



PROBUS News.....

PROBUS Club of Bradford

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

No one could have predicted how quickly our world could be turned upside down...just in a matter of a few weeks. I hope that you and your family are doing well and looking forward to everything getting back to normal in, hopefully, the very near future.

The Executive Team are trying to come up with more fun ideas to entertain us in these challenging times. One initiative, the "calling tree" where PROBUS Executives call members to keep in touch has been particularly well received and we will continue with this project. We will also continue with regular blurbs on favorite books and movies, games, etc. If you have any other suggestions, please contact any member on the Executive Team. Your feedback is important to us.

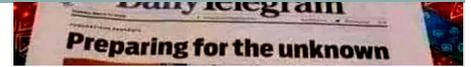
Our next goal is to have our May 12th General Meeting via teleconferencing utilizing "ZOOM". We know that many members use "ZOOM" and we will provide training for those who are interested in learning this program. We are working out the details and will provide an update closer to the meeting date.

Please continue to contact fellow members in our club via: phone, text, email, videoconferencing. I am sure that you will agree that it is so important to maintain our social interactions.

We miss seeing you, our PROBUS family. Take care of yourselves and your families....stay healthy, stay safe.

Until next time,

Dave



THIS IS AFFECTING EVERYTHING!!!



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2020 Executive Committee:

President: *Dave McMillan*

Vice President: *Bob Watt*

Secretaries:

Eleanor Watt and Cheryl Blair

Treasurer: *Lorna Foti*

Social Chair: *Amy Wright*

Communication Chair:

Deborah Liukaitis

Technical Chair: *Pete Liukaitis*

Speakers' Chair: *Philip Junop*

Members Chair: *Patricia Dion*

Major Events:

Brenda Andrews and Peggy Michaud

Members at Large:

Dale Tasker and Pat Mohren

Past President: *Dave Martin*

MAY 12TH MEETING — plans are being made to have a virtual meeting with all our members. **STAY TUNED!** [More to come from the executive via email.](#)

www.bradfordprobus.weebly.com/activityclubs.html

LIMERICK WINNERS!

Thank you to all who submitted an entry for the Limerick contest. Twenty-four members participated, (some with multiple limericks) and all entries were creative and entertaining. Judges Betty Lou, Lindsay, Mark and Valerie had a tough job. Here are the winners of the Bradford PROBUS Limerick Contest!

Your prize money will be presented to you at the next live general meeting.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!

1st Place WINNER – Sue Vonk

There's a group in Bradford named PROBUS
Gathering monthly to feed and inform us
Speakers give us their views
To inform, teach or use
Come meet, eat, enjoy and join us!



2nd Place WINNER – Eleanor Watt

PROBUS is for the young at heart
With so much fun, you hate to part
So, keep the fellowship rolling
And the momentum growing
And keep us top of the chart.



3rd Place WINNER – Lorna Foti

It's time to kick up and have fun,
PROBUS does keep you on the run,
From wining and dining,
To touring and driving,
It really helps make you feel young.



Corona virus, COVID-19 Event Cancellations and Updates

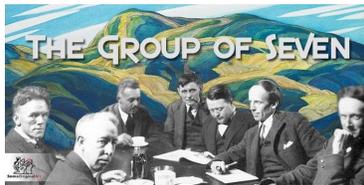
TORONTO MEMORY PROGRAM SWAB TESTING POSTPONED

The Toronto Memory Program swab test scheduled for April 28th, in John's Presbyterian Church, is postponed. We will revisit another date down the road and will update everyone once that occurs.

CANCELLED/DELAYED EVENTS

SPECIAL EXHIBIT OF THE GROUP OF SEVEN

CANCELLED



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BID EUCHRE NIGHT—May 2 at Bond Head United Church

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POSTPONED

**PROBUS CLUB OF BRADFORD 10TH ANNIVERSARY
LUNCHEON**— June 9 St. John's Presbyterian Church

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**Sheldon Creek Dairy Farm and Banting
Homestead**—**ON HOLD**

DAY on the FARM
AND



TOURING THE BANTING
HOMESTEAD

Starry, Starry Night

PROBUS Club of Bradford's
10th Anniversary Celebration

June 16, 2020

At Min Ho Restaurant,
Bradford

More details to come!

POSTPONED

**YOU WILL BE UPDATED BY
EMAIL OF ANY CHANGES.**

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FRANKENMUTH AND MACKINAC TRIP
October 1–4

UNDER REVIEW UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE



BRADFORD PROBUS CLUBS...COVID Update

All club activities have been suspended to support social distancing *but, where there is a will, there is a way!*

Thanks to "ZOOM", a new app for video conferencing, the **KNITTING GROUP** have been meeting using our computer devices at home. Linda renamed our group to a common knitting abbreviation **SSK**, but with a brand-new meaning... **SIT, SIP, KNIT**. I like the **SIP** part. This is a picture of our group on our first try.

Cheryl and the **BOOK CLUB** were also able to accomplish a "ZOOM" meeting to discuss their latest reading and future book selections. Sorry, no picture from that meeting but you get the idea. There were many book titles recommended in a previous email from Deb but, don't forget the Library app to borrow on-line books and audios. The Bradford library is closed but their digital library is available 24/7.

The website is www.bradford.library.on.ca. From the blue options bar on the home page click Books then from the dropdown menu select EBooks, eAudioBooks and eMagazines. There are then several software options listed to use to view and reserve books - ebscohost, Libby, Overdrive, RBDigital. I have only used Overdrive.

Also **BookBub** (<https://www.bookbub.com>) or **Goodreads** (<https://www.goodreads.com/>) are an excellent source of pay or free reading choices for your e-readers (KOBO or Kindle).

NOTE:

ZOOM APPY PARTIES!

Several members are already using ZOOM to have virtual appy parties with other members - another way to be in touch.



PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

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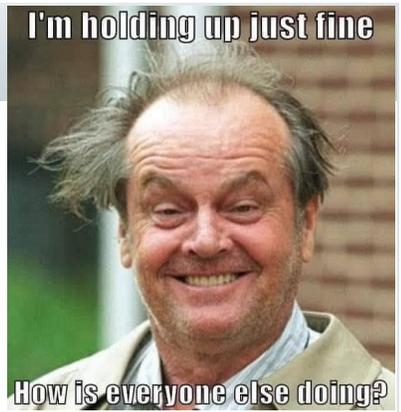
Nasicoot Inlet—Georgian Bay



Reflections—Barron River

THE "SURVIVING COVID-19 CHALLENGE"

During these days of self isolation and social distancing I have found myself (and I imagine you also) searching for ways and ideas to pass the days at home. So, without winning any cash prizes or awards I want to thank those who rose to the **Surviving COVID-19 Challenge** and sent in pictures and stories of what they have been doing to maintain some normalcy (or not) during the lock-down. Here are just a few responses but if you want to contribute, it's pretty simple. Just email me pictures (you don't have to be in it) or a small short note that I can publish in the newsletter. There are probably a few projects you have resurrected from the "dust bunny to do" pile you started and filed years ago. Or you have explored some new ideas and activities. Show your creativity! I'm looking forward to seeing more responses. [Email me your stuff: pattyt2010@hotmail.com](mailto:pattyt2010@hotmail.com)



Amy is going to get groceries!



Pete is stacking wood for winter. Busy little beaver. Before and after and I'm sure aches and pains!



Brenda has made lovely door wreaths for spring. I love the sunflower.

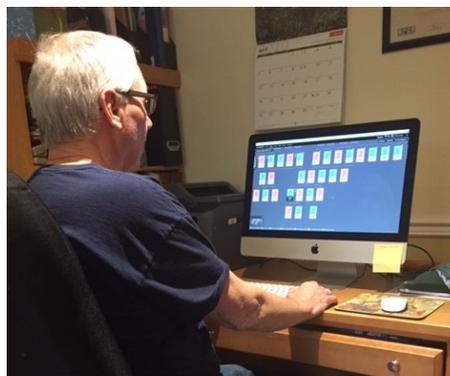


Mark was looking a little shaggy so Heather practiced her barbering skills. NICE JOB!

They double dare you guys to show their home chop jobs!

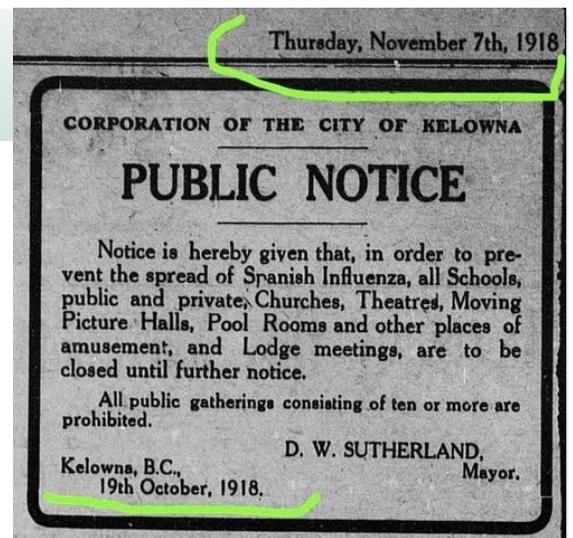


Me, I like to pick up old furniture and make it pretty. 🙌



And Bob doing his ancestry and Eleanor some quilting...they look all settled down for our snowy, blowy April.

BACK IN TIME...Looks Familiar



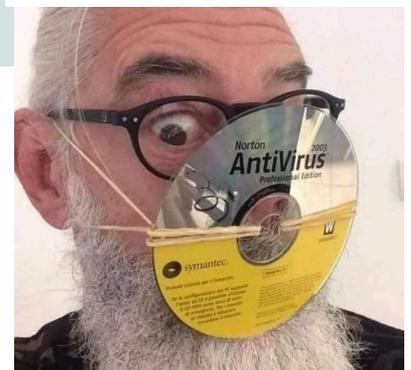
Notice from 1918—Spanish Flu

Learn to make your personal facemask

If you would like to make your own personal face mask, this is a link to a video from “Joann’s Fabrics” for a pattern for a simple face mask. It calls for lightweight fusible interfacing but you can also use T-shirt material. Very quick to sew: <https://www.housebeautiful.com/lifestyle/a31926785/joann-fabrics-mask-kits/>



Or be innovative...



NIAGARA FALLS TRIVIA

- 1.] There are 3 falls, what are their names?
- 2.] In 1678 Niagara Falls was discovered by one of the first Europeans, Father Louis Hennepin - what was the area known as then?
- 3.] Annie Taylor was the first person to live after going over the falls in a barrel, in 1901. She was a 63 year old school teacher. What did she take with her?
- 4.] How many cubic feet of water go over the Horseshoe Falls every minute, during peak daytime hours, in the summer?
- 5.] The volume of the Great Lakes would cover North America in ? feet of water?
- 6.] The speed of the water at the falls?
- 7.] Current erosion is estimated at ? (in feet) per year?
- 8.] What trip did we go on and cruise on one of the Maid of Mist retired boats?

- 1.] (Horseshoe Falls (the largest), Bridal Veil Falls, American Falls)
- 2.] (New France - The name Niagara comes from the Iroquoian word "onguiaahra" meaning "the strait")
- 3.] (Her cat)
- 4.] (6 million, I would like to know how they measured that)
- 5.] (3.5 ft)
- 6.] (68 mph has been recorded)
- 7.] (1 foot and could possibly be 1 foot per 10 years. I know they have either moved the guest center or the falls has moved back since I was a kid)
- 8.] Chippewa III - Parry Sound to Cragamnor Island Restaurant <https://michippewa.com/about-2/>



Goat Island
 Causes split between American falls and Horseshoe Falls.



Horseshoe Falls
 On the Canadian side of the boarder, as set out in the treaty of Ghent in 1814.. A drop of 188 feet and 2,200 feet wide.. Carries about 90% of the water.

Bridal Veil Falls
 About 56 feet wide and a drop of 78 feet. Natives called Pohono (Spirit of the Puffing Wind)

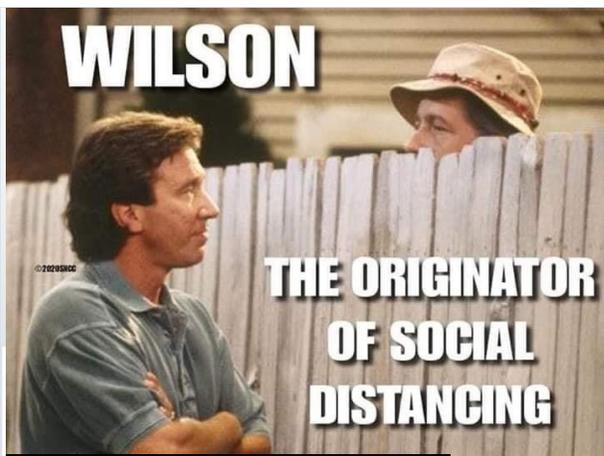
Photos by Ron Fawn

American Falls
 830 feet wide with a drop of 180 feet - between the American and Bridal falls they carry 10% of the water from the Niagara River. Estimated water flow of 75,000 gallons per second.

Lunar Island
 Causes the split between American Falls and Bridal Veil Falls

Water from the falls comes from 4 of the great lakes and drains into Lake Ontario. There are about 500 waterfalls in the world taller than these. Angel Falls, Venezuela is about 3,212 ft.. It is the amount of water and height that makes Niagara so famous. Formed about 16,000 years ago during the last Ice Age.

As I researched this page on the net, there were many varying facts.



When parents start to crack during lockdown



Hair Stylists ARE ESSENTIAL!!!
Dammit!!!

BREAKING NEWS!

An eighteen wheeler loaded with Vicks Vaporub has overturned on the highway. Police do not expect congestion for 8 hours.

We were out doing lawn work when my husband got stung by a bee. He's in the ER now...face all swollen and bruised. *He almost died!*

He was very lucky because I was close enough to swat the bee off with my shovel.

Embarrassed, the young nurse replies, "I don't know, Sir. I'm only here to wash your upper body and feet."

He struggles to ask again, "Nurse, please check for me. Are my testicles black?"

Concerned that he might elevate his blood pressure and heart rate from worrying about his testicles, she overcomes her embarrassment and pulls back the covers. She raises his gown, holds his manhood in one hand and his testicles gently in the other.

She looks very closely and says, "There's nothing wrong with them, Sir. They look fine."

The man slowly pulls off his oxygen mask, smiles at her, and says very slowly,

"Thank you very much. That was wonderful. Now listen very, very, closely:

"Are - my - test - results - back?"



The challenges of living with COVID

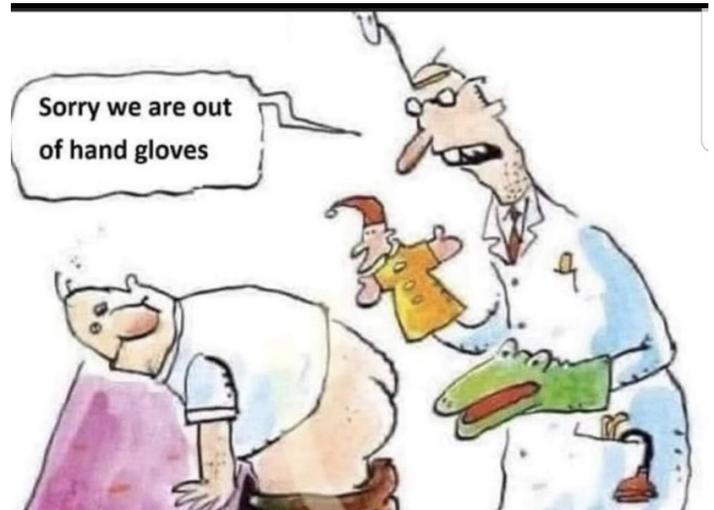


Meanwhile, at the Takser's... ←



The fact that Hooters hasn't launched a home delivery service called Knockers seems like a missed business opportunity to me.

As we get older, we start to forget things...



"I figured you should have breakfast in bed on your birthday. Can you reach the stove okay?"





Sign at the entry to a subdivision in Holland Landing.

Remember PROBUS Friends...

We will get through this!

***Stay busy,
stay in touch with family, friends and neighbours.***

FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES

We will come out of this stronger.

Hope to see everyone soon!