

# PROBUS Club News



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET

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## President's Message

The dawn of 2021 brings hope and much anticipation for the resumption of normalcy. We know the battle with COVID-19 has not been won, not by a long stretch. We are nonetheless encouraged by the phenomenal progress in the developing vaccines that have demonstrated extremely high efficacy rates. The demographic of our membership is well positioned to receive the early doses. In the meeting earlier in January, the Management Committee approved the continuation of the current management structure until we return to in-person meetings at Seton Hall. It was deemed necessary in these extraordinary times to ensure continued stability in our operation. Our club has demonstrated leadership, innovation, and flexibility in dealing challenging times.



We, a club of merely 100 members, showed domestic and international clubs what is possible. I would like to highlight some of the efforts we have made:

- Virtual meetings started one month after the first "lockdown" in March 2020. The speed to which we came up with an alternative is simply astounding. We have since assisted many other clubs in holding their virtual meetings.
- Our club website has become a central point for club information. Members can enjoy featured presentations even if they cannot join the virtual meetings online.
- International clubs from Europe, UK, South Africa, India, Australia, and others have participated in our meetings as presenters and attendees. Our association with PROBUS Global has grown significantly as a result.
- Wellness Checks via telephone have resumed after a brief pause between the waves. This will lend support to those who may feel isolated at this time.

There is now a light at the end of the COVID tunnel. We will get there if we stay vigilant. Remember, our meetings are held on ZOOM until further notice. Watch for Steve's Invitation.

All the best to you and your family. Stay Safe.

**Sunny Lau, President**

## Management Team for 2020-2021

- President**  
**Sunny Lau**
- Vice President**  
**Dick Furlong**
- Secretary**  
**Doug Wrigglesworth**
- Treasurer**  
**Robert Vernon**
- Past President**  
**Peter Hardy**
- Webmaster**  
**Sunny Lau**
- Membership**  
**Dave Elms**  
**Warren MacRobie**
- Programs (CAE)**  
**Naqi Ahsan**  
**Dave Brisley**  
**Terry Alderson**
- Newsletter & IT**  
**Steve Muir**  
**Ted Wilkinson**

## SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ♦ **January 20, 2021**, - Tony Vassallo the founder of MODA Nutrition and will be speaking about Healthier Foods.
- ♦ **February 17, 2021**, - Christina Bisanz is with CHATS and will be talking about Community & Home Assistance for Seniors.
- ♦ **March 17, 2021**, - David Chapman will be telling us about "Wild, Weird and Wacky Weather".



<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
2018-2019	

**PROBUS GLOBAL Comes to Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket**

The Management Committee of the Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket faced up to the COVID-19 health crisis by moving swiftly to start virtual meetings when the first Ontario, Canada lockdown was introduced in March 2020. We were one of the few clubs to hold our General Meeting virtually in April 2020. We have provided technical and logistical advice to many other clubs since.

In May and June of 2020, we invited national and international guests to our monthly meetings. On our guest list are Probians from across Canada and, through PROBUS Global (PG), countries such as India and Australia. Increasingly, our domestic and international guests are featuring in our program. In November 2020, Stan Thomson, Banchory, Scotland, gave a WHO AM I presentation which was very well received. We continue to take full advantage of our association with PROBUS Global by engaging Probians and interesting speakers abroad. We have booked WHO AM I presentations from Britain and India in January and February, and a speaker from UK on Battle of Britain in April. Other international speakers are under consideration.

We have established a vast global connection in the UK, Europe, South Africa, India, and Australia through our association with PG. Our efforts have contributed to the membership growth of PG. Our Technology Chair, Steve Muir, hosted the inaugural global meeting in December 2020. Video recording of the keynote presentation by our Vice-President is available on request. The next PG meeting is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>.

The Management Committee at Men's PROBUS Club of Newmarket will continue to support its membership with innovative ideas. I am sure clubs around the world are doing the same.



**Comment from Stan Thomson, Banchory, Scotland.**

'After I joined PROBUS Global I was introduced to PROBUS Men's Club, Newmarket, Canada via a 'Zoom' virtual meeting. I was very well received by the members, and in fact have visited regularly with other PG guests and have met PROBUS Club members

who have been invited from all over the world. At one of your meetings, I was invited to give a short talk on my Probus Club and Community. I appreciate what your club has done in opening up the world of PROBUS for me.

**Comment from Shirley Roberts, President, PROBUS Global**



It has been a pleasure for me to attend your Zoom meetings during these pandemic times, to listen to your interesting speakers, gain more knowledge of PROBUS in Newmarket and Canada and especially your club members who have given me a cordial welcome. You have opened the world of PROBUS by including PROBUS members from Australia, Europe, India, and UK

