



PROBUS News.....

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

Once again, we hope that this newsletter finds you and your family safe and in good health. As I write this column, it is the latter part of April. The lawn fertilizer which I just put down has now been covered with snow-oh well! At least Spring has arrived. We can now look forward to birds chirping, flowers blooming and the Maple Leafs going to the Stanley Cup finals for the first time since 1967 (yeah, right!)

We hope that everyone who attended March's "in person" meeting were delighted seeing old friends, perhaps making new acquaintances, and enjoyed our fantastic "in-person" speaker James Lockyer talking about "Wrongful Convictions in Canada".

Regarding new events...Wendy and her team have been working diligently providing new experiences for our club and there are further details in this newsletter.

Did you know that May 24 Victoria Day, has been observed in Canada since 1845 ? It has since been celebrated as the official birthday of Canada's sovereign. And most importantly, it is informally considered to be the beginning of the summer season in Canada.

I can't ignore a bad joke so here goes. After 20 years of marriage a husband and wife go to counseling. When asked what the problem was, the wife details every issue they ever had. After allowing this tirade to go on for a while, the therapist gets up, walks over to the wife, and kisses her. The therapist says to the husband "This is what your wife needs at least 3 times a week. Can you do this?" He replies, "Well I can drop her off here on Mondays and Wednesdays but on Fridays I fish."

Enjoy this [Nancy Sinatra video, from the 1960's, These Boots.](#)

Until next time,
Dave

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*Brenda Andrews and
Peggy Michaud*

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OUR APRIL IN-PERSON MEETING!

Welcome Back! April was our first in-person PROBUS meeting since 2020. To the right are Patricia Dion and Lorna Foti with masks on sanitizer up front and pens in hand ready to greet members.



Easter bunnies, Brenda Andrews and Peggy Michaud hopped to it and handed out little Easter goodies to start the meeting.



Masks were worn and social distancing observed...well in most cases. Some people were just too excited!



"I missed you" hugs.



Shy hugs.



The "manly greeting..."

Whatever this is!!



APRIL ZOOM MEETING HIGHLIGHTS...

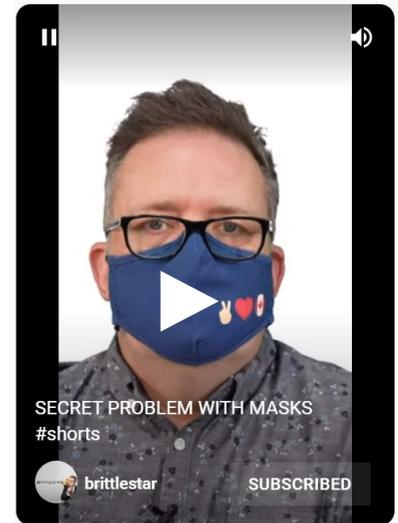


APRIL BIRTHDAYS...

Margaret Boddy	Lorna Foti
Dawn Harvey	Philip Junop
Jo Kenemy	Wilf Kenemy
Anne Kursi	Earl Michaud
Donna Nicholson	Maureen Patterson



[What were you hiding under your mask?](#)



WHO IS IT? with Lorna Foti



Betty Lou Vanderpost was the “Who Is It” person.

“I Been Everywhere Man”... that would be Betty Lou. She loves to travel and has been to many places around the world.

Betty Lou was also a member of the Police Services Board and the B.W.G. Council.

Her father was the mayor of Vaughan for 11 years.

Betty Lou and Hank have been married for 58 years.

Send your “Who Is It?” submissions to Lorna at lornafoti@hotmail.com

WHAT IS THIS? with Pat Mohren

These photos were sent in by Lindsay Brooks. The picture on the right is water freezing on Fairy Lake in Newmarket and the photo on the left is water drops on the roof of Lindsay’s convertible.

Wonderful artistic shots. Send your photo submissions to Pat Mohren at jp.mohren@gmail.com by May 3rd for the May 10 meeting.



Guest Speaker– James Lockyer CM, Wrongful Convictions In Canada

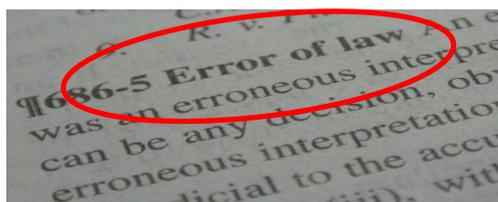
James Lockyer CM is a lawyer and prominent social justice activist in Toronto. He is the founding Director of Innocence Canada and is a member of the Order of Canada.

Democracies are built on laws but the judicial system is not perfect. We are only human. Mr. Lockyer gave examples of cases he investigated where there was what is known as a “rush to judgement”. Faulty forensic practices, unreliable witnesses and botched/rushed investigating can result in what we see as an “error of law”. If the police and jury are convinced they have the guilty person and all evidence proves it, the convicted could spend many years in prison trying to prove their innocence. Such were the cases of David Milgard, Guy Paul Moran and Jacques Delisle that Mr. Lockyer gave as examples. Mr. Lockyer has been involved in 30 cases of wrongful convictions and instrumental in exposing more than 10 wrongful convictions in Canada.

As Mr. Lockyer stated, “People make mistakes. Don’t think that this could not happen to you.”



Innocence Canada



Future Guest Speakers

MAY SPEAKER... Steve Dengler, “Canada 150 Global Odyssey”

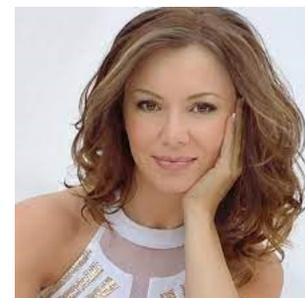
Steve Dengler, Canadian entrepreneur, investor and accomplished airplane and helicopter pilot will share his incredible story of the first Canadian helicopter and first father-son helicopter circumnavigation of the world in commemoration of Canada’s 150th Birthday. This amazing journey covered a record 48 days with 92 stops in 14 countries.



JUNE SPEAKER... Angelica Ganeau, “The Story Behind My Song”

With humour and candour, Angelica will take us through her journey growing up as a child performer under a suppressive communist regime, then immigrating to Canada and struggling to navigate the North American music business.

Angelica is a writer and producer of a number of music CD's and the author of two books.



EVENTS PLANNED

Orangeville Theatre presents, **"Rock'n Roll is Here to Stay!"**



May 11 at 7:00 pm

A high energy show that keeps the classic rock flame burning.

Proof of vaccination must be presented at the theatre and masks must be worn.

Tickets- \$45.00 Deadline for purchase was Apr 12th

For questions contact Wendy Van Straten at
wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

EDENVALE AVIATION MUSEUM—AVRO ARROW

June 7 at 10:00 am Location: Edenvale Aerodrome

A private tour of the Avro Arrow Replica—(30 members required for the tour)

Cost: \$20.34 per person

Contact Wendy Van Straten by May 10th at

wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca



HOLD THE DATE!

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1ST DAY OF SUMMER PICNIC

To be held at Scanlon Creek

On June 21st

Cost: TBD

This is an opportunity to enjoy an outdoor social and picnic with PROBUS members.

Contact Wendy Van Straten by June 14th at

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EVENTS ARE YOU INTERESTED?

WALKING TOUR OF TORONTO ISLAND **July 19th**

A 90 minute tour at a leisurely pace on easy accessible paths.

Also, on Ward's and Algonquin, enjoy the many galleries displaying local artist's work available to purchase.

Ward's Island also has two licensed restaurants, The Island Café and Riviera.

Cost: Group rate is \$20.00 per person. Non-groups is \$30.00 per person.

(extra fee is \$5.50 for the island ferry ticket) Sign up and payment is due by June 14th

For questions contact Wendy Van Straten at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

GEORGIAN BAY CRUISE

September 14th Location: Georgian Bay

Cost: Group cost \$61.44 per person (includes HST and gratuity)

Payment Due: TBA

Tour includes a served lunch menu of Kale and Romaine Caesar salad, Artisan rolls with butter, Penne a la Vodka, Garlic Rapini, 3 Cheese Chicken Parmesan, Butter Tarts and coffee/tea

Contact Wendy Van Straten by May 10th at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca



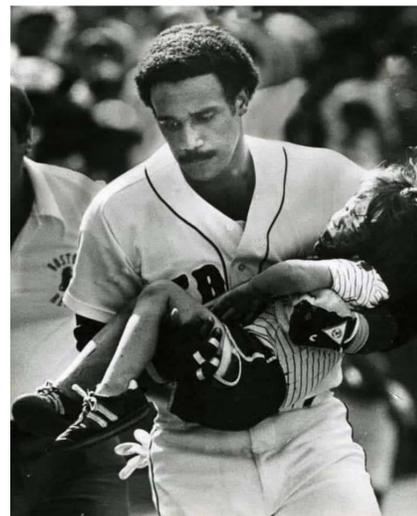
Baseball season is in full swing!

There is a reason that you see those huge nets surrounding home plate and extending down first and third base lines. I saw this story and wanted to share.

On August 8, 1982, Boston Red Sox left fielder, Jim Rice was in the midst of a game at Fenway Park Stadium. Behind the Boston dugout sat Tom Keane, and his two sons, who were really excited to have seats so close to the action for the game.

But then, a foul ball spun off a player's bat and rocketed into the stands to hit four year old Johnathan Keane on the side of his head. Horrified, Tom turned to see blood streaming from the wound. Jim Rice immediately sprang from the Boston dugout, scooped up the boy and carried him back to the Red Sox dugout where the Red Sox medical team did triage and got him to a standby ambulance which rushed him to the Boston Children's Hospital. A mere 30 minutes after he was hit, Johnathan was in neurosurgery. Doctors said, without a doubt that Jim's prompt actions saved Johnathan's life. Jim returned to the game in a blood-stained uniform from the boy's head injury. After visiting the injured boy in the hospital, and realizing the family was of modest means, Jim stopped by the business office and instructed that the bill be sent to him.

Years later when Jim Rice was inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, he said his greatest accomplishment of his career was saving Johnathan Keane's life.

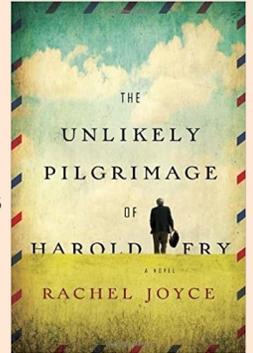


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BOOK CLUB (Cheryl Blair) April's read is "The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry" by Rachel Joyce.

Recently retired, sweet, emotionally numb Harold Fry is jolted out of his passivity by a letter from Queenie Hennessy, an old friend, who he hasn't heard from in twenty years. She has written to say she is in hospice and wanted to say goodbye. Leaving his tense, bitter wife Maureen to her chores, Harold intends a quick walk to the corner mailbox to post his reply but instead, inspired by a chance encounter, he becomes convinced he must deliver his message in person to Queenie—who is 600 miles away—because if he keeps walking, Harold believes that Queenie will not die. So, without hiking boots, rain gear, map, or cell phone, one of the most endearing characters in current fiction begins his unlikely pilgrimage across the English countryside. Along the way, strangers stir up memories—flashbacks, often painful, from when his marriage was filled with promise and then not. Of his inadequacy as a father, and of his shortcomings as a husband. Ironically, his wife Maureen, shocked by her husband's sudden absence, begins to long for his presence. Is it possible for Harold and Maureen to bridge the distance between them? And will Queenie be alive to see Harold arrive at her door?



May's read is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

This link is access to all books the club has read: [Book Club - The PROBUS Club of Bradford](#)



Knitting—It was a small group but the SSK ladies managed another knitting session at Cheryl's.

Looking forward to the warm weather and more clubs getting active.



RODEO lunches are starting again ladies!

Any one who knows of a good place to eat and would like to organize a lunch email Brenda Andrews at dbandrews2004@gmail.com.

ROMEIO Breakfast

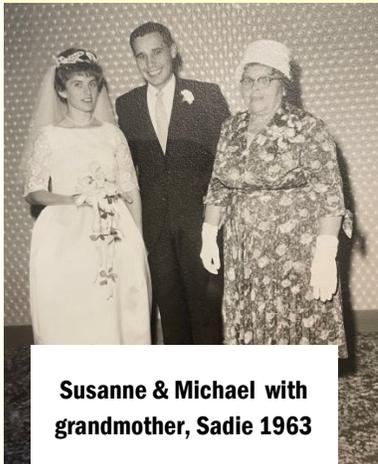
Gentlemen! Looking for a volunteer to organize a men's ROMEIO breakfast. Bet you can't wait to kick start the spring with a morning of carbs and conversation with the gang. Volunteers can contact Dave McMillan at dmcmillan2000@rogers.com or Pete Liukaitis at pliukait@sympatico.ca.



The Pysanka (Pysanky plural) is a Ukrainian Easter egg decorated using deep rooted ancient pagan, and later, religious Ukrainian symbols. The history of the Pysanky eggs dates back almost 2,000 years. These beautiful decorated eggs with their uniquely stylized designs and brilliant colours were crafted by the women of the household and gifted to loved ones at Easter to bless every part of life in

Ukraine as talismans of prosperity, fertility, healing and protection, long life and bounty. It was always considered protection and good fortune to have a basket of pysanky eggs around the home.

Thank you Susanne Artichuk for inviting me to see your beautiful Pysanky egg collection and learn about this wonderful Ukrainian craft. Susanne is not Ukrainian but her late husband, Michael Artichuk's family is.



Susanne & Michael with grandmother, Sadie 1963

Michael's grandmother, Sadie and her brother, Peter, were Ukrainian born. In the early 1900s, Ukraine was under Russian rule and many Ukrainians, not happy with the government and their future prospects, were emigrating to Canada for a better life. Sadie (age 19) and Peter (13) were taken, by their parents, to the docks and told to go to Canada and make a new life. Their par-

ents could not join them. Sadie, (Michael's mother) married a farmer, Nicholas Adams and they operated a farm near Ottawa.

Through Susanne's married life there were some Ukrainian traditions that she followed with Michael's family. Her most memorable is in the spring of 1990, when her family made Pysanky Easter eggs at their cottage. The children were 9 and 13 then and it was a fun family weekend. They decorated their eggs with symbols having ancient Ukrainian beliefs and legends such as flowers, fish,



This egg done by Michael's brother in the Christian symbol

wheat, sun and stars. It was a wonderful family experience but did not become an annual tradition. She proudly displays those eggs every Easter.

Since that time, other members of Michael's family have made some pysanky eggs of their own. Her son made one where he put a scuba diver's flag on it as his own person "symbol" of his time with the Boy Scouts.



Following the Ukrainian tradition, Susanne has given away eggs to friends and family. I was honoured to be gifted with my own (and first) Pysanka egg.

Since Ukrainian Independence in 1991, there has been a re-birth of preserving the traditional designs; their symbolism and history of this folk art in its homeland and also Ukrainian communities abroad. Now the pysanky eggs are created more for decorative reasons than for purposes of magic. It is one of the many Ukrainian folk arts that have survived time. "Glory to Ukraine!"

HOW PYSANKY UKRAINIAN EASTER EGGS ARE MADE

- A whole (non-cooked) egg. Over time (as long as they don't crack or break) they will dry on the inside and you will have a true Pysanka Easter egg that will keep forever.
- 3 sizes (thin, medium, thick) of **kistka**, a stylus with a small reservoir and funnel, used to hold and apply melted **beeswax** onto eggs. The wax is applied over a pencil drawn design on the egg. Any bit of egg shell covered with wax will reveal as white.
- Powdered dyes (must be Ukrainian Easter egg dye) yellow, blue, white, green, red, brown, black. The dye sequence is from lightest colour to dark.
- After each dye dip more wax is applied to the area just coloured to protect it.
- After the final colour the wax is removed by gently heating the egg over a candle and wiping off the wax.



This might be a fun project to for any adventurous PRO-BUS ladies and gents to try.

Lake Cow Bacon Anyone?

In 1910, America was facing the prospect of a serious meat shortage. The rapidly growing population was outpacing the country's ability to raise meat animals. Techniques for the mass production of hogs and chickens had not yet been invented. Overgrazing was destroying pastureland and the number of beef cattle in the country was falling by a million per year, as beef prices soared. It seemed that the country couldn't continue to rely on its dwindling supply of beef cattle. What then to do?

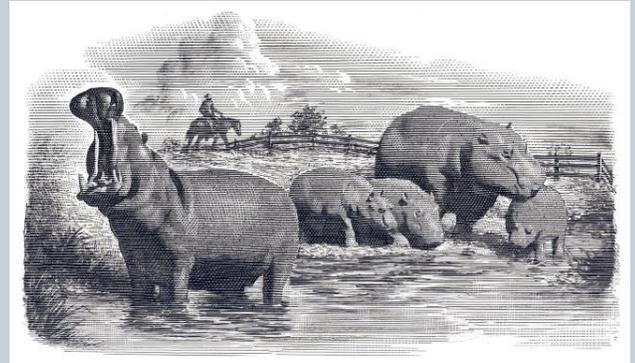
Frederick Russell Burnham, a then-famous adventurer, mercenary, and explorer had an idea, and he persuaded Congressman Robert Foligny Broussard of Louisiana of its wisdom. The idea? To import hippopotamuses to the swampy Gulf coast and raise them for food.

Burnham's idea was particularly attractive to Broussard, a Cajun planter who saw hippos as the potential solution to a problem plaguing his state. In 1884 Japanese delegates to an international cotton exposition had brought water hyacinths from their country to distribute as gifts. By 1910 the hyacinths were clogging Louisiana rivers, destroying the livelihoods of fishermen and impeding or blocking river navigation. Broussard imagined herds of hippos eating up the hated hyacinths, while simultaneously ending the nation's meat shortage and bringing wealth to hippo ranchers. It seemed to him to be a win-win.

So, Broussard introduced a bill in Congress for the importation of hippopotamuses, and the proposal was met with acclaim. The New York Times called the idea "practical and timely." Newspapers around the country enthusiastically endorsed it. President Teddy Roosevelt gave it his hearty approval. According to The Washington Post, it was "a question of only a very few years now when large shipments of hippos will be made to America."

But as much as Americans loved meat, convincing them to eat hippos would not be an easy task. Then, as now, Americans almost exclusively ate only four animals, imported originally from Europe—cattle, pigs, sheep and poultry, with beef being the predominant meat by far in 1910. Undeterred, a New York Times editorial insisted that hippo meat was tasty and should be called "lake cow bacon." The general public remained skeptical.

Alas, Broussard's vision of hippopotamus herds grazing happily on hyacinth flowers in the swamps of Louisiana was not to be, and there would be no hippo steaks on American dinner plates. The Department of Agriculture never bought into the notion, insisting that the solution to the meat shortage was simply to drain the swamps and turn them into grass pastures suitable for beef cattle—a proposal that had the advantage of not requiring Americans to acquire a taste for hippo meat. No hippopotamuses were ever imported to the U.S. and there were never any hippo ranches in the Gulf states.



Congressman Robert Broussard introduced House Bill 23261, to appropriate \$250,000 for the importation of hippopotamuses into the United States, on March 24, 1910. Today the state of Louisiana spends over \$2 million per year spraying herbicides on water hyacinth.

From "A Daily Dose of History"

Whoever came up with the word dentures really missed the opportunity to call them "subtitooths".

Kevin was starting to think that maybe his mom wasn't coming back.



Will Rogers on life...

Will Rogers, died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska along with bush pilot Wiley Post. He was one of the greatest political country/cowboy sages of his time. He was never at a loss for ways to poke fun at controversial topics or just life.

Some of his sayings about growing older:

1st ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

2nd ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

3rd ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me; I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

4th ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra.

5th ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

6th ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

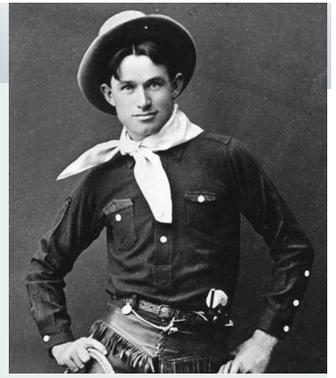
7th ~ One of the many things no one tells you about aging is that it's such a nice change from being young.

8th ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

9th ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

10th ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

And, finally ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.



Paddy says to Mick, "I'm getting circumcised tomorrow."

Mick says, "I had that done when I was a few days old."

"Does it hurt?" Paddy asks.

Mick replied, "Well I couldn't walk for about a year."

At a couples counseling meeting the speaker mentioned that couples are so disconnected that 85% of husbands don't even know their wives favourite flower.

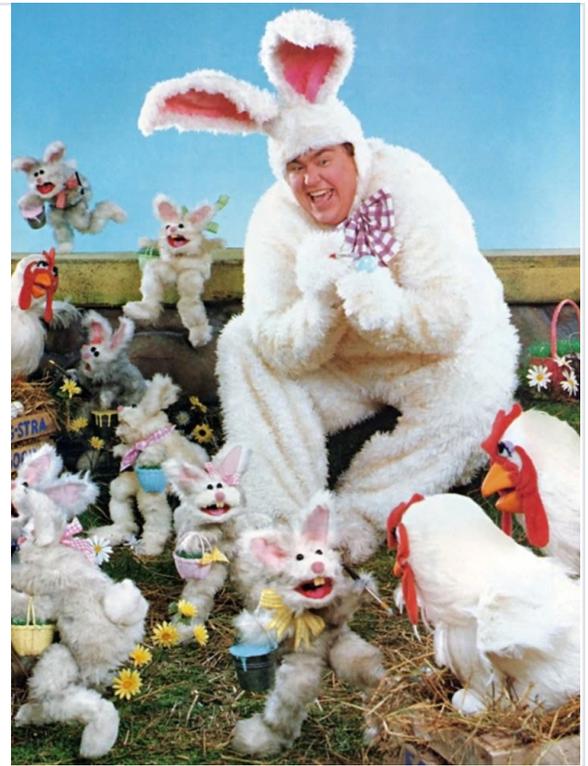
Mick turned to his wife and whispered: "it's self-rising, isn't it?"

I think this person doesn't know how to put on an Easter Bunny costume.





My favourite...
John Candy as the
Easter Bunny in a
photo spread from
the Spring 1986
issue of Muppet
Magazine.



Robert asked the televangelist to pray for his hearing.
After 3 minutes of violent shaking and trying to push
him over backwards the preacher asks, "How's your
hearing?"

Robert replied, "I don't know. It doesn't take place until
Tuesday at the courthouse."

Just over 4 weeks until May long weekend.
Gotta get prepared.



**MOTHER NATURE APOLOGIZES FOR
THE LATE ARRIVAL OF SPRING.**

**FATHER TIME WAS DRIVING AND
REFUSED TO STOP AND ASK FOR
DIRECTIONS!**

**See you May 10th at the next
PROBUS meeting!**