



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