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**THE INN, WELWYN
GARDEN CITY, ENGLAND
HOME OF PROBUS----1966**

CARL, JACK, GILL, CES, BILL, SAINT PETER STEVE HUGHES, 400,000 MEMBERS AND 4000, PROBUS CLUBS WORLDWIDE.

CARL INGEBERTSON WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF BRAMPTON. HE HELD THE POST FROM 1993 TO 1995



JACK MURPHY, GILL DUNN, CES BECHAMP & BILL MCDIARMID



LIFE'S PARADISE YEARS



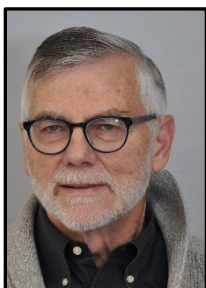


I WANTED TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR PROBUS CLUB A BIG SUCCESS.

OUR PROBUS CLUB HONOURS OUR MEMBERS AND INDIRECTLY ALL WHO SERVE THEIR COUNTRY THE BEST PLACE IN THE WORLD TO LIVE.

STEVE HUGHES

RON CROUSE JUNE 2025



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we approach another summer, please remember that we do not have access to Century

Gardens Recreation Centre for the months of July and August. We have now finalized arrangements to again hold our July Barbecue at the Mary Street Legion. Note that it will be on

July 8th, not the first Monday of the month. Lots of fellowship, a variety of activities and good food are there to be enjoyed by all. Please get your \$15.00 in to either John Inglis or e transferred to Peter Volkes no later than June 3rd so we can plan for the number of members to be fed.

Thinking of our meeting on June 3rd, it promises to be especially interesting with our renowned speaker Kevin Donovan sharing his insights into several high profile crimes that we are all well familiar with. We will also have the opportunity to buy his recent books. It is an excellent meeting to bring a friend and share a sample of what Probus membership offers.

Please remember that we will not be meeting in August, but will be back to Century Gardens and our monthly routine in September.

In the meantime, enjoy the continuing activities that our club offers from walking, book discussions, play dates at Spot One, virtual social gatherings and special outings.

Enjoy June and I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, June 3rd at Century Gardens.

Murray Gingrich

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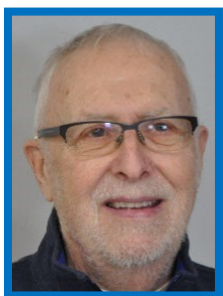
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MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – OPPORTUNITIES



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

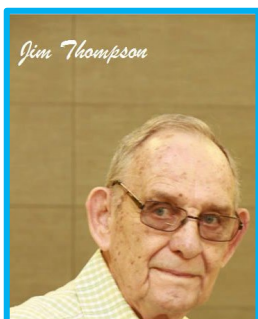


FRIENDSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Peter Kuipers

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

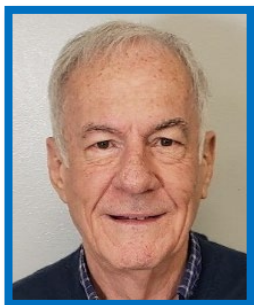


In Memoria – James 'Jim' Thompson

On May 9, 2025, at the age of 89, Jim Thompson passed away with family by his side.

Jim Thompson was a dedicated member of the Probus Men's Club of Brampton for 18 years. He was well regarded; liked by all that knew him. Both Cec and Dieter described Jim as "a man of thoughtful presence, and respected for his calm demeanor".

Jim is pictured from the Men's Club 25th anniversary photos.



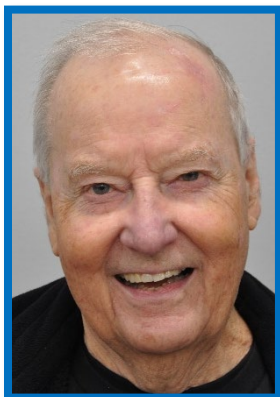
PROGRAM AND SPEAKERS - NEIL WATSON

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.



JUNE GUEST SPEAKER – Kevin Donovan

Toronto Star investigative journalist Kevin Donovan chronicles the unsettling story of the “Billionaire Murders” from the beginning, interviewing family members, friends, and colleagues, and sheds new light on the Shermans' lives and the disturbing double murder.



LUNCH LOCATION – Bill Watson



KELSEYS ORIGINAL ROADHOUSE - preparing for the Probus lunch after the June 03rd meeting...



Kelseys at 70 Quarry Ridge Dr Brampton. Next to Fortino's at Bovaird and Hurontario.



TECHNOLOGY BOOSTER CLUB - New sessions

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

Next Sessions - 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 REMAINING 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 off your own home.

To reserve your spot, payment is due no later than at our next meeting on June 3rd . 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

The Legion is preparing a BBQ Lunch, the cost is \$15.00 per person.

Please e-transfer bramptonprobus@gmail.com

In addition to the many activities available at the Legion – you can also try your hand at Frisbee Golf



Disc (Frisbee) Golf Anyone

Building on the recent success of our Probus Frisbee Golf game – the “holes” and Discs (frisbees) will be available to try out this fast-growing sport. Questions ?? See John Gignac.



Invitation to:



An Equestrian Canada Rider Level stable to help riders improve their riding skills and learn about horse care and stable management. A walking tour of the stables, riding arenas, show jumping rings, and all things horse related

13955 8th Concession, Schomberg, ON L0G 1T0

Tuesday June 10, 2025

9:15 am Meet at Century Garden
10:15 am Arrive at farm for a tour
12:30 pm The Schomberg Pub and Patio for Lunch
3:00 pm(Approximately) Return to Century Gardens

This is a car pool event, an option for those interested is to go to McMichael Gallery in Kleinberg after lunch.

Anyone interested in riding The Widow Maker, must be willing to sign a waver.

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ROSE THEATER TOUR

Date: SEPT, 2025

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



BRAMPTON STEELHEADS GAME

Date: OCT., 2025

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



COMMUNITY THEATRE PLAY (Orangeville)

Date: NOV., 2025

DETAILS TO FOLLOW



DISC GOLF – TUESDAY, MAY 27TH



THANKS TO JOHN GIGNAC...for arranging the first (of many) Probus Disc Golf game. A great (but humbling) time was had by all. It was mutually agreed that scoring wasn't necessary.

LOOKING BACK – OUR GUEST SPEAKERS



MAY GUEST SPEAKER – Grant Linney.

Grant Linney is an outdoor enthusiast and educator. He spoke on the importance of reconnecting with nature to nurture the spark that will ignite the drive to save the environment.

Want to watch it again...click on the link below

<https://youtu.be/Ux3biTqnwEk>



APRIL GUEST SPEAKER – Jim Kenzie

Despite some technological challenges, Jim Kenzie, a racing champion and author of *"AutoBiography"* spoke about his fascinating journey as Canada's top automotive journalist for over 38 years. He shared many stories of his life-long adventures and experiences. Copies of his book were available for sale for \$30.



MARCH GUEST SPEAKER – John Halleran

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

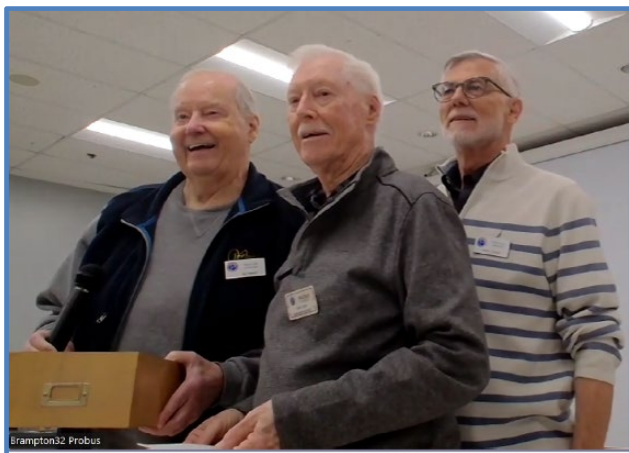
This was a thought provoking and always entertaining look at four events that touched us all: the attack on Pearl Harbor; the Kennedy assassination, 9/11 attacks and the Canadian trucker protest. His presentation discussed what was learnt from examining past govt commissions and juxtaposing them against

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



SHARE THE WEALTH MAY MEETING – WINNERS

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

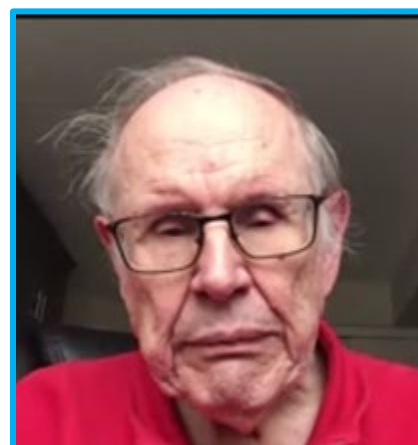
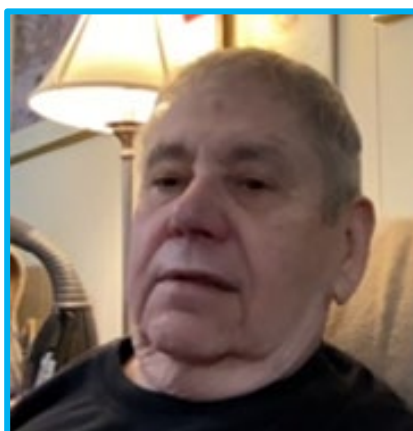
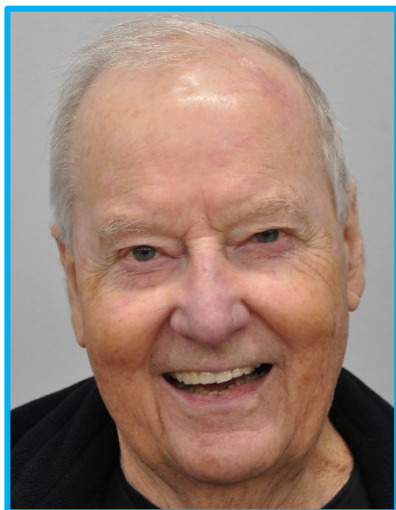


Ken Postil (centre) celebrates his winning of \$31.00



President Murray Gingrich confirms Bill Watson's winning ticket.

PROBUS ZOOM SOCIAL – Friday afternoons @ 4:00

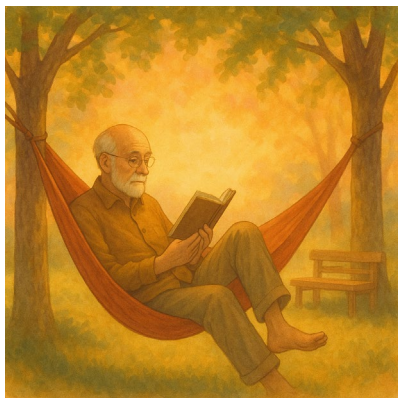


Friday afternoons at 4:00 pm., is a virtual social get together. You provide your own Beverage from the comfort of your own home, and we provide Friendship, Camaraderie, and spirited discussions.

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



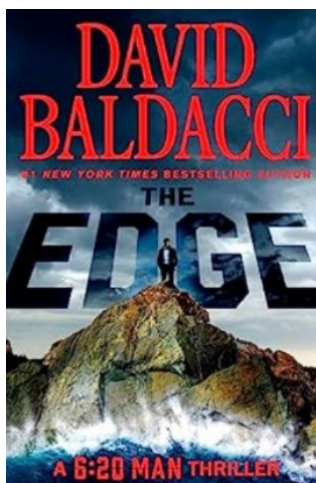
BOOK CLUB

Central Public School

24 Alexander St. Brampton

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

(note: July book club meeting is held at Steve Hughes home)



JUNE reading – Tues., JUNE 17th @ 2:00 pm

"THE EDGE" – Davis Baldacci

In this hit standalone psychological thriller, **a former detective and a dangerous con artist go head-to-head** in an electrifying game of cat and mouse. David Baldacci, an American novelist, writes mainly suspense novels and legal thrillers. H



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

"KURT WALLANDER" Series

A Swedish novelist, best known for his crime writing, especially for a series of lean and dark crime novels featuring Kurt Wallander, the chief inspector of Ystad Police Department.

DARTS, CARDS, and OTHER THINGS.



Every Thursday 1:30 – 4:30
Spot One 289 Rutherford Rd. South
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Roger is splitting the eleven !!!



WALKING CLUB



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WALKING CLUB – JUNE SCHEDULE

JUNE 6 CALEDON TRAILWAY – CALEDON EAST

Follow Airport Road north to downtown Caledon East. Park near the trail entrance marker at the bottom of the hill where the trail crosses Airport Road.

9:30AM start.

JUNE 13 FLETCHERS CREEK SOUTH FROM SOUTHBROOK

Follow Ray Lawson Blvd. west from Hurontario Street (Highway 10) to Susan Fennell Sportsplex. Park in the Sportsplex parking lot off Ray Lawson Blvd. closest to Southbrook Senior's residences.

9:00AM start.

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

JUNE 20 ERIN ELORA TRAILWAY-PETER & JANET VOLKES BBQ

Follow Highway 10 north to Caledon Village and turn left on County Road 124, following it to Erin. Turn left on Ross Street and follow to the trail parking lot. This walk is a 10:00AM start followed by a BBQ at Peter and Janet Volkes home at 4 Armstrong Street in Erin.

JUNE 27 WHITE SPRUCE TRAIL

Follow Heart Lake Road north from Bovaird. Turn left at the Copperfield Road traffic lights and enter the Park. and follow to the parking lot on the left. 9:00AM start.



News from other Brampton Probus Groups

Probus Brampton Flowertown - Travel Group

Hi All

Here is the link to the video on YouTube of the Travel Group Presentation that was given today by Peggy and Al De Saegher on their trip through New Zealand. This is the final travel presentation for the Probus season. We will start up again in October, third Wednesday of the month. Hope you enjoyed the presentations.

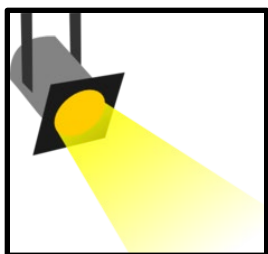
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If anyone is interested in presenting, please contact us.

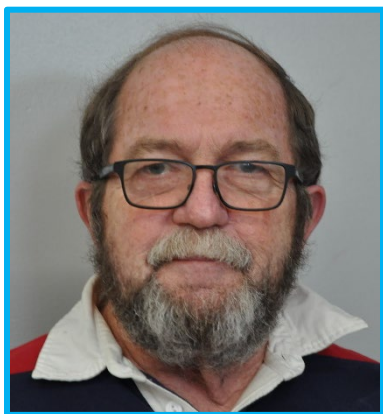
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Lionel Nichol



A SPOTLIGHT ON OUR MEMBERSHIP

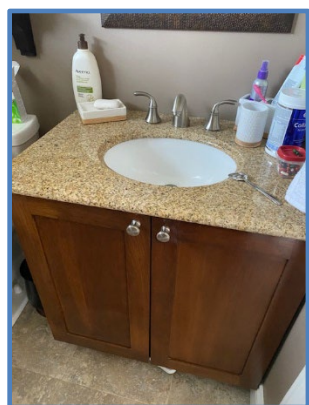
Peter Volkes – A Life in Woodcraft



Peter Volkes has been handcrafting furniture for many years, working from his one-car garage with the designs he creates himself. Every piece is built with care and precision (grain alignment is critical), often using locally sourced oak or cherry wood.

His Erin home is filled with furniture he has made, each item a reflection of his craftsmanship and dedication. Over the years, Peter has created custom pieces as wedding gifts and has contributed numerous works to Christ Church in Brampton, including bookshelves and deacon benches.

Several of these benches were made "*in memoriam*" for parishioners, adding a deeply personal and meaningful touch to his work.

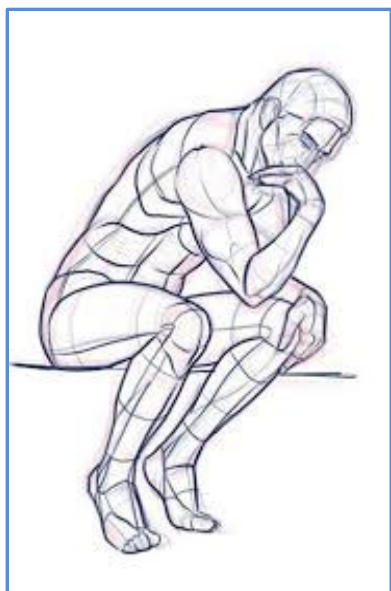


"Hobbies, Crafts and other distractions"

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



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

The willingness to figure things out as you go is often the only difference between those who achieve difficult things and those who never begin.

As Picasso observed, "To know what you are going to draw, you have to begin drawing."

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?

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