



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

GENERAL MEETING

20 Dec 2023

Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Paul Bath

- O Canada A Capella
- Warren MacRobie helped to welcome various guests who identified themselves.

Induction of New Members

President

Paul formally read in 5 new members:

- Bruce Cardwell
- John Greenhough
- Dennis Paradis
- Bert Naylor
- Mark Robinson

Members warmly welcomed them all.

Award Presentation

President Paul presented the 2023 "Achievement Award" to **Richard Briggs** for his long-time contributions to our Club.

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The October minutes were summarized. As no one in the room had seen them, the secretary found it hard to call for a vote of approval. He DID make a copy available and promised to repair any errors found.

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- **Treasurer:**

No Report

- **Programs:**

Dave Brisley

- Highlights

- January **Paul Wylezol** - **Captain James Cook**
 - February **Adam Scholtz** - **Adventure Expeditions**

- **Marketing Team**

Dick Furlong

- The Team looks forward to continuing their activities in the New Year.
 - The addition of 16 new members may well be a measure of their successful activities;
 - Also, “Random lunches” will continue. Stay Tuned.

- **Membership**

Warren MacRobie.

- Membership stands at 77
 - Today – 38 members attended.

- **Newsletter**

Bill Kidd

- New Editor Bill called on members to share photos of their favourite PRObian activities.

- **Who Am I?**

Mike Stearns Gave an interesting account of his life.

- **50/50 Draw**

Courtney Robinson went away with a healthy pocketbook.

Guest Speaker

Dave Brisley Introduction

Chris Little gave an abbreviated On-Line Safety 101 presentation. Many helpful hints about passwords and dealing with scams were passed on, and several questions were answered.

Adjournment for Lunch at the Buttery



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

GENERAL MEETING

8 Oct 2023

Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Paul Bath

- O Canada
- Dave Elms helped to welcome various guests who identified themselves.
- Two new members were also reported.
- **Jim Parks** was presented with two more congratulatory certificates from the Governor-General and the Province of Ontario that arrived after the September Birthday Party.

Amendments to the Club Constitution and By-Laws

Given that the amendments were widely distributed among the membership and that no comments or questions were heard from the floor:

Moved by President Paul and seconded by Secretary Doug Wrigglesworth, the motion was passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous Announcements:

- Euchre Night is back again. This popular Thursday gathering will restart soon. Stay tuned.
- "Christmas" November Dinner. A reminder that the November meeting will be held at "The Buttery" Gather at 4:00 for a 5:00 dinner.
 - Members must pre-order and pay in advance for themselves and their guests.

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.** *Doug Wrigglesworth*
 - The September minutes had been posted, giving an overview of the celebrations. Given that there will be more later, the secretary declined to review.

- **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

Treasurer Sunny reported that detailed financial data will no longer be reported at General Meetings.

- Members with questions about Club finances are welcome to contact Treasurer Sunny, who will be happy to discuss.

- **Dick Furlong**

- We were sad to learn that long-time member and friend **Jim Purcell** had passed. It was so fortunate that Jim could attend the last meeting, see old friends, and renew fellowships.

- Dick also briefly overviewed the September Birthday Celebration for Jim Parks.

It was a most successful event, attended by many pleased to honour Jim.

Dick applauded the many members, associates, and guests who contributed to the success.

- **Web Site**

Sunny Lau

- Updates continue.

- **Membership**

Dave Elms.

- Membership stands at 80
- Three new members have joined
- PROBUS pins were distributed to long-term members.
 - The most Senior member recognized was **Ken Parsons**, who received his 20-year pin.
 - Peter/Petra Hardy also received their 20 year pin at a recent Ladies PROBUS Meeting.

Newsletter

Bill Kidd

- New Editor Bill called on members to share photos of any PRObian activities they enjoyed.

Programs

Dick Furlong for Dave Brisley

- Members were reminded (again) that the November meeting would be dinner at The Buttery (see above)

- The December meeting will feature **Christopher Little** on Social Media and Online Safety.
- **Technology** *Position Still Open*
Tim Myrden and Mike Ballard in the interim.
- **Who Am I?** John Vanderwielen
John gave a fine introduction of a life well lived.
 - Born of parents who had emigrated from the Netherlands after five years of Nazi occupation.
 - Grew up farming
 - Was an athletic and academic star at high school (he did not use those descriptors)
 - Coop Engineering at Waterloo
 - Many years at Bell Canada, including three years in Saudi Arabia.
 - A happy family man.
- **50/50 Draw**
Another happy winner went away with a healthy pocketbook.

Guest Speaker

Dick Furlong Introduction

Chris Leworthy – via ZOOM from the UK.

Returning after his earlier presentations, Chris has provided yet another thorough and well-presented History Lesson.

In this case, it was the disastrous and poorly planned Canadian operation – the raid on the port of Dieppe on August 19, 1942.

Much has been written in many books on this event – and these minutes are not the place to repeat them.

However, in the opinion of this historian. Chris nailed the key issues and gave reasons for the fatal and horrible SNAFUS, blame where it should lie, and the lessons learned.

I was happy to be able to thank Chris for his contribution.

Adjournment for Lunch at the Lions and Sun



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

MANAGEMENT MEETING

MINUTES

Wednesday, 6 September 2023 – 10:00 am

Lions and Sun Restaurant

Dave Brisley, Bill Docherty, Dave Elms, Dick Furlong, Bill Kidd, Warren MacRobie, Ted Wilkinson, Doug Wrigglesworth.

1. Opening

Bill Kidd

Dick Furlong opened the meeting at 10:30,

2. Minutes and Correspondence

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The minutes of the July Management were reviewed.

3. Treasurer Report

Sunny Lau

- A Report is attached. 'Happily, our Treasurer 'is back on his feet.
- End-of-year data shows a mere \$34.00 deficit.

4. Web Site

Sunny Lau

- Regular updates continue.

5. Membership Report

Warren

MacRobie

- Our current membership total remains at 81.
- Further Data will be released once staff have returned home and have read their email.

6. Marketing

Dick Furlong

- More news will appear later.

7. Programs Report

Dave Brisley

1. A detailed list of coming speakers is attached.

8. Newsletter:

Ted Wilkinson – over to Bill Kidd

- In a somewhat surprising proceeding, after over a decade of service, providing handsome quarterly Newsletters for our Club, Ted has passed the torch to Bill Kidd.
- Ted will be missed from our MT gatherings.

9. Technology

Bill Docherty

- As Bill will be away all of October, a recipient for the IT equipment must be found.

10. Next Meeting

Jim Parks Birthday Recognition

- Much discussion about details for the Day
- Details are far too complex for this Secretary to record accurately.

- Among them:
 - Honorary vs. Honoured.
 - Need for ushers and crew.
 - Rehearsal 1030 Monday 18th
 - Lunch at Castle John's
 - Cake details
 - Tables of Eight
 - etc.

11. Adjournment noon for a convivial lunch

August Financial

REVENUE – In August to date, 23 members renewed \$50/each and 2 new members @ \$30+50/each. Club's share of 50/50 draw was \$69. So far, 54 members renewed @ \$50/each (including Jim Parks). This is on par with last year's first month of renewal. Last year, 69 members renewed in total. I'll periodically monitor e-transfers to our bank account while I'm away (depending on WIFI availability).

EXPENDITURES – For August, I'm only expecting \$4.95 bank charges. Petty cash remains at \$100. There are no outstanding cheques.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE – None. For September, I'm expecting expenses related to JP b-day and computer/equipment.

	THIS MONTH	YEAR TO DATE
<u>REVENUE</u>		
INITIATION FEES	\$ 60.00	\$ 60.00
ANNUAL DUES	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
ADMINISTRATION FEES	\$ -	\$ -
SHARE THE WEALTH PROCEEDS	\$ 69.00	\$ 69.00
SOCIAL EVENTS	\$ -	\$ -
OTHERS	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 1,379.00	\$ 1,379.00

PROGRAMS NEWMARKET, 2023 and 2024 Schedule
Updated 3 October 2023

DATE	SPEAKER	TOPIC	COFIRMED (Y/N)	In Person-P or Virtual V	Fee
January 18	David Chandross Ph.D.	"Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind"-	Y	V	\$220 to Circles Enrichment
February 15	Ryan Uytdeuillegin	Chief Dan George	Y	P	\$220 to Circles Enrichment
March 15	Randy Barber	Winston Churchill, True Renaissance Man	Y	P	\$250
April 19	Ann and Ron Harrison	The Underground Railroad	Y	V	No Charge
May 17	Dr. Christopher DiCarlo, Philosopher	"Critical Thinking in a Post Truth World"	Y	P	\$220 to Circles Enrichment
June 21	Ryan Dibisch, Executive Director, NewMakeit, Fabrication Space	Presentation on the facility and its history Also, July social event, see below	Y	P	No Charge
July 19	Christine Allum Ont. Securities Commission	Protect Your Money—avoiding financial scams	Y	P	No Charge
August 16	Jyoti Booter, CHATS	All about CHATS-Community & Home Assistance to Seniors	Y	P	No charge, but we can make a donation
September 20	Doug Wrigglesworth	Juno Beach Slides and narrative	Y	P	No Charge
October 18	Chris Leworthy	presentation on Dieppe	Y	V	Fee of our choice to a Cdn. charity
November 15	Paul Bath	Christmas Event -at The Buttery	Y	P	VP budget item
December 20	Christopher Little	Social Media and Online Safety	Y	P	\$125
2024					
January 17	Paul Wylezol	Captain James Cook	Y	V	Donation to his charity expected
February 21	Adam Shoalts	Adventurer, to talk on his expeditions	Y	P	\$339.00
March 20	Mayor John Taylor	Mulock Property and other developments	Y	P	No Charge
April 17 to July 17	TBA				

Speakers under consideration for later in 2024

- ☐ Steve Chapelle "Planning your digital estate"
- ☐ Sarah Hendrick - First Female K9 Handler in the OPP

- Leo Ralph - Chair York Region Crime Stoppers Senior's Program
- Eddie Joyce, MHA (Newfoundland and Labrador) - His experiences in Uganda and Kenya
- Annemarie Hagan-former museum curator, speaks on Hazel McCallion, Mazo de La Roche or others

Social Events Including Marketing Committee Events

- Euchre Nights, arranged by Paul Bath, **completed for this season, next series of games announced by e blast**
- Cineplex Newmarket, movie night, four members attended in January - **Recommend that we hold off on this for now**
- Tour Provincial Parliament – Arrangements underway, Dick Furlong and Bill Docherty, recommend October or November, tour, and lunch, **on hold for now**
- Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre, Pickering, **venue is closed—consider other theatres**
- Yuk Yuk's Dinner Theatre, Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, March 25 and after—**Successful, Rotary will repeat next year**
- Joined open house event at Newmarket, July 23 for the Newmarket Artisan and Makers festival—details circulated to membership-**Successful – to repeat next year**
- Warplane Heritage Museum tour, Hamilton—July 16, 2023—**8 attended, Doug Magee arranged lunch at The Chequered Flag restaurant near the airport, we attended the museum individually in the a.m.**
- Mary Morton tour—many choices that may be of interest—**possibility for a future year, perhaps with another club**
- Joint meeting with Lindsay club—July 11, **9 attended, good speaker, follow up meeting will invite Lindsay members to attend one of our meetings in 2024**
- Tour of Scarborough wartime tunnels—Doug Magee did discuss with Barbara Dickson **10 had expressed interest, but not enough, cancelled**
- Possible future social event at the Roxborough – **have now heard from new community outreach person, Ellie, Ted attended their Blue Jays open house, won the draw tickets—Ellie is to inform us of their future activities or tours**
- Men's PROBUS Club of Lindsay Boat Cruise on Lake Muskoka, Friday, September 22, 2023, **announced at August General Meeting, new blast sent out September 3, a few of our members did indicate an interest, one of our members and his spouse are attending**

- Golf Tournament, Lindsay Mens PROBUS Club and MPCN, Thursday, October 12, Dunsford Golf and Country Club, Dunsford; 13 attending from the Lindsay Club, 11 from ours—*booking is now complete, Vern Petry*
- Paul recommends The Very Useful, Theatre Company—*notify members of Sept 28, 2023 production by eblast?*



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

16 August 2023

Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- O Canada

Out-going President Bill Kidd showed the current list of Nominees:

Mangement Offices	Executive for 23/24
President	Paul Bath
Vice-President	Bob Thivierge
Secretary	Doug Wrigglesworth
Treasurer	Sunny Lau
Membership	David (Dave) Elms
Programmes and Entertainment	Dave Brisley
Marketing	Richard (Dick) Furlong
Technology	New Technologist needed
Newsletter	Ted Wilkinson
Webmaster	Sunny Lau
Assistant At-Large	Ken Parsons
Assistant - Membership	Warren MacRobie
Assistant - Programmes and Entertainment	New Assistant needed
Assistant - Technology	Tim Myrden
Past President	Bill Kidd

The list was accepted after a call for further nominees was not responded to.

Past President Rob Vernon was called upon to induct the new Management Team. Most formally, President Paul Bath was read into his new role and was asked to sign his oath of office (see Attached)

The new MT was gathered for a photograph.

President Paul Bath introduced himself to the membership and promised a good year ahead.

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The July minutes were reviewed.

- **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

- Treasurer Sunny reviews the financial statement for the past year. He was able to report a year in which funds were handled with wisdom and care.`
- Sunny thanked member John McLeary for his annual review of the financial records.

- **Web Site**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

- Webmaster Sunny reported 132 visitors this month.

- **Membership**

Warren Macrobie

for Dave Elms.

- Membership stands at 79
- Today 34 members are on hand.
- Fifty-two members have renewed so far.

Marketing

Dick Furlong

- A brief review of the past year's activities
- A warm thank you to the Marketing team for their efforts and ideas.

Programs

Dave Brisley

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.

Technology

Bill Docherty

- Membership enjoyed another glitch-free meeting, thanks to Bill's ongoing efforts.
- Bill also thanked Mike Ballard for coming in to assist in setup.

PMSC (PROBUS Members Social Contacts)


Ken Parsons

- Sadly, two of our members have passed recently:
 - Long-time member **Paul Booth**
 - Member for a very brief time **Peter Hollings`**
- Ken reports that his calls to members we have not seen for a while are always welcomed.

Featured Speaker:

Jyoti Booter
All about CHATS

In a cheerfully delivered presentation, Ms Booter reviewed the multitude of programs and services that CHATS offers to provide Community and Home Assistance to Seniors. information valuable to many of us.

Adjournment at noon to a companionable lunch at Fionn MacCool's, where more than 20 members enjoyed their elevated  conversations.

I, *Paul Bath* do solemnly pledge that I will do my best to carry out my duties as President of the Men's Probus Club of Newmarket for the term of office;

and

In the performance of these duties, I promise that I will do those things and only those things that are designated for the betterment of the Probus Club as a whole and with no thought or direction towards personal gain;

and

I will, at all times, conduct myself in a manner that will add honour and respect to the Club which I am privileged to represent.

Signed the 16th day of August, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Paul Bath', written over a horizontal line.

President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Mrs. [unclear]', written over a horizontal line.

Witness



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING

19 July 2023
Lions & Sun Bar & Lounge

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- Two guests were warmly welcomed.
- President Bill emphasized the need to fill two most important posts for next year.

Management Reports:

• **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The June minutes were reviewed.
- The Secretary also preached an impromptu sermon that asked members to think again about joining the MT.

• **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

- Treasurer Sunny happily reported the welcome cash increase due to Rotary's welcome gift.

• **Web Site**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

- Webmaster Sunny reported a fair number of visitors to the new PROBUS video.

• **Membership**

David Elms

- Membership stands at 82, with potential new inductees in the wings.
- Today 32 members are on hand.
- Happily, payment of annual dues is coming in.

Induction of New Members

- President Bill read in **Mike Stearns** and **Carl Wierenga** and warmly welcomed them as members.

Marketing

Dick Furlong

- A brief greeting from Richard – full of optimism and good thoughts.

Programs

Dave Brisley

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.

Technology

Bill Docherty

- Bill explained the vital need for someone to at least assist with setup and tear down – hopefully, to take over his role eventually.

Vice President

Paul Bath

- Paul offered condolences on the loss of member Bob Wood.
- Member George Prime is battling a case of Cancer.

Christmas (November)

- Dinner at The Buttery
- \$55 per plate
- 4:00 social gathering. 5:00 dinner.

GOLFERS who had signed up for the September Tourney with the Lindsay Club were reminded to get their money in ASAP.

50/50 Draw: Jim Parks walked away with a quite generous share.

Featured Speaker: **Christine Allum, Ontario Securities Commission**
 How to Preserve Your Money

In a smoothly presented, well-illustrated presentation, members were alerted to the many schemes threatening their financial security.

- *Crypto Assets*
- *Protecting Personal and Financial information*
- *Investment Frauds*
- *Choosing a Trusted Contact Person*

A bag of helpful paper reminders reinforced the excellent presentation.

Adjournment at noon to a companionable lunch at the L&S



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING

21 June 2023
Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- Six guests were warmly welcomed.
- President Bill emphasized the need for a technology director.

Management Reports:

• **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The May minutes were reviewed.

• **Marketing Report**

Dick Furlong

- Current activities and plans were reviewed.
- The result of our Members helping Rotary with their *RibFest* event was their welcome donation to us of a cheque for \$1000.00! Rotary directors were on hand to present the same.

• **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

- Treasurer Sunny happily reported the welcome cash increase due to Rotary's welcome gift.
- Management has passed a workable budget for the fiscal year to come.

• **Web Site**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

- Webmaster Sunny reported a welcome uptick in page views and that the site is continually updated as new pictures, speakers, and information are available.

Membership

David Elms

- Membership stands at 81 members.
- Another healthy attendance today - since Covid. Thirty-nine members and five guests attended.
- Last meeting 46 attendees.

New Member Induction

President Bill read in Steve Cheung and warmly welcomed him as a member.

Programs

Dave Brisley

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months. SEE ATTACHED.
- Members were reminded to stay alert for emails detailing the **Warplane Heritage Museum** visit on **July 16**. Attendees were invited to arrange carpooling if desired.
- LUNCH will be arranged following the visit at a location nearby

Technology

Bill Docherty

- Bill explained the vital need for someone to at least assist with setup and tear down – hopefully, to take over his role eventually.

Vice President

Paul Bath

- Paul underlined the need for a new VP
- He has heard no news of members with health issues
- A reminder that the July meeting will be held at Lions and Sun
- Took a poll on Christmas (i.e. November) gathering
 - At Buttery
 - Preference Lunch

Who Am I? –

Claudius Zujew told us of his 1941 birth in Poland, a move to Germany during the war, followed by a move with his Dad to Canada. As an adult, he had a successful 33-year career as a teacher – both Elementary and Secondary.

Featured Speaker:

Ryan Didisch gave a fine overview of his innovative Newmarket operation as **NewMakelt**.

NewMakelt is a beautiful, spacious, multi-functional creative facility in Newmarket, Ontario. As the only industrial and digital workshops, training, and creative facility of its kind in York Region, we're helping inventors, visionaries, and innovators across York Region, in Toronto, and throughout the Greater Toronto Area achieve their goals while changing how people work.

What we offer

Our community shares tools & equipment offers classes to the public, enjoys flexible membership and workspace, hosts speakers, special events and more.

Club members were welcomed to attend the Newmakeit Festival on July 23.

Adjournment – 12:10 to lunch at the Beer Town.



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING

19 April 2023
Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- Eight guests were warmly welcomed.

Visiting Speaker: In a change from our usual schedule, our speaker spoke beginning of the meeting. Despite IT issues at her end, we were able to receive her message.

Ann Harrison, on behalf of her ailing Husband Ron, spoke on

The Underground Railroad

As descendants of escaped slaves, both Ann & Ron have delved deeply into the history of the complex and dangerous process of escaping to Canada. In a most detailed story, some of the highlights included:

- The story of slavery in Canada, particularly the discriminatory legislation that remained on Federal and Provincial books until late in the 20th century.
- The clever codes that were used to distribute secret routes and methods by:
 - Very secret messages in code that were guarded carefully.
 - Like most Spirituals and work songs, music gave clear messages, such as *Follow The Drinking Gourd*, i.e. the North Star.
 - Quilt Patterns: African textiles were used to display coded squares.
- Many helped, both on the way, such as the Quakers, and upon arrival in Canada. For example:

THE QUEEN'S BUSH SETTLEMENT, 1820-1867

In the early 19th century, the vast unsettled area between Waterloo County and Lake Huron was known as the "Queen's Bush." More than 1,500 free and formerly enslaved Blacks pioneered scattered farms throughout the Queen's Bush, starting circa 1820. Working together, these industrious and self-reliant settlers built churches, schools, and a strong and vibrant community life. In the 1840s, the government ordered the district surveyed, and many settlers could not afford to purchase the land they had laboured so hard to clear, and by 1850 migration out of the Queen's Bush had begun. Today African Canadians whose ancestors pioneered the Queen's Bush are represented in communities across Ontario.

Our speaker closed by reporting that Canada, in this 21st century, has come a long way in including all people as full citizens.

Coffee break

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.** *Doug Wrigglesworth*
 - The March minutes were reviewed.
- **Treasurer** *Via Doug Wrigglesworth*

From the Account presented at the last Management, we are still afloat. Management is developing a budget for the fiscal year to come.
- **Web Site** *Via Doug Wrigglesworth*
 - Webmaster Sunny had prepared a report on visitors as most often accessed pages over the past month.
- **Marketing Plan** *Past Pres Dick Furlong*

A new *ad hoc* position of Marketing Chair has been created. The need for such a position will be considered by Management annually. He will as a voting member of the Management Team. Dick Furlong has agreed to take the position for the coming year.

For the Marketing report – see attached.

Membership

David Elms

- A record attendance today - since Covid. Forty-two live and two virtual.
- Last meeting 34 live and one remote
- Membership stands at 78

Induction of New Members

President Bill welcomed two new members and introduced them to the audience,
Grant Campbell and ***John Vanderwielen***

Programs

Dave Brisley

Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.

WHO AM I?

New inductee Grant Campbell introduced himself with a most enthusiastic review of a most interesting life.

He was happily involved in School, Sports and Writing from his early years. He spoke of writing broadcast sports reports even from his imaginary “Press Box.” He went to school in Lakefield and was encouraged by his Grade 8 Teacher – and was able to carry on despite family tragedies. He also became friends with the novelist Margaret Laurence, another Lakefield resident.

After graduating in Journalism from Carleton, he decided to use his love of sports to encourage young people to have the same enthusiasm. He began a successful career as a Secondary School Phys Ed teacher.

Fellow members look forward to learning more from this enthusiastic new member.

Adjournment – 12:10 to lunch at Finn MacCools

Marketing Chair
Created new position
as a voting member of Management Team

RON ANDERSON
MILE BALLARD
DAVE LENNARD
PAUL BATH
DAVE ELMS
DAVE BRISLEY
Warren MACROBIE
SUNNY LAU

PROGAMS TO DATE

- Promo @Rotary
- Promo @Roxborough
- Poster Program
- New Brochure
- Business cards
- Lindsay Men's Club
- EUCHRE
- e Home Sho\TV April 1/2

PROGAMS UNDER DEVELOPMENT

- Lindsay Men's Club, Exchange visits, golf
- Promo Recording
- Ribfest Participation May 26-28
- External Events {Queens Park ,Theatre ,Sports
- LETS DO LUNCH
- Barbeques- New Makelt, Roxborough
- Xmas Lunch Format



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET GENERAL MEETING

17. May 2023
Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- Six guests were warmly welcomed.
- A hearty welcome back to Keith Atherton, who has recovered from injuries.
- The List of Nominees and the spaces needing to be filled was reviewed.

Slate Of Officers For Aug 1, to July 31 2024 Red Positions Available, To Be Nominated

President 23/24	Paul Bath
Vice-President	Position Available 23/24
Past-President	Bill Kidd
Secretary	Doug Wrigglesworth
Treasurer	Sunny Lau
Website	Sunny Lau
Membership	Dave Elms Warren MacRobie A*
Marketing	Position Available 23/24
Programs & Events	Position Available 23/24 Dave Brisley A*
Newsletter	Ted Wilkinson
Technology	Position Available 23/24 Tim Mydren A*
PMSC (Probus Members Social Contacts)	Ken Parsons

*A Assistant

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**
 - The April minutes were reviewed.

Doug Wrigglesworth

- **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

- Treasurer Sunny happily reported a positive cash flow for the past month.
- Management is finalizing a budget for the fiscal year to come.

- **Web Site**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

- Webmaster Sunny reported a slight reduction in page views and that the Speakers page was the most popular.

- **Marketing Plan**

Past Pres Dick Furlong

- A review of the Team, their activities and progress were presented.
- An Inter-Club meeting with the Lindsay Club is planned for July 11. Stay tuned for details.

Membership

David Elms

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- **Mike Ballard** was presented with his 5-year Pin.

Induction of New Members

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Claudius Zujew

Programs

Dave Brisley & Doug Magee

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- Doug Magee reminded all to sign up for the **Warplane Heritage Museum** visit on **July 16**. Attendees were invited to arrange carpooling if desired.
- LUNCH will be arranged BEFORE the visit at a location nearby

Vice President

Paul Bath

- ✓ Paul gave our Club's regret at the passing of long-time member **Roy Hamilton**.
- ✓ He also warmly cheered the return of a healthier Keith Atherton.

Featured Speaker:

Dr. Christopher DiCarlo on Critical Thinking in a Post-Truth World.

A rapt audience was introduced to a brilliant exposition on this topic.

Just a very few of the highlights included:

- √ “So You Think You Can Think”
- √ “Truthiness”
- √ “Alternative facts”
- √ “Fact versus Opinion”
- √ The A B C D E F Principles:
 - Argument
 - Bias
 - Context
 - Diagram
 - Evidence
 - Fallacies
- √ The Laws of Thought
 - Consistency
 - The Law of Identity: A bottle is a bottle
 - The Law of Non-Contradiction: You cannot have your cake and eat it too,
 - The Law of the Excluded Middle: A Door is either open or shut.

A brilliant presentation.

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PROGRAMS NEWMARKET, 2023 Schedule

Updated 17 May 2023

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March 15	Randy Barber	Winston Churchill, True Renaissance Man	Y	P	\$250
April 19	Ann and Ron Harrison	The Underground Railroad	Y	V	No Charge
May 17	Dr. Christopher DiCarlo, Philosopher	"Critical Thinking in a Post Truth World"	Y	(V) to be confirmed	\$220 to Circles Enrichment
June 21	Ryan Dibisch, Executive Director, NewMakeit, Fabrication Space	Presentation on the facility and its history Also July social event, see below	Y	P	No Charge
July 19	Christine Allum Ont. Securities Commission	Protect Your Money – avoiding financial scams	Y	P	No Charge
August 16	Barbecue or other social event?	To be decided in future			Costs yet to be confirmed
September 20	Doug Wrigglesworth	Sherlock on the Screen	Y	P	No Charge
October 18	Chris Leworthy	presentation on Dieppe	Y	V	Fee of our choice to a Cdn. charity
November 15	Paul Bath	Christmas Event - Location tba	Y	P	VP budget item
December 20	Christopher Little	Social Media and Online Safety	Y	P	\$125

Possible speakers for 2023 and 2024

- Steve Chapelle “Planning your digital estate.”
- Sarah Hendrick - First Female K9 Handler in the OPP
- Lianne Harris Racioppo - any one of her many topics
- Leo Ralph Chair York Region Crime Stoppers Senior's Program
- John Carswell's “Canada’s High Arctic”
- Eddie Joyce, MHA (Newfoundland and Labrador) - My experiences in Uganda and Kenya
- Adam Shoalts, Explorer -Canoe journey across Canadian Arctic

Social Events Overlapping With Marketing Committee

- Euchre Nights, *as now arranged by Paul Bath*
- Cineplex Newmarket, movie night, Monday, January 16, Silver City Newmarket, **A Man Called Otto** club members and spouses invited – *four members did attend – **Any movies of interest now?***
- Tour Provincial Parliament – *Arrangements underway; Dick Furlong and others recommend October or November, tour and lunch*
- Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre, Pickering, *Canceled because of low interest.*
- Yuk Yuk’s Dinner Theatre, Newmarket Seniors Meeting Place, March 25 and after – **Successful**
- Join the open house event at Newmarket in July – *Ryan Dibisch to confirm the date.*
- Warplane Heritage Museum tour, Hamilton – July 16, 2023 – *10 have expressed interest; Doug Magee is scouting out lunch location near the airport, announced again at the May meeting.*
- Mary Morton tour – *many choices that may be of interest – in a future year*
- Joint meeting with Lindsay club – July 11; see *Marketing report; more information to follow.*
- Tour of Scarborough wartime tunnels – *Doug Magee discussed with Barbara Dickson on September – 10 and has expressed interest, but not enough, cancelled*
- Possible social event at the Roxborough in the Summer – *discussion with Community Relations Manager – **NOTE:** We had decided at the March MC mtg. Not to go forward – but I have made members aware of it; they can go if they want to know more about The Roxborough.*



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET GENERAL MEETING

15 March 2023
Newmarket Legion Hall

President's Welcome

President Bill Kidd

- Six guests were warmly welcomed.

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The February minutes were reviewed.
- Correspondence from PROBUS Canada confirmed that the original Logo would remain.

- **Treasurer**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

From the Account presented at the last Management, we are still afloat.

- **Web Site**

Via Doug Wrigglesworth

- Webmaster Sunny had prepared a report on visitors as most often accessed pages over the past month.
 - 178 unique visits
 - 522 page views
 - Most common pages – Speakers and “Contact Us.”

- **Marketing Plan**

Past Pres Dick Furlong

Dick reported on the several discussions the Committee has had and the decisions made so far.

- Plans for the Home Show April 1/2
- Cooperation with Lindsay Club

- **Membership**

Warren MacRobie

Membership to date 75 plus one prospect.

- TODAY! 35 here plus 6guests

Programs

Dave Brisley, Doug Magee

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.
- Doug Magee described several possible adventures:
 - Herongate Theatre
 - Need a measure of interest. Sunday with noon munch and afternoon play
 - Warplane Heritage Museum: Possibility 16 July
 - Bomb Girl Tunnels tour: Possible Fall adventure
- Watch for sign-up lists.

• Technology

Bill Docherty

- Bill updated members on the process that continued to improve.

• Vice President

Paul Bath

- Paul outlined two possible events to participate in:
 - A Yuk Yuks evening arranged by Rotary
 - The monthly Euchre evening 30 March

- **WHO AM I?** **Brian Keddy** outlined a life that arose from birth during Hurricane Hazel – to a career in senior finance at the centre of the many machinations of mergers, changes, and intrigues in the grocery business. Huge adventures also led to retirement at age 54 to a new life with family and new interests.

Guest Speaker:

Prominent International Churchillian **Randy Barber** gave a splendid account of snapshots of the life of this great man. From clever quotations to correcting false legends and cementing his place as a giant of British History:

Two sample quotes:

- “My father would have been proud, but my mother would not believe it.”
- All the greatest things are simple.”
- And on personal libraries:

Churchill on One's Personal Library

"If you cannot read all your books, at any rate, handle, or, as it were, fondle them — peer into them, let them fall open where they will, read from the first sentence that arrests the eye, set them back on their shelves with your own hands, arrange them on your own plan so that if you do not know what is in them, you will at least know where they are. Let them be your friends; let them, at any rate, be your acquaintances."

Adjournment – 12:10 to lunch at Castle John's



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET
GENERAL MEETING

Hybrid WEDNESDAY 15 February 2023
Optimist Club Hall

O Canada

Live on-screen – with improving choral accompaniment.

President's Welcome
Kidd

President Bill

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The January meeting minutes were reviewed.

- **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

Sunny reported on our fiscal status. New members are giving our monthly cash flow a positive glow.

- **Web Site**

Sunny Lau

- Webmaster Sunny reported evidence that many visits occur with the Speaker page and the Contact Us pages popular.

- **Marketing Plan**

Past Pres Dick Furlong

Dick reported on the several discussions the Committee has had and the decisions made so far. *See Attached.*

- **Membership**

David Elms

- With the three inductees today, our membership stands at 77!
 - Welcomed today were:
 - Hugh Burton
 - Brian Keddy
 - Bill McTavish
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- Today's attendees include 30 in person and four online.

Programs

Dave Brisley, Doug Magee

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.

- **Technology**

Bill Docherty

- Members were updated on the process, which continues to improve.
- Bill also offered training for members who might wish so.

- **Vice President**

Paul Bath

- Three of our members remain in the hospital, recovering.
 - Keith Profit
 - Walter Hlady
 - Keith Atherton

- **WHO AM I?**

Hugh Burton, one of our new inductees, told us of a life experience that began on a most auspicious historical date in Kamloops, BC. From hating high school and training as a hunting/fishing guide, his later academic career led to a PhD and expertise in electron microscopy. His success in this field led to developing and leading programs at Seneca College and, finally, at Trent University.

- **Featured Speaker: Chhief Dan George**

Ryan Utywelligien Armed with an encyclopedic knowledge of film history, Uytdeuilligen can eagerly name you every Academy Award winner in case you ever wanted to know and speaks about classic films from James Dean to James Bond with Circles Enrichment.

Today, Ryan presented a thorough and well-illustrated history of Chief Dan George – both as an indigenous man in the current time – and as an actor in film. Clips of many of his appearances were shared.

Several telling examples of the portrayal of indigenous people in film were reviewed. The weirdness of non-native actors was evident – and the rarity of genuine representation clear.

Adjournment 12:10 to lunch at Cousins

ENHANCE YOUR EXPERIENCE



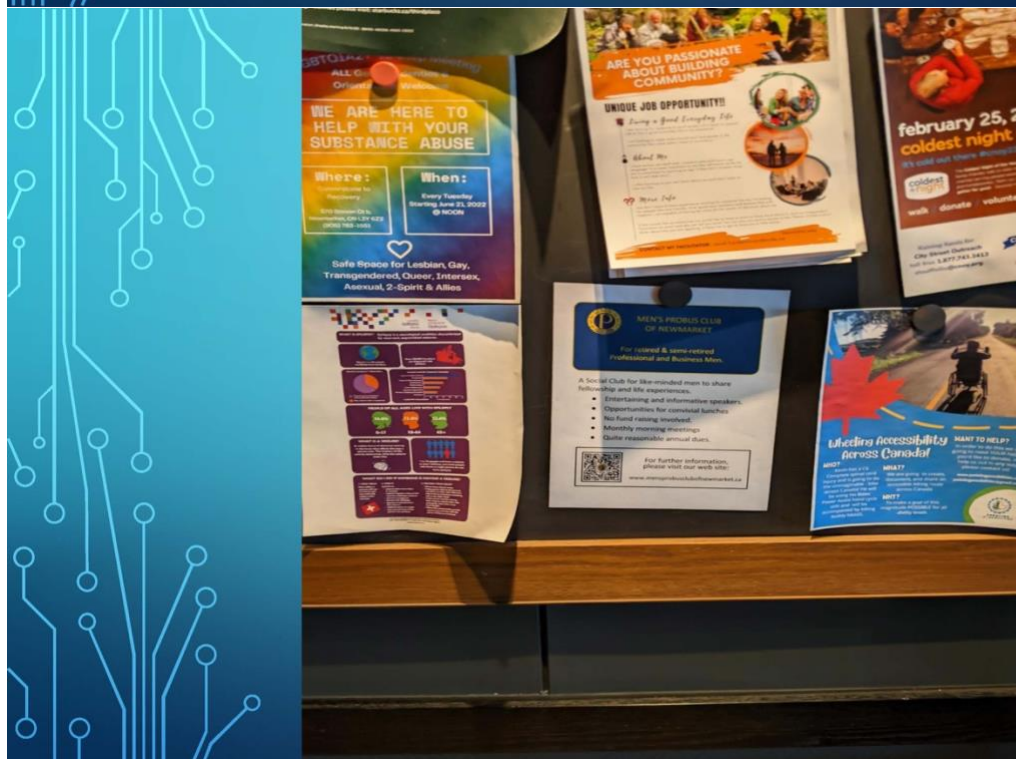
FILL THE CHAIRS

THE MARKETING TEAM

RON ANDERSON
MILE BALLARD
DAVE LENNARD
PAUL BATH
DAVE ELMS
DAVE BRISLEY
Warren MACROBIE
SUNNY LAU

PROGAMS TO DATE

- Promo @Rotary
- Promo @Roxborough
- Poster Program
- New Brochure
- Business cards
- EUCHRE
- Promo Recording
- Yuk Yuks March 25
- Heron Gate Theatre March 19
- Home Show April 1/2
- Ribfest Participation





MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET GENERAL MEETING

Hybrid WEDNESDAY 18 January 2023
Newmarket Legion

O Canada

Live on-screen – with choral accompaniment.

President's Welcome

Vice President Paul Bath

- Standing in for President Bill Kidd, Paul welcomed a happy crowd enjoying a return to Wednesday meetings.
- Five guests were introduced:
 - Floris Sparling – guest of husband Robert Sparling
 - Claudius Zujew
 - Bill McTavish & Brian Keddy – guests of Paul Bath
 - Larry Wright ZOOMed in from Palm Beach

Management Reports:

- **Secretary.**

Doug Wrigglesworth

- The December meeting minutes were reviewed.
- Correspondence from PROBUS Canada to Management regarding proposed amendments to the Constitution was referred to the membership.

- **Treasurer**

Sunny Lau

Sunny reported on our fiscal status. Despite some recent essential expenses, our bank balance stands at nearly \$5000.

- **Web Site**

Sunny Lau

- Webmaster Sunny reported that several updates have been made and encouraged members to visit and find all kinds of good information therein.

- **Marketing Plan**

Past Pres Dick Furlong

Dick reported on the several discussions the Committee has had and the decisions made so far.

- **Membership**

David Elms

(From Dominican Republic – but on his way home)

- The last meeting saw 29 at the last meeting plus two guests and ten on ZOOM.
- Membership to date 73, with several prospects
- TODAY! 36 in person and four attendees online.

- **Programs**

Dave Brisley, Doug Magee

- Dave reviewed the sparkling list of upcoming speakers we will enjoy over the next few months.

- **Technology**

Bill Docherty

- Bill updated members on the process that continued to improve. After hours of trials, we are down to a need of one more cable . . .
- It was great to see and hear *O Canada* this morning.

- **WHO AM I?**

Two members bared their lives to us this morning.

Bob Thivierge told us of a retail management career that included various positions in several locations. He climaxed his engaging talk with a rather scary incident involving a vicious shoplifter and severe injury to himself that led to a safer policy for store management.

John Gallagher regaled us with his adventures as a young and enriching life as a Boy Scout in his native England. His experiences included attending the Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II. He was also a competitive runner, and after moving to Canada later, he trained with some well-known Canadian runners. This led to an opportunity to run as a torch bearer for the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal. His career began with the Toronto Dominion Bank and he later became a private advisor in Retirement Planning.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Dr. David Chandross

Professor in Curriculum and Higher Education at Toronto Metropolitan University

TOPIC: *Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind*

Your Correspondent could not possibly, in a paragraph or two, adequately summarize what was a brilliant, thought-provoking presentation.

Among his statements:

- The development of AI may be the opening of Pandora's Box.
- We (i.e. humans) are not rational – we are emotional.
- While we know the sun shining on a mirror causes the mirror to shine – we only refer to the mirror doing the shining.
- In discussing the possibility of robots:
 - Robots only reflect the emotions of users.
 - AI is reasoning without emotion.
 - Descartes's "*Cognito, ergo sum*" may well be an essential concept as AI floods our world.

Dr. Chandross opened to this old mind a new way of thinking about what may face our civilization in the years to come.

A Brilliant hour.

Adjournment – 12:10 to lunch at *The Buttery*.