

Probus Club News



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET

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Web Site: www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca

Presidents Message

The new management team is now in place. Most of the old executive are staying on and will continue with their positive commitment to serve another term. We will continue to move forward with our in-person meetings and your team will continue to do risk assessment for these meetings and keep membership informed on protocol for each monthly meeting. As your new president I will be open to all suggestions, thoughts of new formats, directions, and critique. Please send all in writing to me at billkidd2016@gmail.com



Bill Docherty, our technologist, with months of trying to bandage our electronic equipment to the Legion's system has finally solved it with a new BOSE speaker which is allowing excellent flexibility for various locations and allows all to hear anywhere in the room. Zoom appears to be working quite well. Tim Myrden has stepped up to help Bill set up and operate the system.
Thanks Tim and Bill

Dick Furlong has Volunteered to do a marketing campaign to bring in new members. As of this date the paid membership is at 72. The membership, to be healthy, should be in the 90's. This may enable the club to give subsidies to events such as Christmas lunch and summer barbeques. Right now Dick and Paul Bath are heading up the team and would like 1 – 2 more members to assist them. Surely in our membership we have someone whose past career was selling or marketing. If you have an idea, or suggestion, no matter how ridiculous it may sound to you, please pass it on to Dick or Paul.

A change of meeting locations has occurred to help keep the budget balanced as the rent for the Legion has been increased for 2023. The Membership day of the third Tuesday will remain the same with a 9:30 am start with the meeting starting at 10, coffee at 10:30 and guest speaker at 11 and adjournments at 12. The Legion months are January, March, April, June and August. The months of February, May, and July will be held at the "Lions and Sun Restaurant & Lounge" located at Woodbine and Mount Albert Road.

As this is my first time at doing a newsletter and president I hope the above is of some interest to some and I'm looking forward to my term of office this year.
Bill Kidd, President

Management Team for 2021-2022

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Bill Kidd

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Paul Bath

Secretary

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Sunny Lau

Past President

Dick Furlong

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Dave Elms

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Dave Brisley

Doug Magee

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Bill Docherty

Tim Myrden

Ted Wilkinson

Webmaster

Sunny Lau

PMSC

Ken Parsons



Guest Speakers' Calendar

SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ◆ **December 20th, 2022: Dr. John Percy**, His Topic; "Misconceptions about the Universe: From Everyday Life to the Big Bang"
- ◆ **January 17th, 2023: David Chandross Ph.D.**, His Topic; "Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind "
- ◆ **February 21st, 2023: Ryan Uytdevillegin**, His Topic; "Chief Dan George"

For more information and biography's, Please check our website:
www.mensprobussclubofnewmarket.ca

Our Guest Speaker October 19th 2022

Dr. Amy Barron Canadian Archaeologist and academic.

In a most entertaining live (and lively) presentation, Dr. Barron told us of Agatha Christie – her interesting life story as an author – and her involvement in Archaeology, particularly with her second husband, Max Mellowan.



Dr. Amy Barron with Bill Kidd

At our September 20th meeting, Dave Brisley introduced **Dr. Eileen Schuller**, professor of Religious Studies at McMaster University.

In a fascinating, well-illustrated and clearly presented talk, Dr Schuller explained the significance of the Dead Sea Scrolls discovery just 75 years ago this year.



Having been involved directly on site in the study of the Scrolls, as a young PhD student, then later as an academic Dr. Schuller was able to describe what historical knowledge has been learned, how the scrolls have been examined, and how the complex translation of tiny pieces continues to evolve.

A splendid talk that was greatly



<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

President Dick welcomed Don McKee to our club



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 **MEN'S PROBUS CLUB OF NEWMARKET**

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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Newmarket Probus Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch was once again scheduled for November which was held at the “Lions and Sun Bar and Lounge” with great entertainment provided by Cruisin’ Acappella Group. It started at 10:30 am with coffee or tea and mingling of the guests followed by the live entertainment till 12. Refreshments were then served with lunch at 12:15. All the meals were preordered when the tickets were bought. The diners left with doggy bags and contented smiles on their faces. Those who were unwell or uncomfortable meeting in person, were able to join virtually via Zoom after 10:00 am and had to check their e-mail to access the Zoom This Christmas lunch was closed to only members who had pre-purchased meal tickets from Warren MacRobie. However, if someone wanted to attend for the social and entertainment ONLY, there was a \$10.00 cover charge, payable in cash to Warren. Those individuals were able to independently purchase a meal at the “Lions and Sun Bar and Lounge”. At this time a tip of Probus Hat has to be given to Warren MacRobie for his patience and endurance to put this lunch together for the second year in a row. *Thanks Warren!*



A typical Monthly Meeting

At this time I would like to reminisce on the two hours when the club meets each month. First the committee reports clarify what has been done or spent over the month and what may occur soon. Next the 10 minute WAI (Who Am I) is very interesting when members share their life experiences with fellow members. Next is coffee half hour with Keith Atherton and Rick Biggs serving up an excellent cup of Java. Keith has relinquished his spot to Paul Bath. Thanks to Keith for having served the coffee and Paul for now serving. This leads to group conversation and reminiscing with old friends. The Meeting finished with Guest speakers’ wrap-up in the final hour sharing interesting topics to most of the PROBUS members. After the meeting a get-together is at a restaurant for lunch and refreshments.

I hope everyone read the Membership e-mail sent on November 8th about the long time PROBUS member Jim Parks, write-up in York Region Paper? His survival during World War II was sheer determination and luck.

Bill Kidd

