



PROBUS News.....

PROBUS Club of Bradford

Volume 151, Published February 2024

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

February may be the shortest month of the year according to the calendar, but it can easily feel like the longest. As a distraction from potential winter blues, I thought I would "educate" you on some Canadian geography.

The humour and creativity of Canadians is endless and street planners are no different. Here are some unusual street names they have come up with in cities across Canada. These are all true names. I promise.

British Columbia:

Bergen-Op-Zoom Road (Nanaimo)
Dingle Bingle Hill Terrace (Nanaimo)
Giggleswick Place (Nanaimo)
Ha Ha Creek Road (Wardner)
Jingle Pot Road (Nanaimo)
Nuttertubs Drive (Nanaimo)
Twiggly Wiggly Road (Nanaimo)

Northwest Territories:

Ragged Ass Road (Yellowknife)
Shades Of Death Road (Yellowknife)

Nunavut:

Road to Nowhere (Iqaluit)

Newfoundland and Labrador:

Hill O'Chips (St. John's)
Merrymeeting Road (St. John's)
Quidi Vidi Road (St. John's)
The Witless Bay Line (Witless Bay)

Nova Scotia:

This Street (Porter's Lake)
That Street (Porter's Lake)
The Other Street (Porter's Lake)

Ontario:

Bastard Ward (Rideau Lakes)

Quebec:

Rue Schmuck (Shefford)

February may be a shorter month, but it has a lot of special days. The Lunar New Year (Year of the Dragon) on February 10, Flag Day (February 15), Family Day (February 19), Leap Day (February 29) and, of course, Valentine's Day on February 14.

In honour of Valentine's Day, I leave you with this quote from Lao Tzu, a Chinese philosopher from 6th century BC:

"Love is of all passions the strongest, for it attacks simultaneously the head, the heart and the senses."

Until next month...

Bunny



DO YOU HAVE A DATE
FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



PROBUS meeting

March 13 at 10:00 am

At St. John's Presbyterian Church

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

The President's Message.....1
December Meeting/Speaker.....2
Clubs and Events.....3-5
Miscellaneous.....6-8

2023/4 Executive Committee:

President: *Bunny Kaufman*
Vice President: *Dale Tasker*
Secretary: *Diane Turcotte*
Treasurer: *Cheryl Blair*
Social Chair: *Wendy Van Straten*
Communication: *Ellen Rombough*
Presentations: *Tom Nelson*
Speakers' Chair: *Bob Evans*
Members Chair: *Pat Mohren*
Major Events:
*Brenda Andrews and
Peggy Michaud*
Members at Large:
Ann Evans and Chris Van Straten
Past President: *Dave McMillan*

FEBRUARY MEETING

Red was the theme for Valentine's Day and so many members dressed for the event. Do I see a little romantic dancing happening too? Our guest speaker, Leanne Racioppo, must have given a very inspiring talk.



FOR BEST PERFORMANCE IN A MURDER MYSTERY 2024 went to.....DAYNA DIXON!

For her role as Keiki Kealoha, Dayna played a convincing innocent daughter of the local land baron.



Dayna wasn't available to accept this prestigious award. Hank Alsemgeest (the murderer) accepted the trophy on Dayna's behalf, presented by Bunny and Cathryn Reese, last year's winner.



Congratulations to Shirley Bowles who won the 50/50 draw of \$66.00!

Guest Speaker for March—David Hawke, *Spring Things*

David will present about the natural events that occur as the annual winter-to-spring seasonal shift is in play.

Occupations and avocations: naturalist, photographer, author, speaker, land steward, educator, ecologist

Positions: Eco-tourism management at Ontario's Muskoka resorts

Currently: overseeing removal of the Common Reed from the Tiny Marsh wetlands



BRADFORD PROBUS CLUBS CONTACTS

These are the current clubs that are actively running. If you have a particular interest that you would like to share with club members and start another club contact Wendy Van Straten at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

Bid Euchre—Deborah Liukaitis
dliukait@sympatico.ca

Book Club—Cheryl Blair
Cheryl_blair@rogers.com

Cycling Club—Heather and Mark Cannata
thecannatas@gmail.com

Dinner Club—Dale Tasker
dale.tasker@rogers.com

Discussion Club—Peter Ellis
peterellis1000@gmail.com

Knitting—Linda Alsop
lindava@rogers.com

Mah Jongg—Pat Mohren
jp,mohren@gmail.com

Movie—Dave McMillan
dmcmillan2000@rogers.com

RODEO—Gwen Green
gweng9@rogers.com

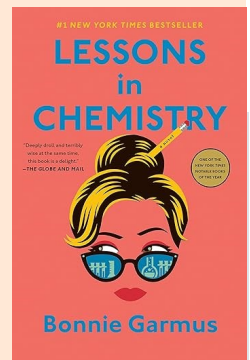
ROMEO—Rotating Leads

Scrabble—Amy Wright
amywright0@hotmail.com

BOOK CLUB (Cheryl Blair, Cheryl_blair@rogers.com)

February's read is "**Lessons In Chemistry**" by Bonnie Garmus. Meeting date is February 29th.

Like science, though, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother but also the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, *Supper at Six*. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ("combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride") proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because, as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women how to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.



March's book is "In The Blink Of An Eye", Jo Callaghan. Meeting date—March 28

Check this link for access to books the club has read: [Book Club - The PROBUS Club of Bradford](#)

KNITTING- The SSK Ladies knitting group will be meeting on the 4th Thursday of every month.

February 27 at Linda Alsop's

March 26 at Deb Liukaitis'

April 23 at Lorna Foti's

May 28 at Pat Mohren's

Linda will notify the group of any changes, prior to the meeting dates.

If you don't knit or crochet but do needle point or another craft and are interested in joining the group, contact Linda Alsop at lindava@rogers.com. All are welcome!

True love when you marry a handyman



A large part of making those quilt pieces fit better is to stare at them like this..... Right before you get the seam ripper!



ALL crafters will understand this.

EVENTS COMING UP IN 2024

ROMEO Breakfast

ROMEO breakfasts will always be the *Friday after the general PROBUS meeting every month* —held at the Sun Star Restaurant, Yonge St., Holland Landing. Next date is March 15th.

To attend sign up at the monthly PROBUS meeting or contact Dale Tasker dale.tasker@rogers.com

LADIES RODEO LUNCH

Thursday, February 29

Sign Up Feb 13

At The Buttery, Best Western Voyager Hotel, 17565 Yonge St., Newmarket

Contact Bunny Kaufman at kaufmanbunny@gmail.com to attend.

Bid
Euchre



BID EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

February 26 at Bond Head United Church, 4221

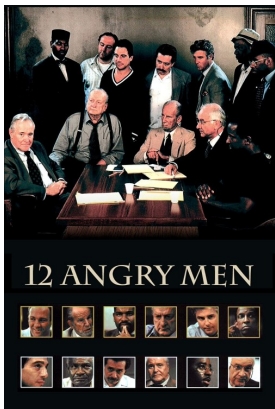
Hwy. 88, Bond Head Starts at 1:30 pm

Cost: \$10.00 per person due Feb. 13th (maximum 28 members)

Snacks, coffee, tea and water provided or bring your own food and non-alcoholic beverage.

Please sign up with a partner.

For information, contact Wendy Van Straten at vcvanstraten@yahoo.ca



Afternoon Movie & Pizza **FEATURING— 12 Angry Men**

March 6 at Bond Head United Church, 4221 Hwy. 88, Bond Head

Movie at 3:00 pm followed by pizza

Cost: \$15.00 per person due Feb. 13th

12 jurors must decide the fate on an inner-city teen accused of murder. One juror holds out with a not guilty verdict, thus setting the stage for arguments and reasons whether the boy is guilty or not.

For information, contact Deb Liukaitis at dliukait@sympatico.ca

Famous People Players—lunch show

Thursday, March 21 at 11:30 am
Location: Famous People Players Theatre, 343 Evans Ave., Toronto

Cost: \$70.00 per person (includes lunch, performance and parking). Tip is NOT included.

Payment Due: February 13th

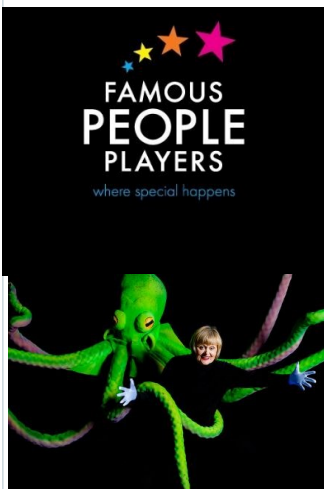
Overview:

12:00 noon—lunch served in dining room, Menu—Chicken Supreme or vegetarian lunch

1:00 pm—Blacklight Theatre performance in the Phil Collins Theatre

2:00 pm—dessert, coffee and tea served

Contact Wendy Van Straten for any questions vcvanstraten@yahoo.ca



EVENTS COMING UP IN 2024

10 REASONS PEOPLE LOVE KINGSTON



Road Trip!—3 days in Kingston

May 21 to 23rd

3 days—2 nights

Drive your own vehicles

COST: \$500.00 per person (double occupancy)

\$700.00 for single occupancy

\$50.00 deposit due February 13. Final payment due April 9th.

DAY 1 ITINERARY

1:00 pm— Arrive at Kingston Penitentiary for tour
3:30 pm—Check-in at Holiday Inn Express
4:-00 pm—Happy hour
6:00 pm—Dinner at One-Eyed Jacks Restaurant
8:00 pm—Social hour in the hotel

DAY 2 ITINERARY

7ish am—Breakfast in hotel (included)
10:45 am—1 hour trolley tour of Kingston
Noon—3 hour lunch cruise of Kingston and Thousand Islands
4:00 pm—Happy hour at hotel
6:00 pm—Trolley to downtown
6:30 pm—Free time/dinner on your own
8 30 pm—Board trolley for return to hotel
9:00 pm—Social hour

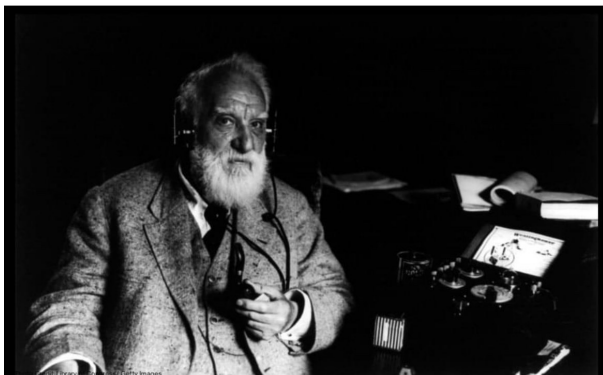
DAY 3 ITINERARY

7ish am—Breakfast in hotel (included)
10:00 am—Check out
10:30 am—Tour of Fort Henry
Noon—Optional lunch at Fort Henry
1:30—Return home or visit Kingston area

Price Includes

- 2 night stay at Holiday Inn Express
- 2 breakfasts at hotel
- Dinner on day 1 at One-Eyed Jacks (HST & tip included)
- 1 hour trolley tour AND the 3 hour lunch cruise (day 2)
- Trolley transport to and from downtown (day 2)
- Admission to Kingston Pen and Fort Henry

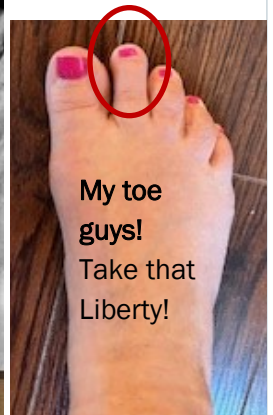
Contact Wendy Van Straten for any questions wcv-anstraten@yahoo.ca



The well-known saying “when one door closes, another door opens” is actually a famous quote by Alexander Graham Bell. Most people assume the quote finishes there, however there is another part that often gets left out. The quote ends with “**but we often look so long upon the closed door that we do not see the ones which open for us.**”

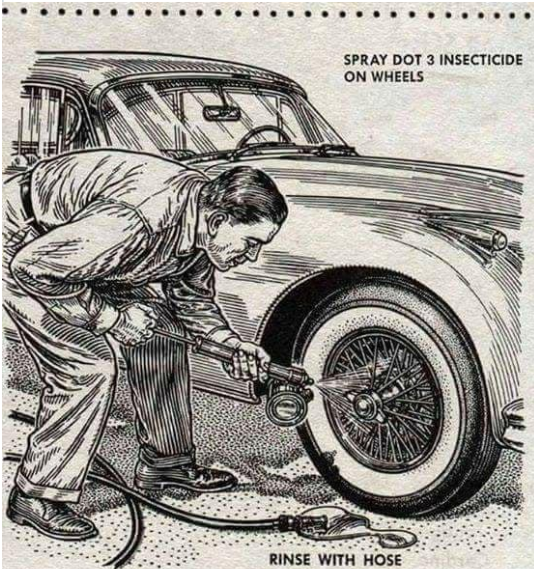


The Statue Of Liberty's first toe is longer than her big toe, a feature known as “Greek Feet” - this was a mark of beauty in many classical statues of Ancient Greece and connects the statue to the ‘origin’ of democracy.



My toe
guys!
Take that
Liberty!

Car Sales Ads—1950-60s



SPRAY DOT 3 INSECTICIDE ON WHEELS

RINSE WITH HOSE

Wheels can be thrown out of balance by a buildup of wheel ants. Protect your car's smooth ride with weekly applications of automotive grade insecticide.



He'll be in kindergarten

WHEN HER RAMBLER NEEDS ITS FIRST CHASSIS LUBRICATION

He's new. The Rambler's brand new. He'll be five, most likely, and riding to kindergarten, when the Rambler Classic needs its first tune-up. Meanwhile, it will travel twice as far for 1-7000 engine oil changes as any previous model.

In high school, if he drives this Rambler, it will still have the same Corvair. Amused muffer and tailpipe. (Should

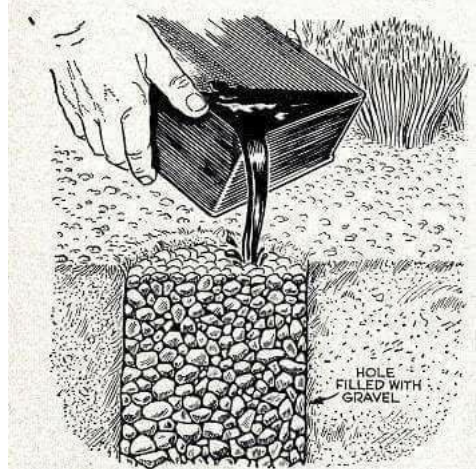
either run out, collision damage excepted, fine replacement for the original owner will be made by a Rambler dealer. That's guaranteed.)

Sound like the car of a lifetime? It is. The starter and generator are lubricated for life. Rambler Single-Unit construction, with its hundreds of extra welds, stays remarkably free from squeaks and rattles.

RAMBLER

American Motors Means More For Americans

Environmentally friendly disposal.



Disposing of used engine oil can be a problem. Solution: Dig a hole in the ground with a posthole digger and fill it with fine gravel. Then pour in the oil. It will be absorbed into the ground before your next change. Cover the spot with soil.

166 POPULAR SCIENCE JANUARY 1963

phil-ars-ga.blogspot.com

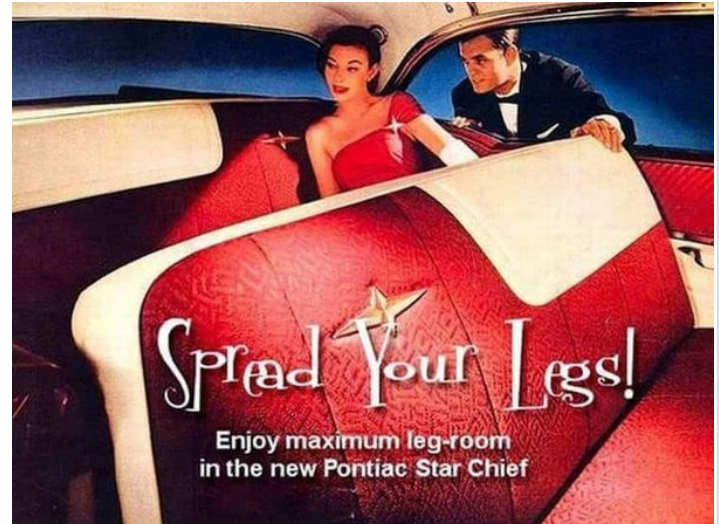


USE CAR'S EXHAUST TO CLEAN CUSHIONS

Using the exhaust gas of the automobile to clean the upholstery is the accomplishment of a recently invented device. An aluminum attachment is fastened to the exhaust pipe and the engine is allowed to idle. As the exhaust gas passes through this device suction is created at the inlet hole. Collected by a nozzle, the dust and dirt are drawn through the hose and expelled into the air at the rear of the car. It is made in three models, for cars of different size.

With the car's engine idling, gas from the exhaust creates a vacuum that cleans the cushions

And my favourite! What were they thinking!!!



Spread Your Legs!

Enjoy maximum leg-room in the new Pontiac Star Chief

Doing A Good Deed....

A loud pounding on the door awakened a man and his wife at 3:00 am. The man gets up and goes to the door where a drunken stranger, standing in the pouring rain, is asking for a push. "Not a chance!" says the husband. "It's 3:00 in the morning!" He slams the door and returns to bed.

"Who was that?" asked his wife. "Just some drunk guy asking for a push." he answers. "Did you help him?" she asks. "No, I did not, it's 3:00 am in the morning and it's bloody pouring rain out there!"

"Well, you have a short memory." says his wife. "Can't you remember about three months ago when our car broke down, and those two guys helped us? I think you should help him, and you should be ashamed of yourself! God loves drunk people too you know."

The man, feeling contrite, does as he is told, gets dressed and goes out into the pounding rain. He calls out into the dark, "Hello, are you still there?" "Yes", comes back a timid answer. "Do you still need a push?" asks the husband.

"Yes!" replied the drunk. "Over here in the swing!"

HISTORICAL INFO

In the cold winters of northern Europe, houses were difficult to heat. Box like wooden beds, built almost like a closet, were meant to hide from the cold of the night, when the last chills of the family fire went out. Just not too cozy if you were claustrophobic.

The box bed, which originated in the late medieval period, appeared in different forms throughout Europe: there are examples from Britain, Scotland, Austria, the Netherlands and Scandinavia. In some places they were used until the 20th century, which makes sense when you consider the cold European winters and houses where the warmth came only from a wood fire. Even before electricity, people simply didn't heat their homes that much, so being cold outside also meant being cold inside.



The very first snowmobile built in 1924 by Carl Eliason from Sayner, WI. A 2.5hp Johnson outboard engine with a steel track. He named it a "Motor Toboggan"

Carl's Story—in his own words...

"I was raised in the Northwoods and liked to hunt, fish and trap as much as any young outdoorsman. Because of my crippled foot, I couldn't keep up with my pals on treks through the snow.

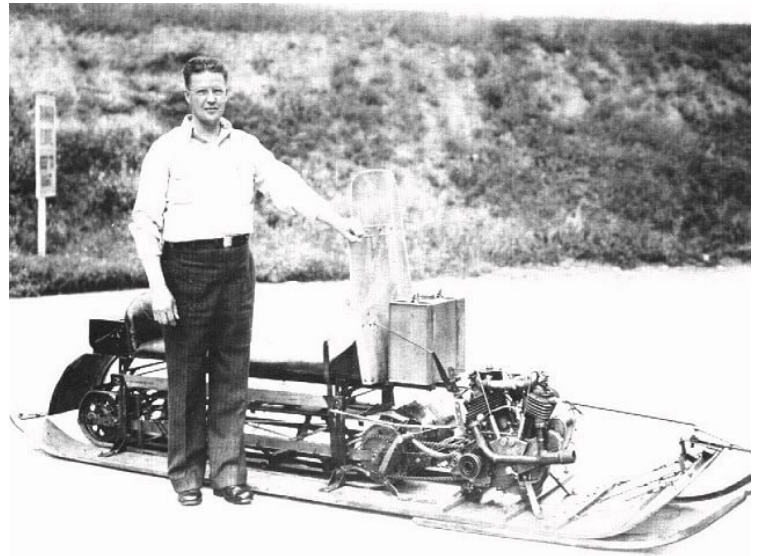
I fooled around with a Model T Ford and adapted it to skis, but it was too cumbersome for the woods and unworkable in our deep snows or unplowed roads.

In those days a lot of would-be inventors were trying to devise a powered snow vehicle. My brother-in-law worked on a machine he thought could get its locomotion from a wind propeller. In the winter of 1924 I began work on my "Motor Toboggan". In my mind this would be the most practical means of travel over the snow. The endless cleated track, slide rails and liquid-cooled power unit would prove to set a standard for the future. My machine would be granted a patent in 1927.

With this machine, I was able to turn the tables on my hunting comrades—as long as there was snow on the ground. While they hoofed it on foot, I would ride and get to our destination in the woods an hour ahead of them!"

For 31 inventive years Eliason and Eliason/Four Wheel Drive (FWD) snowmobiles were the lone lifeline of snowmobiling. Modern snowmobiles are directly traceable to the original hand built 1924 Carl Eliason machine.

Today, at Sayner, Wisconsin, the Vilas County Historical Society Museum has on display the original snowmobile that took two winters for Carl to create. The museum also displays one of every "Motor Toboggan" model built by Eliason/FWD. The newest is the 1953 vintage Eliason/FWD K-12 model built at Kitchener, Ontario, Canada. Ahead of it's time, the K-12 was



the snowmobile that gave Polaris Industries at Roseau, Minnesota design principles to consider as they began snowmobile manufacture in 1955.

All of the snowmobiles, though they varied in size and shape, used four-cycle engines, slide track guides, chain link cleated tracks, floating power units and belly pans with running boards that formed the toboggan contour. The wood construction of all the sliding surfaces contacting the snow made the vehicles truly "Motor Toboggans".

www.eliason-snowmobile.com



2024 Polaris Model

FLOATING TENT SLEEPS FOUR AND OFFERS A COOL NEW WAY TO DIE WHILE CAMPING.



Maybe try this for our guests this summer at the cottage.



HEY HOCKEY FANS...Remember this?

Four years ago, February 22, 2020, 42-year-old David Ayres entered the game as the Carolina Hurricanes emergency backup goaltender.

Wearing number 90, Ayres stopped 8 of 10 shots on net as the Canes beat the Maple Leafs 6-3 in Toronto.

Ayres became the oldest goaltender to win his NHL regular-season debut, and the Canes became the first team to beat an opponent with their own Zamboni driver.

John E. Sokolowski, USA TODAY Sports



See you at the next PROBUS meeting

March 13—10:00 am

At St. John's Presbyterian Church