

# PROBUS Club News



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET

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## Presidents Message

I hope you are enjoying our fabulous summer. It's September already.... how time flies.

We are all looking forward to further loosening of COVID restrictions as vaccination rates continue to climb. Already, a sense of normalcy has returned to our daily lives with gatherings of friends and family. In July, we organized a luncheon after the General Meeting for the first time in 16 months. A group of twelve fully vaccinated members got together outdoors at a local pub patio. It felt great. I hope many more of you will join us in the coming months. We will start working with Seton Hall to resume in-person meetings as soon as Ontario moves out of Step 3.

Dave Elms, our Membership Chair, sent out a letter August 4<sup>th</sup> outlining our plan for in-person meetings.

A new Management Committee was elected at the August General Meeting (our first hybrid Zoom meeting). I want to take this opportunity to thank you for the support and encouragement you have provided me over the past 2+ years.

It has been a great personal experience for me. The pandemic taught us the need to be agile, creative and adaptive. Congratulations to our team, who were quick to organize virtual meetings on Zoom (needing to cancel only one meeting) as well as continuous wellness checks on members. We launched our website in May 2020 shortly into the first lockdown. We were one of the first clubs to have international guests and speakers participate at our monthly meetings. Our membership renewal now fully supports a quick and efficient option in the form of Interac e-transfer. I am extremely proud of our team.

I am honoured to have been given the opportunity to serve as your President for 2 terms. I will remain on the Management Committee as the Webmaster.

I wish you and your family a safe and happy summer and beyond.

**Sunny Lau**



## Management Team for 2021-2022

### President

**Dick Furlong**

### Vice President

**Bill Kidd**

### Secretary

**Doug Wrigglesworth**

### Treasurer

**Terry Alderson**

### Past President

**Sunny Lau**

### Webmaster

**Sunny Lau**

### Membership

**Dave Elms**

**Warren MacRobie**

### Programs (CAE)

**Dave Brisley**

### Newsletter & IT

**Steve Muir**

**Ted Wilkinson**

## SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ◆ **September 15, 2021**, - Brad Ashton is from the UK and he will be bringing us; "A Comic Relief".
- ◆ **October 21, 2021**, - Dr. Riley Moynes will speak on the topic "The Four Phases of Retirement"
- ◆ **November 17, 2021**, - Plans for our annual Christmas Event at Cardinal RedCrest Golf Course (more to Follow)



## Guest Speakers

- **June 16, 2021**— **Neil Dudley** of Luxury River Cruises gave a detailed and well-illustrated overview of the possibilities and advantages of river cruises that are available.
- **July 21, 2021**— **Stewart Campbell**, another fine Scot gave a wonderfully informative talk on the building of “The Chunnel” – the tunnel beneath the English Channel. As a senior director of health and safety for the project, he was able to give some fascinating insights on this massive and historic construction project.
- **August 18, 2021**— **Nick French** spoke to us from South Africa on the topic of Open-Heart Surgery. In a most interesting and well-illustrated talk, he described the history of the process. Beginning from emergency treatment of battle injuries during the Second War and pioneer work at the U of Minnesota, we were led through the development of processes that allowed surgeons to work for longer and more complex heart surgery. This led to the first heart transplant in South Africa by Christian Barnard

## Management Committee 2021/2022



<i><b>President</b></i>	Dick Furlong
<i><b>Vice-President</b></i>	Bill Kidd
<i><b>Secretary</b></i>	Doug Wrigglesworth
<i><b>Treasurer</b></i>	Terry Alderson
<i><b>Membership</b></i>	Dave Elms
<i><b>Programs</b></i>	Dave Brisley & Doug Magee
<i><b>Newsletter</b></i>	Ted Wilkinson
<i><b>Technology</b></i>	Steve Muir
<i><b>Webmaster</b></i>	Sunny Lau



We are in the process of installing the new management team for the 2021-2022 term. We have added Bill Kidd to our team as Vice President, all others from the management committee will remain, including Sunny as Past President and in the role of Webmaster.

We would like to thank Sunny for doing an outstanding job over the last two years. In spite of the COVID pandemic and government mandated restrictions, he kept the club operational since February of 2020, only missing one month, that of March 2020. Thanks to his leadership, with Steve Muir's technical assistance, our club was on the leading edge in our virtual meetings. Our club's lead in international speakers and guests, and the setting up our new excellent website made us a showcase for Probus websites around the world. Just this month we had our first hybrid meeting to test options for future meetings. On behalf of the management team and all our members, thank you Sunny.

With the restructuring of the management team, Bill as our new VP, will be responsible for sending out get-well cards to our members. If you are aware of any member or their family members who are not well, please contact Bill at [billkidd2016@gmail.com](mailto:billkidd2016@gmail.com)

Regards, Dick Furlong