golfers cancel within the given timeframe, their payment will be held as a credit to be used for the following month.

Last-minute tee time cancellations made less than 48 hours in advance due to medical reasons or emergencies will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

In the event that the course is closed due to weather or conditions, golfers will not be charged for their tee times.

We look forward to seeing you on the golf course!

Steve Hughes

WALKING CLUB



Questions...

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WALKING CLUB – APRIL SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, APRIL 4TH @ 9:00 AM at the Save Max Sports Centre, Dixie Road and Sandalwood Parkway.

APRIL 11 HEART LAKE CONSERVATION TRAIL

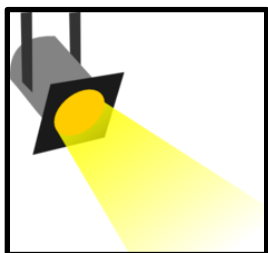
Meet at the entrance parking area on Heart Lake Road just north of Lakeside Garden Centre for a 9:00AM start.

APRIL 18 GOOD FRIDAY –NO SCHEDULED WALK

APRIL 25 ETOBICOKE CREEK SOUTH CHERRY BLOSSOM WALK

Meet at the Brampton Mall parking lot adjacent to the Metro grocery store. We will walk south through the cherry blossom orchard and past the 'Bridge That Went Too Far' 9:00AM





A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

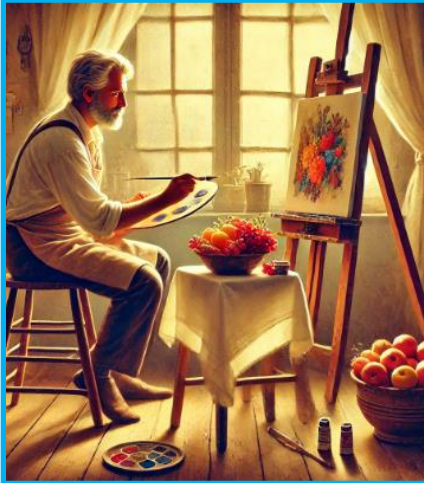
Ward Wright – Master Carver



Ward, using his craft, delivers a message to Trump

"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 Brampton Flowertown - Travel Group

Hi All

Here is the YouTube link for the March 19 travel presentation given by Roy Prince. The tour travels through Cornwall, Devon and Dorset in Southwestern England.

There will not be any presentation in April. We are always looking for people to present. If you are interested, please contact

Lionel Nichol- lnichol@sympatico.ca

Al Shaver- alan_shaver@hotmail.com

<https://youtu.be/bYaExTWfbJM>

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Attachments area

Preview YouTube video Probus Brampton Flowertown - Tour Group Presentation - A Tour of Cornwall, Devon and Dorset



If anyone is interested in presenting, please contact us.

Alan Shaver 905-840-4486

Lionel Nichol



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

"Every time you're tempted to slack off or do or be a little less than you could, remember that you are a person of integrity who lives by the simple creed: do what you said you would do, when you said you would do it, the way you said you would do it."

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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