

PROBUS Club News



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET

MARCH 2024

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President's Message

Welcome to our first edition of our 2024 newsletter. It's already Spring! Where did our winter go? Some would say, "what winter?" Global warming?

Once again your management team have been working hard to make this club what you want it to be. However we are looking for an Assistant for our Programme Director. If you are interested, let us know!

One of the things I've implemented is the President's luncheon. Did you know we have 6 PROBUS clubs in our area alone? The Presidents get together every other month or so to share ideas . On April 22nd we have our District meeting in Bradford with 15 clubs attending. Some of your Management committee and myself will be attending.

We had our first Probus 101 in February and all who attended enjoyed it and saw value. Our next one in April is already full. If you would like to attend we have openings in May. Let me know.

The Mayor's talk and lunch was a great success with over 70 members and guests attending, including members from the Maple Leaf Women' PROBUS Club and Rotary Club of Newmarket.

In this newsletter you will find the results of the survey we conducted in January. We asked and you responded. Look for some positive changes in the future!

A trip to Queen's Park is in the works and will include a lunch. Spots will fill up fast, be sure to let Dick Furlong know you would like to go.

Lastly, we are always looking for new ideas (and new volunteers) to improve our club. If you have ideas you would like to share, please don't hesitate to email me.

Until then, see you at our next meeting!



President Paul Bath

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

**PROBUS member's survey is on
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Guest Speakers' Calendar

April 17 2024



Emily Oriold

Jamie Williams

"The Foster Festival"

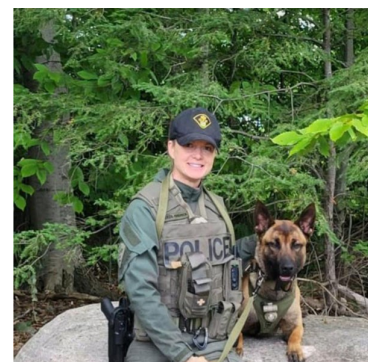
May 15 2024



Annemarie Hagan

"Exploring the Unexpected Life of Artist Frederick Hagan"

June 15 2024



Constable Sarah Hendrick

"The Operations of the OPP K9 Unit"

For more information and biographies. Please check our website:
www.mensPROBUSclubofnewmarket.ca



Paul, Bob and Vic

They went to The Young Artist Showcase and very much enjoyed the talents of young musicians in York Region.

DID YOU KNOW

Solitaire was first known as "Patience" and is believed to be of German or Scandinavian origin. The game was first mentioned in literature in the 1760's.

Past Speakers

JANUARY



Paul Wylezol

Presented Captain James Cook travels around the globe. From Newfoundland, to Quebec. And then to the South Pacific

FEBRUARY



Adam Shoalts

Shared his experiences of trips in northern Canada. Many were solo excursions lasting for months over rugged terrain.

MARCH



Mayor John Taylor

Gave an informative presentation on the many initiatives currently taking place in Newmarket.

For more information and all biographies. Please check our website:

www.mensPROBUSclubofnewmarket.ca

TWO PROBUS MEMBERS WHO DESERVE RECOGNITION



Richard Biggs

Posts club meetings flyers in two condominium one of which he lives in

John Parkin

Collects liquor and beer bottles in the condominium where he lives and then donates the proceeds to the Food Bank.



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 Wrigglesworth
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

Luncheon at the Legion March 20, 2024

Mayor John Taylor provided an overview of the town's plans for industrial growth. He discussed cultural and recreational initiatives, such as the Mulock Estate development and functions carried out at Riverwalk Commons that make Newmarket a vibrant community to live in. He also discussed many residential projects underway such as Upper Canada Mall.

Special thanks to

The Legion Ladies Auxiliary for preparing the luncheon



John Taylor received an award during the March 20 meeting



A cappella Sound, Bob Balistone, Rick Snoulten, Gaille Spnoulten, and Mark Robinson sang O Canada. Then entertained with songs during lunch.



Members and Guests listening to the mayor covering the complexities of Newmarket

The Marketing Report

The Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket has established clear goals to enhance member satisfaction and attract new members. To achieve these objectives, a comprehensive marketing program has been devised, focusing on both community outreach and internal member engagement.

Externally, the club has initiated various initiatives to elevate its profile within the community. This includes participation in events such as the Newmarket Festival and RibFest, and trying to securing a booth at the Home show. Additionally, collaborative efforts with other organizations, like the Rotary club of Newmarket and Lindsay Men's PROBUS Club, have been undertaken to broaden outreach and foster partnerships.

Internally, the club has prioritized member feedback and engagement. A member survey has been conducted to solicit input on improving membership enjoyment, demonstrating a commitment to meeting the needs and preferences of existing members. Furthermore, activities like the "Bring a Friend, Make a Friend" meeting in March and a night of entertainment with **Yuk Yuk's** had been organized to enhance camaraderie and member participation.

Richard Furlong

The Ontario Senior Achievement Awards

This award recognize people who have made outstanding contributions to their communities through voluntary or professional activities after the age of 65. Seniors who qualify for this award may have contributed to many different fields such as the arts, literature, community service, volunteering, education, environment, fitness, and humanitarian activities. Up to 20 individuals are recognized each year.

Jim Parks a PROBUS member of Newmarket was one of 20 seniors to be recognized in a special ceremony today with Lt.-Gov. Edith Dumont. Parks took part in storming Juno Beach on D-Day, and has been committed to sharing his stories to keep memories alive since.

"Jim has been relentlessly committed to sharing his stories and keeping the memories alive of other Canadians who fought these battles, ensuring their valuable fight for our freedom is never forgotten,"



Congratulations

Jim!



Thursday Morning Hikes

Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket



There were 45 hikes. In 2023 In the winter we hiked in Newmarket on various paved trails which the town keeps clear of snow and ice. During the rest of the year we hiked on crushed limestone trails in Oak Ridges, Aurora, East Gwillimbury, Holland Landing, Sharon, and the Rouge National Urban Park (near Stouffville). We also hiked on easy dirt trails in York Region Forests, Jokers Hill, Holland Landing and Prairie Provincial Nature Reserve.

We had an average of 10 hikers each week, but it varied between 6 and 15.

Each Sunday or Monday, Vic Davis emails instructions on where to meet for the hike on the following Thursday. We meet at 10:00 AM and finish hiking before 12:00 noon.

At each hike location, we divide into 2 groups, one doing a hike of 4 to 6 km, and the other doing a hike of 1 to 2 km. Most of the hikes last about 1 1/2 hours. The hike leaders are Vic Davis, Mike Ballard, and Courtney Robertson.

After each hike, many of the hikers go for lunch. We visited at least 25 different restaurants during 2023.

If you wish to have your name on the hikers' email list, or just want further information about the hikes, contact Vic Davis at vic.davis@sympatico.ca



A benefit to members who have difficulty with theatre sound

Cineplex is proud to offer CaptiView™, a closed caption viewing system created by Doremi Cinema, for their guests. The system consists of a small display unit with a flexible support arm that fits into the seat's cup holder.

The onscreen display is easy to read and comes with a privacy visor. CaptiView™ offers guests who are deaf, deafened, or hard of hearing more viewing options: they can sit in any seat in the auditorium, watch movies in 3D with captions, and receive captions in English or French. The wireless technology allows Cineplex to provide captions in almost any auditorium.



Paul Bath and Bill Docherty receiving The Appreciation Award for Non Profit on behalf of the Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket.

Dawn Gallagher-Murphy, our local MPP presented these awards to all local non-profit organizations within Newmarket Aurora area.

Induction of Four New Members In February



Hugh Ross, Peter Meehan, Gary Williamson and Richard Elliott

WHO AM I Members Sharing Interesting Facts of Their Life



Bill McTavish

Bill gave an interesting summary of his life. A leap year baby born and raised in the Fergus/Arthur area. He related a scary incident of being pulled from a river as a young child. His work career involved frequently moving to 13 communities in Alberta and Ontario in the Financial/Investment services industry. Bill retired 5 years ago to enjoy the physical activities of golfing, skiing and genealogy.



Dennis Paradis

Dennis was raised in Kapuskasing, about 80 miles south of James Bay. He attended the University of Waterloo during the Punch Card technology days. Started his technical career with Bell, moved into Sales and is now a Remax realtor of 20 Years. He and his wife have been married for 52 years. They have grown children and grandchildren. Retirement interests include golf, tennis, walking and coin collecting.

First class of PROBUS 101



Mike Ballard, Dennis Paradis, Martin Robinson, Brian Keddy, Hugh Ross participated in the first class in January. President Paul Bath gave a half hour overview of PROBUS using slides. The content covered what is PROBUS, Canada, PROBUS Global and Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket. With a wrap-up of questions and answers. Dave Elms our membership chair sitting in the back.



Probuc Progressive Euchre Night!

Future Dates: March 28, April 25, May 23 and June 27

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

Venue: Optimist Club, 55 Forhan Drive, Newmarket, On. Upstairs

Cost: \$10.00 (covers hall rental, prizes, cards, and stationery).

Please bring your own refreshments **AND FRIENDS!**

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

Game: Progressive Euchre (8rounds)

Players: maximum of 40 (10 tables) seating is limited

Registration: email: paulfbath@gmail.com

Mark them in your calendar!

Come on out and enjoy an evening of cards!

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Men's Probuc Club Newmarket





We asked? You answered!

Over 51% of club responded to our survey handout in January

- 1) 90% gave our speakers a 4.5 out of 5
- 2) 97% believe they get value for their time and money
- 3) 83% are more than satisfied with the venue
- 4) 90% are satisfied with our sound system
- 5) Results of types of activities where 1 is no interest and 5 is very interested
Speakers **4.59** Coffee/Social **3.90** Walking **2.42** Sight Seeing **2.24**
Mgmt Rpts **2.04** Movies **1.10** Music **.93** Biking **.93** Cards **.76** Casino **.59**
- 6) Are you interested in participating in community service projects?
Yes **45%** NO **48%** No Response **7%**
- 7) Would you like Probud to organize educational workshops or seminars?
Yes **72%** NO **17%** No Response **10%**
- 8) Are you interested in group travel opportunities with Probud members?
Yes **52%** NO **34%** No Response **14%**
- 9) Are you open to taking on leadership roles within the Probud club ?
Most members prefer to not take on a leadership role
- 10) How likely are you to recommend Probud to friends or family members? Very Likely
97% Not Likely **0%** No Response **3%**
- 11) Which platforms do you use most frequently for Probud updates?
100% email
- 12) How likely are you willing to participate in our random lunches?
Very likely **67%** Not likely **29%** No Response **4%**
- 13) Would you prefer **RANDOM 21%** or **FIXED 31%** No Response **48%**
- 14) Do you read our quarterly newspaper?
Yes **86%** No **7%** NO Response **7%**
- 15) Would you like the minutes of our meetings emailed to you?
Yes **69%** No **28%** No Response **3%**



The Coffee Team

Courtney and Rick will be ready.
When the Pres. says it's coffee time.



More on
PROBUS
team players
next issue



Give a smile/thank you and ask if they need help?

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



DID YOU KNOW?

Beer reduces the Risk of developing Kidney
Stones by 40% .

@KKNOWLEDGE