



## MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET

### GENERAL MEETING MINUTES 21 February 2024 Newmarket Legion Hall

- **President's Welcome** *Paul Bath*
  - Paul opened the meeting at 10:00.
  - O Canada A Capella, led by Martin and his Quartet.
  - Welcomed 7 new guests.
  - Recognized members who attended the inaugural Probus 101. Announced that the upcoming April 101 session is full and that May session has 3 openings.
  - Four new members were inducted: Richard Elliott, Hugh Ross, Gary Williamson, and Peter Meehan.
  
- **Minutes & Correspondence** *Brian Keddy*
  - The January minutes were reviewed.
  
- **Treasurer Report** *Sunny Lau*
  - Sunny informed us that the club's finances are in good shape with rent for the Legion hall paid to the end of July.
  
- **Membership Report** *Dave Elms*
  - Attendance for the meeting was 39 members and 14 guests.
  - Anniversary pins were awarded to: Kevin Wilson 5year, and Ted Wilkinson 15 year.
  
- **Programs Report** *Dave Brisley*
  - Dave announced that speakers have now been booked to the end of July.
  - March will be Major John Taylor speaking about the Mullock Property and other developments in Newmarket.
  - April speaker is Emily Orioid speaking about the Norm Foster Theatre Group.

- **Marketing Report**

*Dick Furlong*

- The Team's goals are Membership Satisfaction and Recruitment, and the team is always looking for new members.
- Jim Parks has been awarded the Ontario Senior Achievement Award and it will be presented by the Lieutenant Governor on February 29<sup>th</sup>.
- Our next meeting on March 20<sup>th</sup> is Bring a Friend month with lunch catered by the Legion Ladies Auxiliary following our meeting.
- Home Show event is coming up in May. There may be a fee of \$250 to participate in this year's event so the team is looking to see if this will be worth participating this year.

- **Who Am I**

Dennis Paradis gave an interesting summary of a life well lived. Raised in Kapuskasing, about 80miles south of James Bay. Went to University of Waterloo during the Punch Card technology days. Started his technical career with Bell, moved into Sales and is now a Remax Realtor. Retirement interests include golf, tennis, walking, and coin collecting. Lives by the moto "Life is too short to be grumpy".

- **50/50Draw**

- Brian Keddy was the lucky winner of this month's draw.

- **Guest Speaker**

**Adam Shoalts** is the Explorer-in-Residence of the Royal Canadian Geographical Society. He entertained us with a very energetic and passionate presentation of his solo expeditions in the most remote wilderness areas of the Arctic. He would head out for 4 months at a time on his own. He started talking of his latest 3,400-kilometre journey to the Arctic beginning in Norfolk County on the shores of Lake Erie. This great story teller left us having just entered the Ste. Lawrence River by the end of the meeting, creating a significant line up to buy a copy of his latest book "Where The Falcon Flies".

- **Adjournment** Noon for Lunch at Castle John's