

# Probus Club News



**MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET**

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**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 Uytdevilgin**, 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:  
[www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca](http://www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca)

**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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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 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?

