

# Probus Club News



**MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET**

**JANUARY 2023**

**Men's Probus Club of Newmarket, c/o 16 Sunset Street, Holland Landing, ON L9N 1H4**  
Web Site: [www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca](http://www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca)

## **Presidents Message**

### **2023 IS NOW UPON US**

I wish to all a healthy and prosperous year. Those among us who have medical issues, we all hope that your health improves soon. You then can come out to the meetings, or at least enjoy the meetings through Zoom. If you know of a member or their immediate family having medical issues let me know so as notes of support can be sent. Of interest look around you in stores and pharmacies noting the number of staff and customers wearing masks. Is Covid and Flu over or is it lurking in the background? 'BE SAFE'



### **NOW FOR SOME POSITIVE NEWS**

A marketing team made up of members and management have met and come-up with a direction. It is to promote and revitalize members to participate more in the club. A tale has been floating around the current site of the legion that it is not conducive to attend meetings there. The former meeting place at Elizabeth Seton Hall closed when Covid became alarmingly strong. It is believed the church hall gave Probus members inspiration, real incentive to get there and to participate. At this time the church has no intention of re-opening the hall.

The marketing group is searching for a venue to match or be close to what was at the Elizabeth Seton Hall. Following is a partial list of what will be needed for a pleasant meeting place. They are cost, payment schedule, availability for Wed GM, accessibility, parking, bathrooms, kitchen, tables and chairs, and equipment storage. This is a difficult task to find all the above points in a new location similar to what was enjoyed previously at the church hall.

### **GOOD NEWS**

The February General Meeting will take place at the Newmarket Optimist Club second floor on Wednesday February 15, with doors open at 9:30 AM. This also is a one meeting trial as the facility has restrictions in size, access ability and will not be suitable as membership grows. This is a one meeting trial location as we are financially committed to the legion for the March general meeting. When the trial February Optimist meeting finishes at noon I would appreciate a simple opinion from each person present with a yes or no. If you wish to give further opinions or know of a location of the level of Elizabeth Seton Hall, please e-mail me. [billkidd2016@gmail.com](mailto:billkidd2016@gmail.com)  
As a cartoon character from the past said, 'That's all for now' (What character said it?)

President Bill

## **Management Team for 2021-2022**

### **President**

**Bill Kidd**

### **Vice President**

**Paul Bath**

### **Secretary**

**Doug Wrigglesworth**

### **Treasurer**

**Sunny Lau**

### **Past President**

**Dick Furlong**

### **Membership**

**Dave Elms**

**Warren MacRobie**

### **Programs (CAE)**

**Dave Brisley**

**Doug Magee**

### **IT & Newsletter**

**Bill Docherty**

**Tim Myrden**

**Ted Wilkinson**

### **Webmaster**

**Sunny Lau**

### **PMSC**

**Ken Parsons**



## Guest Speakers' Calendar

### SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ♦ **January 18th, 2023: David Chandross Ph.D.**, His Topic; "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind "
- ♦ **February 15th, 2023: Ryan Uytendewilgin**, His Topic; "Chief Dan George"
- ♦ **March 15th, 2023: Randy Barber**, His Topic: "Winston Churchill"
- ♦ **April 19th, 2023: Ann and Ron Harrison**, talking about "The Underground Railway"

For more information and biography's, Please check our website:  
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**Our December meeting we welcomed Dr. John Percy**, emeritus professor of Astronomy at UofT, who continues to support science education for both students and the public. His Topic for discussion was;

*Misconceptions in the Universe.*

In a most entertaining presentation, Dr. Percy explained the issues behind some common misconceptions. Among them were: 1: The "Dark" side of the Moon.  
2: Impact of 'full moon' on global happenings, both political and personal.  
3: The seeming relations between Astrological Star signs and personal characteristics



Our Christmas entertainment at the Lion & Sun Restaurant was the  
**Crusisin' Acappella Group**

Sponsored partly by the  
The Roxborough Retirement Residence





<u>Term</u>	<u>Past Presidents</u>
1991-1992	Gurney, Roy
1992-1993	Sutton, Dave A.
1993-1994	Gillespie, J. Murray
1994-1995	Surgeoner, Thomas
1995-1996	Nesbitt, Jim E.A.
1996-1997	Henderson, H. Glen
1997-1998	Cockburn, Gord D.
1998-1999	Kambeitz, Clem G.
1999-2000	McCallum, W. Don
2000-2001	Profit, Keith G.
2001-2002	Craig, S. Art H.
2002-2003	Bennett, Mike D.
2003-2004	Thompson, Jack
2004-2005	LaSalle, Bob
2005-2006	Veevers, Dick
2006-2007	Harrison, Phil
2007-2008	Brown, Jack
2008-2009	Lorenz, Harold
2009-2010	Furlong, Richard
2010-2011	Darnbrough, Art
2011-2012	Vernon, Rob
2012-2013	Tressler, Joe
2013-2014	Wrigglesworth, Doug
2014-2015	Christopher, Graham
2015-2016	Magee, Doug
2016-2017	MacRobie, Warren
2017-2018	Hardy, Peter
2019-2021	Lau, Sunny
2021-2022	Furlong, Richard

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 **MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET**

The Men's Probus Club of Newmarket is a social club for the retired and semi-retired. We were established in June 1991 through the sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Newmarket.

Our members reside in many South Central Ontario communities including Newmarket, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Georgina, Bradford-West Gwillimbury, New Tecumseth, King City, Whitchurch-Stouffville, Richmond Hill and Toronto.

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New Member, Tim Myrden is welcomed by Dick Furlong and David Elms.

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Bill Kidd, continued from page One:

#### MORE GOOD NEWS

Euchre Night will continue on January 26th at the Optimist Club, 55 Forhan Ave. It's starts at 7 PM and will finish around 9:30. It is progressive in that after a game each player changes to a new partner. There are prizes and an interesting twist is that a lone hand receives a bottle of wine but will lose it to the next lone hand. This bottle may travel among many lone hands till the end of the night. The cost is \$10 per person, bring your own refreshments. This is a good opportunity for your wife or friend to come out to a fun night. Even if you have not played euchre come on out and you will be instructed how to play the game. Men's Probus will be offered first chance to register to come and then at a certain date the game will be opened to the public. The maximum number players will be 40 which is 10 tables. Special thanks to Vice-President Paul Bath for organizing and running the Probus Euchre Night.

Is it time for tours again?

In pre-Covid days the Newmarket Club went on tours. I'm sure some can remember good fellowship times. Maybe it is time to think about a starting-up again? Bus travel may not be the answer as our number may not fill the bus and the bus price is set regardless of the number of seats filled. If a tour location is an hour to two away, then carpooling with shared expenses may be an alternative. An example is the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum; just outside Hamilton is about an hour and a half away. The group rates are reasonable and a tank of gas split among the passengers keeps the cost down. This is just one idea. What do the members think?





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## **Presidents Message**

Welcome to the December's issue of our newsletter, my first as your President. The last few months have been very busy for the club. August, we had the AGM, September celebrated Jim Parks' 99<sup>th</sup> birthday and all his accomplishments and November was our Christmas dinner which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.



President Paul Bath

I would like to take this time to let you know what our goals are for the club in the new year. Firstly, listen to our membership and find out what they would like to see from their club and perhaps what they can do for the club. Our membership right now is sitting at 77, I would like to see that number increased to well over 80 by the end of my term. We can't do it without your support and input. Secondly, Education. We hope to start a workshop called PROBUS 101 early in the new year. It will focus on "the Newmarket Organization".

Your management team has been doing a great job providing events to attend, speakers to listen to, keeping you our members well informed, reaching out to those outside our club via the marketing team and lastly providing a friendly social environment with great coffee!

In the new year we will be conducting a short survey at one of our general meetings for you to complete and voice your thoughts.

"There are no strangers here, only friends you haven't met." (W.B. Yeats).  
Thanks, Dick, for finding this wonderful quote!

In the meantime, on behalf of the management team and myself we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## **Management Team For 2023-2024**

### *President*

**Paul Bath**

### *Vice-President*

**Bob Thivierge**

### *Secretary*

**Doug Wrigglesworth  
Brian Keddy**

### *Treasurer*

**Sunny Lau**

### *Past-President*

**Bill Kidd**

### *Marketing*

**Dick Furlong**

### *Programs*

**Dave Brisley  
Assistant Needed**

### *Membership*

**Dave Elms  
Warren MacRobie**

### *Technology*

**Tim Myrden  
Mike Ballard**

### *Webmaster*

**Sunny Lau**

### *Newsletter*

**Bill Kidd  
Ted Wilkinson**

### *PMSC*

**Ken Parsons**



## Jim Park's Men's PROBUS Birthday Celebration

Jim's 99 birthday was on September 22. The Newmarket Men's PROBUS club celebrated it at the legion on the 18 of September.

Mr. Jim Parks in everything he does, is a true Canadian inspiration to all those around him and continues to be to this day at 99 years of age on September 22, 2023.

Jim's war experience has made him recipient of many war medals from not only Canada but also recognized with medals from other countries like France and Germany, he is a true Second World War veteran.



Back row (left to right) Cpl. Jordan St. Croix - RCMP, Ret. Insp. Gary Miner - YRP, Supt. Russ Bellman - YRP, Alex Fitzgerald-Black - Director Juno Beach, Insp. Tim Dell'Anna - RCMP, Newmarket Mayor - John Taylor, Deputy Chief Rocco Volpe - YRP, Laura Bradford - President Rotary Club, Brenda Andrews - Past President PROBUS Canada, Scott Crone - EG Ward 3 Councillor, Robert Kwapis - Newmarket Ward 5 Councillor, Cst. Robin Struthers - RCMP, Jared Reinemo  
Front row (left to right) Ian Proudfoot - MP Van Brynen's rep., Evan Parks, Taylor Parks, Dennis Flaherty - MPP Gallagher-Murphy's rep., Crystal Parks, Ret. Major Jim Parks, David Parks, Michael Parks, Ret. Sgt. Rod Cullen - YRP, RCL Newmarket, Wayne Hooey - Past President RCL Newmarket

Friends and Family came to celebrate Jim's Birthday





## Guest Speakers' Calendar

JANUARY 17 2024



**Paul Wylezol**

Chairperson at International  
Appalachian Trail

**Captain James Cook**

FEBRUARY 21 2024



**Adam Shoalts**

Adventurer

Will talk on his  
expeditions

MARCH 20 2024



**John Taylor**

Mayor of Newmarket

Mulock Property and  
other developments

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## GOLF EVENT

Our first shared event is a game of golf with Lindsay PROBUS Club on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. It's at the 18-hole "Highlands" (executive) Course at Mill Run Golf. The weather was good and from reports is the thought is lets do it again next year.



**THE NEWMARKET TEAM**



**GOLF SCORES SEEM TO SHRINK AFTER**



## PAST PRESIDENTS

1991-1992	Roy Gurney
1992-1993	Dave A. Sutton
1993-1994	J. Murray Gillespie
1994-1995	Thomas Surgeoner
1995-1996	Jim E.A. Nesbitt
1996-1997	H. Glen Henderson
1997-1998	Gord D. Cockburn
1998-1999	Clem G. Kambeitz
1999-2000	W. Don McCallum
2000-2001	Keith G. Profit
2001-2002	S. Art H. Craig
2002-2003	Mike D. Bennett
2003-2004	Jack Thompson
2004-2005	Bob LaSalle
2005-2006	Dick Veevers
2006-2007	Phil Harrison
2007-2008	Jack Brown
2008-2009	Harold Lorenz
2009-2010	Richard (Dick) Furlong
2010-2011	Art Darnbrough
2011-2012	Robert (Rob) Vernon
2012-2013	Joe Tressler
2013-2014	Doug Wigglesworth
2014-2015	Graham Christopher
2015-2016	Doug Magee
2016-2017	Warren MacRobie
2017-2018	Peter Hardy
2019-2021	Sunny Lau
2021-2022	Richard (Dick) Furlong
2022-2023	Bill Kidd

## Christmas Dinner November 15 2023

On November 15, 2023 a Christmas together was held at The Buttery Restaurant. It started with PROBUS member and guest arriving at 4 pm for Cocktails and social mingling. It followed by a meal starting with Caesar Salad & Garlic Bread, then a choice of Chicken Breast or Roast Beef or Vegetarian and Tea or Coffee.

Throughout the evening a Fifty-Fifty was held with a nice cash payment.

A nice surprise was Jim Park's family supplied some of the door prizes. A further great support was The Roxborough Retirement Home sponsored entertainment, dessert and more door prizes.

## Special thanks to for making this a success

The Buttery Restaurant, Jim Park's family, The Roxborough and the PROBUS Christmas team







## The Marketing Report

The mandate IS to focus on methods to enhance membership satisfaction and support the different functions within the club.

Some of things the team helped make happen

Increased profile of club- presentation to Rotary, Home show booth, Ribfest, Seniors Expo

Supported membership new literature, new promo recording, attending and promoting events.

Helped resolve meeting location and day of week,

Promoting external activities, shared events with Lindsay Men's club

The first meeting for 2024 Marketing Team occurred on November 7th,

Number one objective being the enhancement of current programs to produce an environment where members have 100% satisfaction.

Number two was continuing our recruitment program to attract new members, especially the newly retired.

A detailed plan will be developed, presented to management and to members in early 2024.

The current marketing team members are: Dave Elms, Dave Brisley, Sunny Lau, Mike Ballard, Warren MacRobie, Stephen Cheung, Dick Furlong, Paul Bath.

A note to members, if you would like to join the team or attend our meetings, please let one of the team know, we are always looking for new ideas.

Marketing Chair

Dick Furlong



What did you get out of the meeting?

A Thought:

*It's not by chance.  
The choice  
was your destiny.*





## *The Walking Club*

On most Thursdays, if the weather is good, a group gets together for a walk geared to your stamina. Call Mike Ballard at 905 715 6422 for more information.



### **Who am I**

**John Vanderwielen**

Born of parents who had emigrated from the Netherlands, after five years of Nazi occupation

Grew up farming

Was an athletic and academics star at high school

Did co-op engineering at Waterloo

Many years at Bell Canada, including three years in Saudi Arabia



**More Who am I  
In the winter  
News Letter**







### Congratulations To This Year Pin Recipients

#### 5 Year

Naqi Ahsan  
Alex Miller  
Steve Muir  
George Prime  
Wayne Wynn

#### 10 Year

Jay Fancie

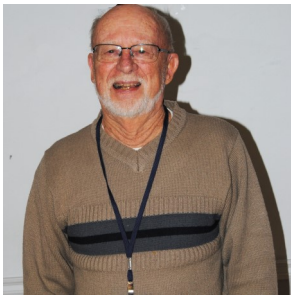
#### 15 Year

Ted Wilkinson

#### 20 Year

Peter Harding  
Ken Parsons

Coming soon **PROBUS** shirts  
will be for sale to the members



**Ken and Naqi  
Are Not  
Camera Shy**



### Induction of Five New Members



**Paul Bath did the Induction with the support  
of Warren MacRobie which are;  
Bruce Cardwell, John Greenhough,  
Brett Naylor, Dennis Paradis,  
Mark Robinson,**





## ***PROBUS Progressive Euchre Night!***

**Optimist Club, 55 Forhan Drive, Newmarket, ON**

**Cost:** \$10.00 (covers hall rental, prizes, cards)  
Please bring your own refreshments

**Prizes** Prizes for Highest & Lowest score,  
Most lone hands (Limit one prize per player)

**Players:** Maximum of 40 (10 tables) seating is limited

**Registration:** email: [paulfbath@gmail.com](mailto:paulfbath@gmail.com)

**Dates:** January 25, February 22, March 28, April 25,  
May 23 and June 27  
(Forth Thursday of the month)

**Start Time:** 7:00 pm End time: approximately 9:30-10:00

**Mark them in your calendar!**

***Come on out and enjoy an evening of cards!***

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## **December Guest Speaker Christopher Little**



Christopher gave an excellent overview of Online Safety. With tips on protecting your computer from hackers.

