



PROBUS News.....

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

Carol and I are really looking forward to March. The vaccine rollout appears to be around the corner. The weather channel advises that warmer weather is on its way and Wiarion Willy did not see his shadow, so we will have an early spring. (That said, Willy never bothered to come out of his home!) Days will be longer. And of course, we will be able to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with our Probus Friends. Our special entertainment, "Martina and Thomas", who are a two-piece band based in Fermanagh, Northern Ireland will be a real treat which, I'm sure, we'll all enjoy.

We would like to congratulate Brenda on being elected for another term. She will continue in her role as District 2 Manager for PROBUS Canada for another 3 years. Congratulations Brenda!

Just a reminder, if you haven't paid your dues please mail your \$20.00 cheque to Patricia Dion along with your completed membership form by Feb. 26th. If you are not returning, kindly advise her via email.

Now on a lighter note, an elderly lady was being interviewed by a local broadcast station because she had just married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80 and then about her new husband's occupation. "He's a funeral director", she answered. "Interesting", the newsman thought. He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her 20's, then a circus ringmaster in her 40's and a preacher in her 60's and now in her 80's, a funeral director. The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. She smiled and explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready and four to go".

Take care everyone, stay positive and we look forward to seeing you at future virtual events and our monthly General Meetings.

Until next time,
Dave



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2020 Executive Committee:

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FEBRUARY BRADFORD PROBUS ZOOM MEETING

The highlights from the February PROBUS meeting:

- Welcome to 2 guests, honorary member, Stan from Scotland and Robert from North Wales
- Because of COVID-19 restrictions, our club's executive will continue to stay on for another year. The VP position is open and anyone interested in filling that position can notify Dave McMillan. Thank you Bob Watt for your dedication as past VP on the executive. Your hard work and support is appreciated.
- Membership fees are due by February 26th. Please complete the membership renewal form and mail your (\$20/person) cheque to [Patricia Dion, 1292 Wilkinson Rd., Haliburton, ON KOM 1S0](#). If you do not wish to renew, email patriciadion@bell.net
- Birthday wishes to 6 club members celebrating in February

Your Favourite “Whatever” with Lindsay Brooks—Restaurants

Lindsay received an excellent response to your “Favourite Whatever” recommendations for restaurants/take-out eateries. The restaurants are listed below by districts:

The next topic for your favourites is [your top 3 favourite binge worthy TV series on, Netflix, Prime, Crave, Britbox, regular TV or other.](#)

Email Lindsay your suggestions by February 20th to lindsaybrooks@rogers.com.



Bradford:

Chuck's Roadhouse (pub)
Don Cherry's (pub)
Brick N Fire (Italianish)
Let's Be Frank (Italian)
Bangkok Saigon Noodle (Thai/
Vietnamese)
BSN Bangkok-Saigon Noodle
Polero BBQ (Portuguese Chicken)
Dejavu (Mediterranean)
Nostimo (Greek)
Halibut House (Fish & Chips)
Uttara-Khand Indian

Newmarket:

The Crow's Nest (pub)
Ground Burger (pub)
Tom & Jerrys (wings)
Big Bone BBQ (ribs/wings)
Cousins (club sandwiches)
The Lazy Daisy (upper scale diner)
Farm Boys (indulgence dinners for 2)
Astoria (Greek)
The Goulash House (schnitzel)
Golden Bell (Thai)
Cynthia's (Asian)

Aurora:

Greystones (schnitzel/European)
Bijoys (eclectic international)
Aqua Grill (higher end)

Beeton:

B Bibby's Corner (shepherd's pie/
stew)
The Whistle Stop (bit higher end)

Schomberg:

Schomberg Pub & Patio

Alliston:

Spring Basil (Thai)

Collingwood:

Fish & Sips
The Hungry Sumo (Japanese)

Thornton:

The Sushi Chef

Cookstown:

The Cookstown Pub

Guest Speaker...David T. Chapman...Wild, Weird and Whacky Weather



David is a professional photographer and storm chaser from Lincoln, Ontario. In the course of his work he has studied meteorology, ornithology and the Aurora Borealis.

David showed us amazing images and video of a wide variety of weather that can be seen all across North America. Weather questions were answered/ explained in “plain speak” for our benefit (thank you).

If you wish to see more of his photography click on [David T. Chapman Presents](#)



Future Guest Speakers...



MARCH SPEAKER... Kevin Donovan, Chief Investigative Reporter-Toronto Star The Murders of Barry and Honey Sherman

Kevin's focus is on journalism that exposes wrongdoing and affects change.

He is the recipient of many awards, including three National Newspaper Awards and two Governor General's Michener Awards.

Kevin is the lead investigative reporter for the Star on the Sherman murders and will share his insight with us.

APRIL SPEAKER... Steve Chapelle

Digital Information Privacy and Security for Retirees

Steve has been providing information privacy and security education to Ontario organizations since 2006. Prior to that he spent over 20 years in information technology management, analysis and customer service, primarily in the financial services sector.



Click on this image to hear this touching ballad about “loss and found” ...brings a tear to your eye.

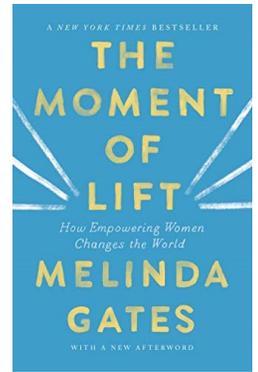


CLUBS DURING COVID

BOOK CLUB (Cheryl Blair) : February's read is: **"The Moment of Lift"** by Melinda Gates

A debut from Melinda Gates, a timely and necessary call to action for women's empowerment. For the last twenty years, Melinda Gates has been on a mission to find solutions for people with the most urgent needs, wherever they live. Throughout this journey, one thing has become increasingly clear to her: "If you want to lift a society up, you need to stop keeping women down".

Melinda's unforgettable narrative is backed by startling data as she presents the issues that most need our attention-from child marriage to lack of access to contraceptives to gender inequity in the workplace. And, for the first time, she writes about her personal life and the road to equality in her own marriage with Bill Gates. Throughout, she shows how there has never been more opportunity to change the world-and ourselves.



March's read will be **"Born A Crime"** by Trevor Noah.

Use this link to access information on all books the club has read: [Book Club - The PROBUS Club of Bradford \(weebly.com\)](http://www.bradfordprobus.weebly.com)



The Knitting Club met again on February 2nd.

These adorable teddy bears were crocheted by Lorna Foti and are gifts to her grandchildren. Lots of cuddles for these sweet bears.

Next zoom meeting is March 2, 2021.

For information or to join, contact Linda Alsop

104 years ago this fountain in Detroit, Michigan was left running allowing it to build layer upon layer of ice in to this 30 foot spectacle. **Spring is coming!**



Breaking news - CANADA ANNOUNCES THAT THEIR WALL IS DONE.



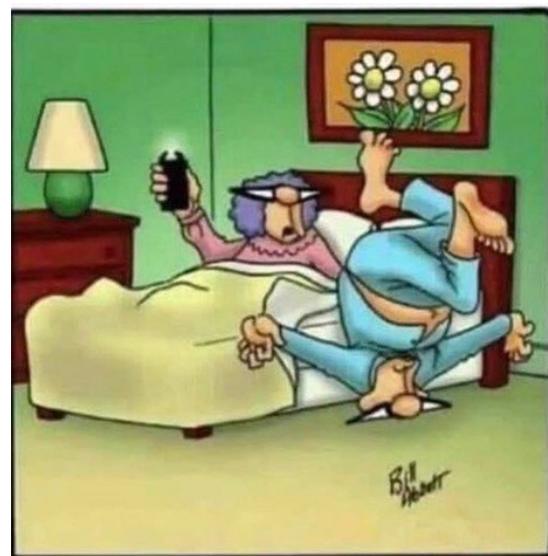
VALENTINES

February 14th

A beautiful sunny day to snowshoe the Welsh Tract for Brian, Jean, Cathryn and Bill.



Happy Valentines Day Baby!



BET THAT'S THE LAST TIME YOU SAY YOU WANT TO SEE SPARKS IN THE BEDROOM!!!!



Down Memory Lane for some Valentine Romance...

FEBRUARY 10TH MARKED THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF CAROLE KING'S ICONIC ALBUM— 'TAPESTRY'

Click [here](#) to hear "It's too late" from the album

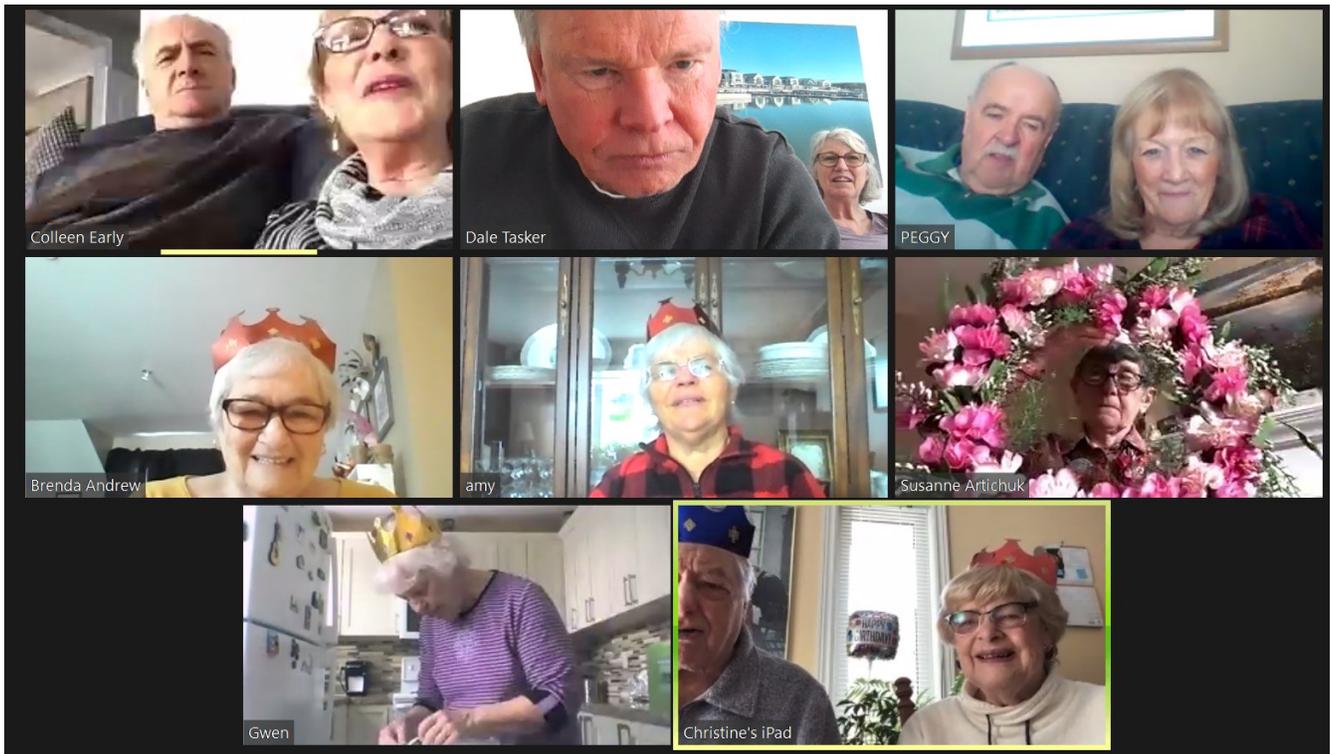


These two young ladies celebrated a special birthday this month and were surprised with a birthday party on ZOOM complete with party hats, cake and friends.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY Gwen and Suzanne!



Ignore this guy in the middle...he has to be in everything.



ZOOM WINTER EVENTS

Fireside Chat, Robble Burns Day, with Stan Thompson of Banchory, Scotland

Held, Monday, January 25th

A wonderful evening with Stan who told us of his life in Scotland and showed lovely pictures (with stories) of the area in and around his village of Banchory. He patiently answered questions and even entertained by playing a song on his harmonica. Makes you want to visit and experience this beautiful country.

Thank you Stan!



The hotel where the Men's PROBUS Club meets

Banchory village, Scotland



WINTER WEDNESDAY—VALENTINES TRIVIA FUN

Was held on Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

Thanks to Wendy who organized a fun evening of Valentine trivia and some draw prizes.

Cooking with Moose!



On February 17th, a number of PROBUS members enjoyed cooking together with Moose. He provided us with the recipe in advance and we were able to do some of the prep work before meeting in the ZOOM kitchen. Moose patiently and deftly led us through the process and in short order (amidst lots of laughter) our meals were ready. We then shared our meal or a glass of wine, or both, and enjoyed a virtual dinner out.

Here is what some of the participants had to say:

Jo and Wilf Kenemy: "Thanks so much for such a fun evening." Jo also forwarded the recipe to her son and daughter who love to cook.

Bunny and Kent Kaufman: "Lots of laughs and camaraderie. We found the number of participants/commentators to be perfect."

Cathryn Rees: "...that really was fun and super to be with you all. Moose, your talents never cease to amaze us. Your "Moose" cover is a good one. That was a surprisingly tasty recipe coming together marvellously. Bill had 2 helpings! We will make it again."

Our thanks go out to Moose for his recipe and his guidance in walking us through it. We are looking forward to the next session and hope to be able to talk Moose into offering a 3rd session. Thank you Moose and Pat and of course Dale for Making everything ZOOM happen.

Moose's recipe for Fettucine Carbonara is on the next page for anyone who is interested in trying it out.



Wendy and Chris enjoy their carbonara.

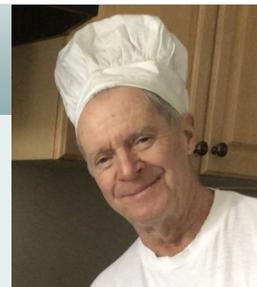


Cathryn is enjoying the show. Bill is having his second helping.



Carol is busy putting the finishing touches on her cooking masterpiece.

Fettuccine Carbonara



You will need a pot for cooking the fettuccine and a fry pan, approx. 30 cm. in size.

Ingredients for 2 servings:

Approx. 1/3 of a 375 g bag of Lancia egg noodles, broad (or noodles of your choice)
4-5 slices of bacon (Pancetta is optional) cut in 1/4" slices
3 slices of white onion cut approx. 1/4" thick, then chopped
1 cup of half & half cream
1 1/2 tbsp. of flour
1 cup of white wine, your choice (remainder for personal consumption with dinner or while cooking)
3-4 tbsp. of grated parmesan cheese (we use container parmesan but you can use fresh grated)
1/4 - 1/2 cup chopped parsley (depending on your taste for parsley)
1 cup frozen peas (optional)
1 tbsp butter
Garlic bread of your choice

Directions:

- Put water in pot for pasta (I add some salt & olive oil to the water) and start heating the water on medium heat (do not add pasta yet)
- Mix the cream and flour (thickening agent) in a container and put to one side
- Cook your sliced bacon over medium heat but do **not** let it get too crunchy
- If your onion is not chopped, chop it now while your bacon is cooking
- Remove the bacon from the pan and put on a piece of paper towel to soak up some of the grease
- Cook your onion in the bacon grease and cook on medium heat stirring often
- Turn up the heat for your water and once boiling, add your pasta
- Turn up heat for onion and add the white wine and bring to a boil, then lower the heat and add the flour & cream mixture to thicken your sauce
- Add the bacon back into the mixture and the peas (which are optional) stirring constantly
- Sprinkle some of the parsley and parmesan cheese into your thickened sauce and continue stirring (reserving some of the parsley and cheese for top)
- When fettuccine is al-dente, drain and add butter and mix it into the noodles

The next step is your preference, you can either:

Add the bacon, wine, cheese mixture to your pasta and mix in fry pan

Or

Put your pasta on a plate and top with the bacon, wine, cheese mixture.



"I didn't want to waste the good stuff, so I used the oldest bottle in your wine collection for the spaghetti sauce."

ZOOM EVENTS



February 24th at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

To participate contact Wendy at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

Join your fellow PROBUS friends for another crack at winning BINGO and prizes!

March 17th at 2:00 pm

ZOOM FIRESIDE CHAT —St. Patrick's Day with Martina and Tommy Maguire

Martina and Tommy Maguire, Family Affair, are from Fermanagh in the North of Ireland. They have been playing together for 30 years all over Ireland, the UK and five to six weeks in Turkey annually.

Martina, a singer and multi-instrumentalist, has been entertaining since she was 7/8 years old and was a member of her family band when she was 12 till she married Thomas. Thomas started playing the bagpipes with a local pipe band when he was 8/9 years old. In his early teens he joined a dance band playing drums. When he and Martina went on the road together he took up playing the guitar and also sings.

Family Affair's musical list covers country and Irish music as well as some pop and rock.

So wear your green and pour yourself a green libation and join Family Affair for an afternoon of great music and friendly conversation.

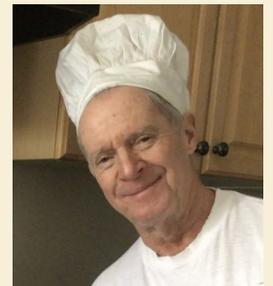
To participate contact Dale at dale.tasker@rogers.com by March 15th.



"COOKING WITH MOOSE"

March 24th at 5:00 pm on ZOOM

This is another chance for PROBUS members to have the opportunity to do some cooking with Moose. Wendy will send the recipe to attendees in advance. Attendees are encouraged to cook along with Moose. It makes for a great finale when you get to share the meal and a glass of wine with our special chef. This **EVENT IS FULL!**



GAMES NIGHT—SCATTERGORIES!

March 31st at 7:00 pm on ZOOM

Join your fellow PROBUS friends on ZOOM for some social time and play a game of Scattergories!

To participate contact Wendy at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

THE SECRETS OF SKELETON LAKE

Roopkund Lake is nestled in the valley of the Himalayas, in the Chamoli district, Uttaranchal in India (4,900 meters above sea level). A small lake, covered in ice and snow and surrounded by a spectacular view of icy glaciers, Roopkund Lake hides a very big secret.

One month in the summer the lake thaws to reveal it's shallow lake bottom and hundreds of preserved ancient human skeletons.

First reports of these sightings date back to the 19th century, but these remains of 300 humans were re-discovered in 1942 and since this was during WWII, they were initially thought to be Japanese soldiers who died from exposure while traveling through the mountains.

After the war, determining the source of the remains became a priority and a team of investigators was sent to Roopkund Lake. There it was quickly discovered the war theory was not the case. Due to the frigid temperatures and dry, cold air bits of hair, flesh, nails were well preserved. Other finds were wooden artifacts, Iron spearheads, jewelry and leather slippers all dating back to 800 AD.

Local legend states that the king of Kanauj, Raja Jasdhaval, his wife and entourage were on a pilgrimage to Nanda Devi shrine when they were struck down by "iron balls thrown from the sky" by an angered deity.

Scientists have revealed that the legend may have some merit. The DNA has shown that some of the skeletons are of South Asian ancestry and that they all died in a single event. Injuries indicating blows to the head, shoulders and

neck areas showed unhealed fractures that researchers concluded were caused by massive hail stones. They likely were caught in a very strong storm, and no place to take shelter.

There is still mystery surrounding these bones. In 2013 researchers (using DNA) found some people had more genetic ties to the Mediterranean, Greece and Crete (about 180 BC). Another group of 14 victims were believed to have died a thousand years later, in the 17th or 20th century.

Unfortunately, the area of these mountains has become a very popular tourist destination and bones have been taken by tourists as souvenirs. So the mystery of identifying the origin of the remains continues.

Article in Ancient Origins, Sept 2020

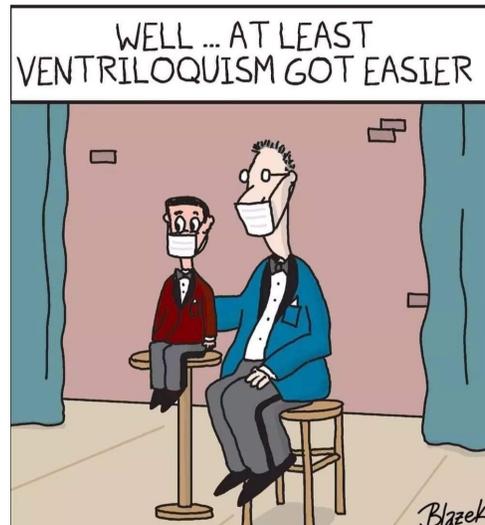


Above, Roopkund Lake



Bones revealed during summer thaw.

Always make sure your loved ones are buckled up.



1966 FORD PICKUP— click here for [The Story Of The Ford Mustang Pickup - 1966 Ford Mustero](#)

Some VERY cool cars!



A little boy got on the bus, sat next to a man reading a book, and noticed the man had his collar backwards. The little boy asked why he wore his collar backwards.

The man, who was a priest, said, "I am a Father."

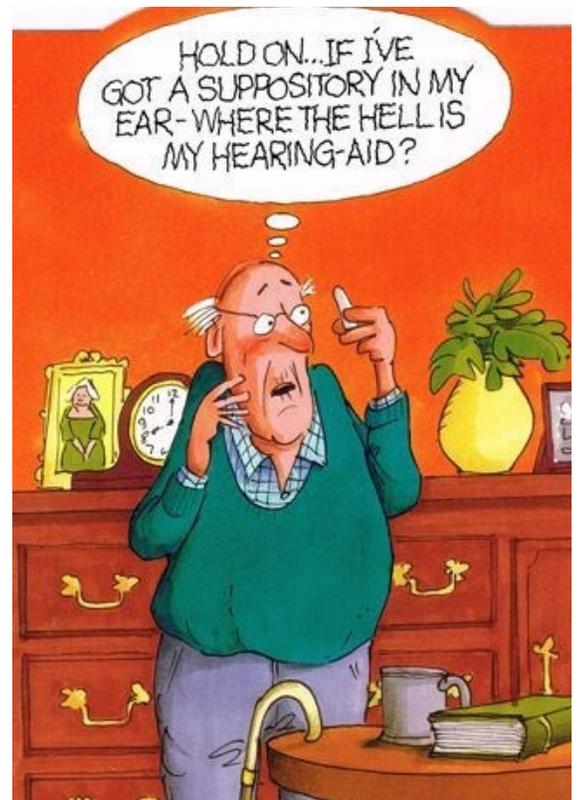
The little boy replied, "My Daddy is also a father, but he doesn't wear his collar like that."

The priest looked up from his book and answered, "I am the Father of many."

The boy said, "My Dad has 4 boys, 4 girls and two grandchildren and he doesn't wear his collar that way!"

The priest, getting impatient, said, "I am the Father of hundreds" and went back to reading his book.

The little boy sat quietly thinking for a while, then leaned over and said, "Maybe you should wear a condom and put your pants on backwards in stead of your collar."

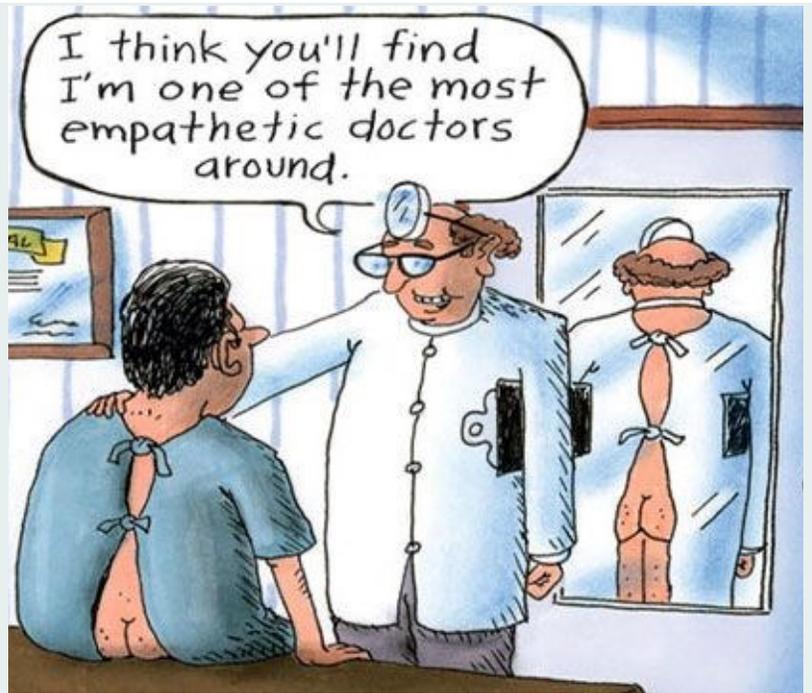


A gynecologist had become so fed up with malpractice insurance and HMO paperwork and was burned out. Hoping to try another career where skillful hands would be beneficial, he decided to become a mechanic.

He went to the local technical college, signed up for classes, attended diligently, and learned all he could. When the time for the practical exam approached, the gynecologist prepared carefully for weeks and completed the exam with tremendous skill.

When the results came back, he was surprised to find that he had obtained a score of 150%. Fearing an error, he called the instructor, saying, "I don't want to appear ungrateful for such an outstanding result, but I wonder if there is an error in the grade."

The instructor said, "During the exam, you took the engine apart perfectly, which was worth 50% of the total mark. You put the engine back together again perfectly, which is also worth 50% of the mark." This equaled an A. After a pause, the instructor added, "I gave you an extra 50% because you did it all through the muffler, which I've never seen done in my entire career."



What did our parents do to kill boredom before the Internet?

I asked my 26 brothers and sisters and they didn't know either.

Earlier today, I saw a bumper sticker that said, "I'm a veterinarian, therefore I can drive like and animal."

Suddenly I realized how many proctologists are on the roads...



I Can Fix ANYTHING



Where's The Duct Tape?



From home repairs to camping to art projects, duct tape has thousands of uses. Seventy-five years after it was first created by a Johnson & Johnson operating company, it's hard to imagine life without this product—which is still so popular to this day that it even has its own fan website and festival.

The iconic tape was invented by an Illinois mom named *Vesta Stoudt* who wanted to save soldiers' lives in World War II. The year was 1943 and Stoudt, who had two sons serving in the U.S. Navy, was working at the Green River Ordnance Plant near Amboy, Illinois.

She noticed that the boxes of ammunition she was packing and inspecting had a flaw. They were sealed with paper tape, with a tab to open them. Workers then dipped the entire box in wax to make it waterproof. But the paper tape was very thin, and the tabs often tore off, leaving soldiers frantically trying to open the box while under fire.

Stoudt had an “aha” moment: Why not create a waterproof cloth tape to seal the boxes instead? She suggested it to her supervisors but didn't find the support she was looking for. So Stoudt wrote a letter to President Franklin D. Roosevelt outlining the problem and her solution, complete with diagrams!

President Roosevelt was so impressed that he passed her letter on to the War Production Board, which mailed a letter to Stoudt letting her know that her idea for duct tape had been approved. The board then asked the Industrial Tape Corporation (it later became Permacel)—then a Johnson & Johnson operating company—to make the product because of its demonstrated expertise in producing adhesive tapes. The rest is duct tape history.

The military called the waterproof, cloth-backed, green tape 100-mile-per-hour tape because they could use it to fix anything, from fenders on jeeps to boots.

Fact: To this day, soldiers still use duct tape to do everything from repair equipment to patch footwear.

**I tried donating blood today...NEVER AGAIN!!!
Too many stupid questions.
Who's blood is it? Where did you get it from? Why is it in a bucket?**

me: how much is the rent for this gorgeous apartment?

“sir, this is a liquor store.”



*Happy
St Patrick's
Day*



*See you at the next meeting...
March 9th 10:00 am*

Don't forget to wear the green!

*"May your troubles be less,
your blessings be more, and nothing but
happiness come through your door!"*