

# Probus Club News



**MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET**

**DECEMBER 2021**

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## **THE LITTLE CLUB THAT COULD**

Since March of 2020, the start of the pandemic in our area, our club's Management Team has strived to keep our membership involved, entertained, and informed.

As many segments of our country scrambled to understand the impact of COVID-19, in April of 2020 we had our first virtual meeting using the Zoom platform, hosted by Steve Muir, our Technology Chair, using his personal Zoom license. We continue to have Zoom meetings and we developed other programs to keep members active in our club. Sunny Lau developed our website, and a call tree was used to call all members on a regular basis. The pandemic continued beyond all expectations; the club purchased its own Zoom license and in November we introduced our first International WHO AM I from Scotland. Since then, we have had WHIs from India, France, Belgium, Britain and in September we returned to our country, with a WHI from the Maritimes. We also introduced international keynote speakers soon after our first WHI.

Recently we have been having management meetings at a local restaurant, the Lions and Sun, which we support by having very enjoyable lunches after our meetings. We are now entering a new phase - Hybrid Regular Monthly Meetings; our first was in September. We have our virtual meeting on Zoom and members can attend in person, reserving a limited number of slots as Ontario protocol at the **Lions and Sun** as dictated.

This new phase requires the technical skills, set-up time and equipment to run these meetings. This is the new norm for us, in person meetings with a virtual option. This has many favourable options; members unable to attend can watch live via Zoom or watch the recording later on our website and also, we can have the option to continue to use speakers from outside our area. We are reviewing this hybrid model for the long term.

Looking ahead, with our current hybrid meetings and future in-house meetings, we will require some additional help for the Technology Chair. So, we are looking for an assistant for Steve. This assistant would join our management meetings when possible, and join the social group called the Management Committee (which really enhances the fellowship you already have with the club). You would become one of three assistants already on our team whom you would help. I have attached the current management team and from our Operations Manual, the duties of the Technology. Please contact Steve or any member of the management team to discuss your opportunity to continue to make our club "The Little Club that Could".

### **Management Team for 2021-2022**

#### **President**

**Dick Furlong**

#### **Vice President**

**Bill Kidd**

#### **Secretary**

**Doug Wrigglesworth**

#### **Treasurer**

**Sunny Lau**

#### **Past President**

**Sunny Lau**

#### **Membership**

**Dave Elms**

**Warren MacRobie**

#### **Programs (CAE)**

**Dave Brisley**

**Doug Magee**

#### **Newsletter & IT**

**Steve Muir**

**Ted Wilkinson**

#### **Webmaster**

**Sunny Lau**



## Guest Speakers

**September 15, 2021: Brad Ashton**, from the UK, his topic "*A Comic Relief*"

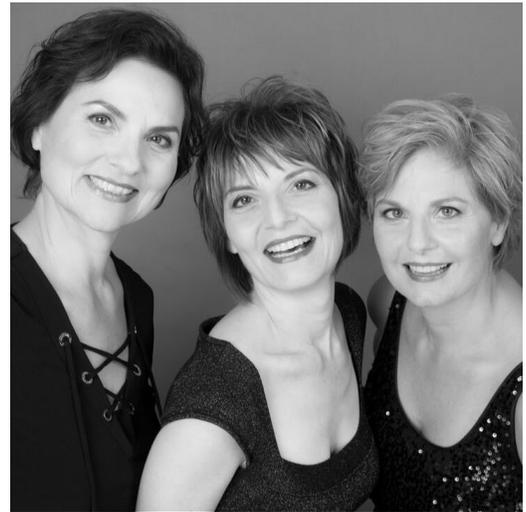
**October 20, 2021: Dr. Riley Moynes** introduced the club to "*The Four Stages of Retirement.*"

**November 17, 2021: Susan Raby-Dunne**, her topic was the life of "Dr. John McCrae, author of the poem In Flanders Fields"

### SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ◆ **December 15th, 2021: Mantini Sisters**, Pictured here, have a "Musical Celebration of Christmas"
- ◆ **January 19th 2022: Sue & David Williams** – *An adventure on the High Seas and the Journey Within*
- ◆ **February 16th 2022: Paul Wylezol**— "*Cabox: A Study in Plate Tectonics and Global Geoparks*"
- ◆ **March 16th 2022: TBA**

For more information and updates, Please check our website: [www.mensprobudclubofnewmarket.ca](http://www.mensprobudclubofnewmarket.ca)



### **A Position is available in the IT as an assistant to Steve Muir. Are you interested?**

This will include to manage all technical set-up of Audio/Video equipment for in-person monthly General Meetings at Seton Hall. When in-person meetings are not possible, host the monthly Management Committee and General Meetings on a videoconferencing platform such as Zoom.

#### **DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES:**

1. Work with Seton Hall staff to make sure the A/V system is operational
2. Manage all aspects of hosting virtual meetings including invitations, admissions, recording, security monitoring, etc.
3. Work with the Management Committee to ensure meetings are run smoothly for both in-person and virtual types
4. Work with speakers to support presentation requirements for in-person and video conferencing.
5. Turn over all expenses incurred, together with appropriate accountable documentation to the club's treasurer, at the earliest convenience.

#### **REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Familiarity with A/V systems in general
2. Working knowledge of personal computing devices
3. Working knowledge of selected videoconferencing platforms
4. Should be prepared to attend monthly Management Committee and General Meetings



<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

### The Thursday morning walking group

Each Thursday morning, subject to the weather, we meet at 10:00 am to go for a walk in one of the York Region Forests or occasionally on an urban trail in Newmarket or Aurora. We usually divide into 2 groups: 1 group walking a short loop and 1 group doing a longer loop. Then we meet back in the parking lot at about 11:15 to 11:30, where those who are interested discuss where to go for lunch.

**September 30** we walked in the York Region North Tract on Hwy 48, and there were 12 walkers.

**October 7** we walked in the York Region Clarke Tract on McCowan Rd, and there were 7 walkers.

**October 14** we walked in the York Region Davis Tract on McCowan Rd, and there were 16 walkers

Vic emails the group each Wednesday indicating the place to meet the next morning. That way we know the probability that Thursday morning will be raining or not. If you want to be on the email list, contact Vic at

[vic.davis@sympatico.ca](mailto:vic.davis@sympatico.ca) or [vicandsandra@sympatico.ca](mailto:vicandsandra@sympatico.ca)

Vic has maps of all the places to walk, and usually plans where to go, but if you contact him in advance he is open to suggestions.

Here is a picture of a walk: on the Dave Kerwin Trail, in Newmarket





**Bill McCullough** was duly invested and welcomed as a club member



**Tim Myrden** was duly inducted and welcomed as a club member  
Pictured with the new inductee are Dick Furlong and Dave Elms

