

# Probus Club News



MEN'S PROBUS CLUB of NEWMARKET

MAY 2020

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## President's Message

It has been an awfully long time since the "Stay Home, Safe Lives" mantra became the new "normal". We ought to be proud of ourselves in helping to flatten the curve of COVID-19 spread. While it is not over by any means, we have begun to cautiously re-open our communities. I would be amiss not to express my heartfelt gratitude to all essential workers especially those in frontline health care. There are simply no words to thank them adequately for their courage and sacrifice. Without a doubt, they are the true heroes in this battle. We faced great challenges in mid-March with group gathering, social distancing and other restrictions imposed by government officials.



The Management Committee responded swiftly with the following:

- Organized a Call Tree in March to connect with all members on regular intervals. The calls will continue until some sort of normalcy is restored in our community .
- Implemented a virtual meeting solution on the Zoom platform. Our first ever virtual General Meeting on the Zoom platform was held on April 15<sup>th</sup> with great success. It will continue until further notice.

Our club website <https://www.mensprobusclubofnewmarket.ca/> was launched on May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is our primary marketing tool that, hopefully, will help grow our membership. The number of Unique Visits to the site has grown steadily since the launch. Please send the link to your friends who may be looking to join a social club.

There were 65 participants at the May 20<sup>th</sup> General Meeting on Zoom, an excellent turnout. Our 20+ guests included executives from other PROBUS clubs (Aurora, Richmond Hill, Stouffville and Bradford West Gwillimbury), PROBUS Canada and one from **Australia**. *The June 17<sup>th</sup> General Meeting will also be held virtually.* I look forward to seeing you soon, in person.

TAKE CARE. STAY SAFE

Sunny Lau, President

## Management Team for 2019-2020

### President

**Sunny Lau**

### Vice President

**Dick Furlong**

### Secretary

**Doug Wrigglesworth**

### Treasurer

**Robert Vernon**

### Past President

**Peter Hardy**

### Membership

**Warren MacRobie**

### Programs (CAE)

**Naqi Ahsan**

**Dave Brisley**

**Terry Alderson**

### Newsletter & IT

**Steve Muir**

**Ted Wilkinson**



**Term Past Presidents**

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	

## Guest Speakers

**January 15, 2020 : David Forster**, President, Canadian Crime Stoppers Association presented the important role that Crime Stoppers plays in combatting crime locally, nationally and internationally

**February 19, 2020 : Glen Arnold** Spoke to us on the subject of "Bees"

**March 19, 2020 : no meeting**



**April 15, 2020 : Doug Wrigglesworth (pictured)**

Covered briefly the adventure-some life of the man who was a part of pivotal pieces of Canadian History from 1867 to the end of the First War. *Sam Steele: Canada's Own Western Hero*

◆ **May 20, 2020: Richard MacLeod**, Spoke to us on the subject of Newmarket's transformation from an agricultural to an industrial community.

### SPEAKERS' CALENDAR

- ◆ **June 17, 2020: Phillip Solomon**; topic "first time traveler guide to South Africa"
- ◆ **July 15, 2020: Richard Mewhinney**; topic "Water Collection for Sustainability"
- ◆ **August 19, 2020: York Regional Police**, Fraud
- ◆ **September 16, 2020: Gayle Seddon and Tyler Chalk**; topic Southlake@home program and OHT

And finally, there was the person who sent ten different puns to his friends, with the hope that at least one of the puns would make them laugh. No pun in ten did

