



PROBUS News.....

PROBUS Club of Bradford

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SEPTEMBER...A NEW PROBUS YEAR!

MEET OUR NEW PRESIDENT, BUNNY KAUFMAN.



THE NEW EXECUTIVE TEAM FOR 2022/2023



Back Row: Dave McMillan; Past President; Dale Tasker, Vice President; Bob Evans, Speaker's Chair; Pete Liukaitis, Technical Chair; Chris Van Straten, Member at Large, Wendy Van Straten, Social Chair.

Front Row: Bunny Kaufman, President; Deborah Liukaitis, Communication Chair; Brenda Andrews, Major Events (and PROBUS Canada President); Cheryl Blair, Treasurer; Patricia Dion, Members Chair; Pat Mohren, Secretary.

Absent: Peggy Michaud, Major Events and Ann Evans, Member at Large.

**THAT MOMENT WHEN YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT THE ELDERLY**



**AND THEN YOU REALIZE THAT YOU ARE
THE ELDERLY!**

**Next PROBUS meeting
October 11th at 10:00 am
At St. John's Presbyterian Church**

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2022/3 Executive Committee:

President: *Bunny Kaufman*

Vice President: *Dale Tasker*

Secretary: *Pat Mohren*

Treasurer: *Cheryl Blair*

Social Chair: *Wendy Van Straten*

Communication Chair:

Deborah Liukaitis

Technical Chair: *Pete Liukaitis*

Speakers' Chair: *Bob Evans*

Members Chair: *Patricia Dion*

Major Events:

*Brenda Andrews and
Peggy Michaud*

Members at Large:

Ann Evans and Chris Van Straten

Past President: *Dave McMillan*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

September starts a new year for the Probus Club of Bradford and 2022 marks the first time since 2019 that we have met in person. Our annual general meeting, on September 13, was well-attended, not only by our returning members but also with a great group of new ones. I would like to give everyone a warm welcome and I look forward to not only being able to put your names to your faces, but also in getting to know you.

A special thank you goes to all those who have contributed so much to our organization over the years. Without you, our club would not be what it is today. The Executive and support teams consist of people who have been with the club since its inception up to relative newcomers. Their ongoing support is both necessary and appreciated. We encourage everyone to consider getting involved in some way, shape or form. New ideas are paramount to our continued success.

September also marks the month we started phase 2 of Go Green. With this in mind, we are asking members to help the environment and bring their own beverage containers to the general meetings.

The passing of Queen Elizabeth II was a major event in the lives of many around the world. I was fortunate to have been present in 1957 when she arrived in Ottawa for her first Canadian visit as monarch. Truth be told, my memories do not centre around Her Majesty as much as the fear that I would fall off my father's shoulders and then off the bleachers!

Until next month...

Bunny



Dave says his farewell and passes the secrets of the presidency on to Bunny.

Thank you Dave for 4 years of commitment and hard work.

Reality hits Bunny—after she makes her pledge of office as the new Bradford PROBUS Club President to PROBUS Canada President, Brenda Andrews.



October Guest Speaker...

“FROM FRANK FERRAGINE TO FRANKIE FLOWERS”...

Frank will tell his story on how a boy from Bradford became Canada’s most recognized Garden Expert.

- Canada’s Garden and Weather expert (Toronto’s favourite weather guy).
- Four times best selling gardening author.
- Award winning garden designer.
- And former Bradford Citizen of the Year!

Frankie is wild about weather, passionate about plants and family matters.

He has a lot to talk about and the question period should be lively!



November Guest Speaker...

SID GIDDINGS—“HALIFAX BOMBER CREW MISSION TO LIEPZIG, GERMANY”

Sid has been a member of the Georgina Military Museum, in Keswick, since 2008 and has served as President for 8 years (from 2014 to June 2022).

Sid became involved in the museum because his father was a veteran of World War II. He landed in France 2 days after D-Day. He was badly injured 4 days before the end of the war, and was left a double amputee.

It is Sid’s mission that all people who serve in war should be remembered. It is because of the sacrifices and hardships suffered by our veterans that we are able to live in freedom today. They must never be forgotten.



LOOK WHAT WE HAVE BEEN UP TO

Mini Golf Tournament, July 27

A great turnout of mini golfers testing their skills on the Cardinal links.

Lots of laughs and I'm sure some honest scores followed up with a cold beverage and dinner on the patio at St. Louis Bar & Grill.



The golf pro has arrived.

Pat Mohren is the winner of this truly unique golf trophy, designed by Amy Wright.

A very interesting conversation piece.

If this is to be an annual event, maybe Amy can "surgically" enhance it for more winner names.



Moose is conferring with his coach.



Outdoor Appy Party—August 17

Another successful appy party at the Van Straten's !
Looks like it was a very warm day when guests hit the pool.
Also seeing some new members faces.



GEORGIAN SPIRIT BOAT CRUISE—September 14

It turned out to be a lovely day for a lunch and cruise on Georgian Bay. It looks like everyone enjoyed the trip but there was something fishy about the Captain....?



Ready to cast off!



Did someone say there was RUM!!?



This is the Captain!
Should you be worried!?



No worries! Its just a 2 hr cruise. The Cap-
tain looks totally competent...



There better be RUM on this tub.



WHAT ABOUT THE CAPTAIN!?
Should I be worried?



You hoo! Anyone seeing the sights!!!!?



GEORGIAN SPIRIT BOAT CRUISE—NOTICE

Captain breaks into rum supply to calm rowdy PROBUS crew!

Results are very positive!

Well, except for one...

I think the chicken
is coming back!!!!



EVENTS PLANNED



DATE: October 13th

TIME: 1:00 pm

COST: \$15.00 each



Break out your lederhosen! It's Octoberfest at the Mooses'!

Pat and Moose Mohren are hosting an Octoberfest event on the grounds of their residence.

Bring your choice of beverage to wash down the traditional sausage on a bun (with or without sauerkraut); potato salad and something sweet.

Wearing lederhosen and dancing the polka is optional.

Organizer: Wendy Van Straten wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

Bid Euchre



October 22nd, 7:00 pm at the Bond Head United Church

Snack, coffee/tea and water will be provided (or bring your own non-alcoholic beverage)

Organizer: Bob Watt bewatt@zing-net.ca

Cost is \$10.00 per person due October 11

Sign up with a partner.

E-transfer payments to bradfordprobus.treasurer@gmail.com. In the message field include: name of the event and names of the members included in the payment.



Just another exciting summer at the Tasker cottage. All set to come back for the fall/winter weather. Just love the local sense of humour.

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KNITTING- The SSK Ladies are set to start the fall season's knitting sessions. If you would like to join contact Linda Alsop at lindacvano@gmail.com

Maybe we can do a small project regarding Alfie (story below)...

Meet Australia's oldest man, 110-years-old, Alfred "Alfie" Date, who is most well-known and admired for knitting pint-sized sweaters for penguins in need.

In the past, wildlife organizations, like Penguin Foundation have asked the public for assistance in knitting sweaters, or "jumpers," for penguins affected by oil spills to wear temporarily. Knitted sweaters are placed on the birds to act as a barrier to keep them from reaching their oily feathers with beaks until rescue staff can wash them clean.

"When little penguins become oiled, they will try to preen and clean the toxic oil from their feathers, and ingesting it can kill them," wrote the Penguin Foundation. "It also damages their delicate feathers, which exposes their skin to extreme temperatures and they are left cold, heavy, and unable to swim or hunt for food."

News of Alfie Date's history of knitting contributions to the Penguin Foundation's "little penguins" first went viral in 2015 and again in 2022. His story has since been shared on the internet 101,000 times.



**"The secret to living well and longer is:
eat half, walk double, laugh triple, and love without measure."**

~Tibetan Proverb

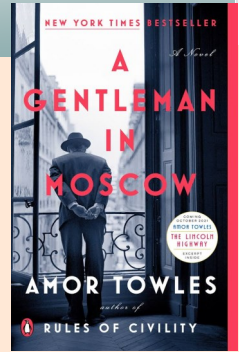
BRADFORD PROBUS CLUBS

BOOK CLUB (Cheryl Blair)

Book Club is Meeting on Thursday, September 22nd

The book for September is *"A Gentleman in Moscow"* by Amor Towles

A Gentleman in Moscow immerses us in another elegantly drawn era with the story of Count Alexander Rostov. When, in 1922, he is deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the count is sentenced to house arrest in the Metropol, a grand hotel across the street from the Kremlin. Rostov, an indomitable man of erudition and wit, has never worked a day in his life, and must now live in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history are unfolding outside the hotel's doors. Unexpectedly, his reduced circumstances provide him a doorway into a much larger world of emotional discovery.



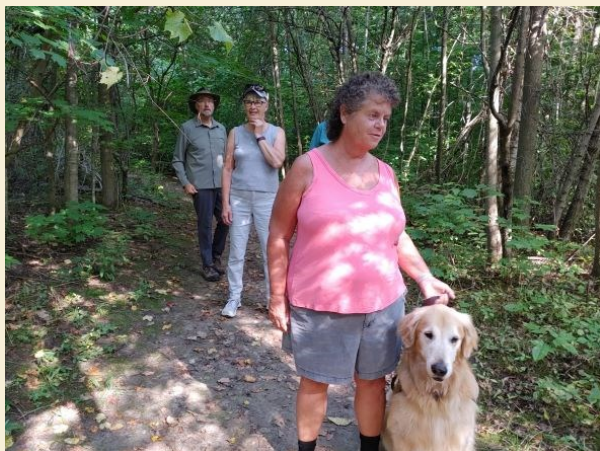
Brimming with humour, a glittering cast of characters, and one beautifully rendered scene after another, this singular novel casts a spell as it relates the count's endeavour to gain a deeper understanding of what it means to be a man of purpose.

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

RODEO LUNCH

September 8th the RODEO ladies had lunch at Tatlows Restaurant in Holland Landing. The ladies shared the outdoor patio with a group of bikers from Oakville on their way to Port Severn to meet up with other chapters for a social weekend.

Any thoughts on a favourite place you would like to lunch with the RODEO ladies email Susanne Artichuk at spartichuk@hotmail.com.



WALK/HIKE WITH AMY IN SCANLON CREEK- September 10

Nature walk on a warm day. Included is the honorary furry member.

FOR THE HISTORY BUFFS

A firefighter from Germany can be seen trying out a firefighting helmet prototype. c 1900

Although its uncertain if these helmets were actually used, there hasn't been anything resembling them in modern fire stations.



1922—Women being arrested in Chicago because their swimsuits were too short. Bathing suits back then could not be more than 6" above the knee.



This father faints when he meets his triplet babies for the first time in 1946. This was before ultrasound was invented.

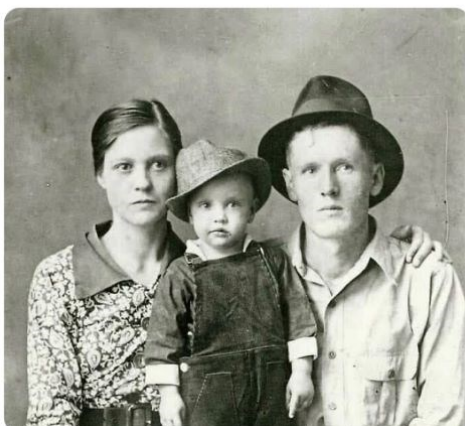


Kids remote learning during a polio outbreak in the 1940s. Teachers read lessons over the radio.



2 year old Elvis Presley with his parents, 1937.

How old would he be today?



Muhammad Ali playing records in his car, 1968.

Helen Hulick, The Woman Who Was Jailed For Wearing Pants To Court

In November 1938, Helen Hulick, a 28-year-old kindergarten teacher, who moved to California from Pennsylvania to teach at a school for the deaf became the subject of a historic fight for women's rights.

On November 9, Hulick was called to testify as a witness to a burglary two men in her building committed. When she took the stand, Judge Arthur S. Guerin reprimanded her for wearing slacks. He said that Hulick's pants, which weren't popular with women at the time, took too much attention away from the legal issues at hand.

To Hulick's surprise, the judge rescheduled the proceedings for her to return dressed in a more "acceptable outfit." To the judge's surprise, however, Hulick publicly denounced this decision the following day.

"You tell the judge I will stand on my rights," she told The Los Angeles Times. "If he orders me to change into a dress, I won't do it. I like slacks. They're comfortable."

Her return to court on November 14 caused even more of a stir. Dressed in an orange shirt and dark green pants, Judge Guerin once again halted the proceedings as soon as Helen Hulick was about to be sworn in.

"The last time you were in this court dressed as you are now and reclining on your neck on the back of your chair, you drew more attention from spectators, prisoners and court attaches than the legal business at hand," he said. "You were requested to return in garb acceptable to courtroom procedure."

The judge expounded on her purported defiance of orderly conduct, and once again ordered her to vacate the premises. Once more, the hearing was rescheduled, and this time, it came with a warning: *return in slacks again and face jail time.*

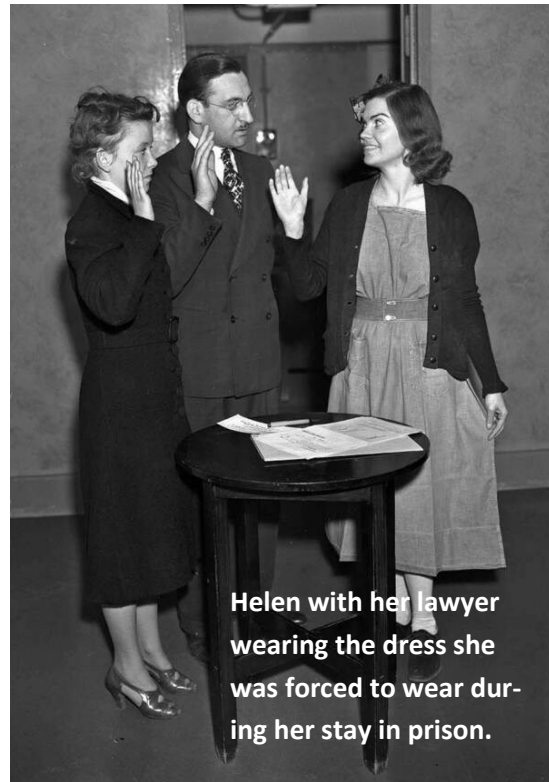
Reporters rushed to get a statement from Helen Hulick as soon as she left the courthouse.

"Listen, I've worn slacks since I was 15," she said. "I don't own a dress except a formal. If he wants me to appear in a formal gown that's okay with me. I'll come back in slacks and if he puts me in jail, I hope it will help to free women forever of anti-slackism."

Sure enough, Hulick returned to court the next day wearing pants. Judge Guerin was just as principled, however, and held the kindergarten teacher in contempt of court. Hulick was sentenced to five days in jail on November 15 and was forced to wear a dress (made from denim) for the duration of her prison sentence.



Hulick was released early, and her case sent to the Appellate Court. It overturned Judge Guerin's original ruling four days later, leaving Hulick free to wear whatever she liked at the next hearing. On Jan. 17, 1939, she arrived at the courthouse in a formal evening dress.



Ultimately, Helen Hulick's refusal to wear a dress in court paled in comparison to her career. She became a renowned figure in auditory-verbal therapy and pioneered a new form of auditory-verbal therapy and founded her own non-profit. Judge Guerin, meanwhile, died in 1962 — and is remembered as a hurdle to gender equality.

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**Banana is sooo
hard to spell!**



My inner 12-year-old will be giggling forever, now that I know the Norwegian phrase for speed bump is "Farts-humper"...



GROWING OLD IS MANDATORY



GROWING UP IS OPTIONAL

Apparently there's a third option between burial and cremation.



A man boards a plane with six kids. After they get settled in their seats, a woman sitting across the aisle leans over to him and asks, "Are all of those kids yours?"

He replies, "No. I work for a condom company. These are customer complaints."

Mother asks little Johnny, as they wait for the bus, to tell the driver he is 4 years old when asked because he will ride for free. As they get into the bus the driver asks Johnny how old he is. "I am 4 years old." "And when will you be six years old?" asks the driver. "When I get off the bus," answers Johnny.

GOOD NEWS FOR THE GOLFER

A recent study found that the average golfer walks about 900 miles a year.

Another study found golfers drink, on average, 22 gallons of alcohol a year, which means, on average, golfers get about 41 miles to the gallon.

Kind of makes you proud.

I almost feel like a hybrid.

“Hello Darkness My Old Friend”

“Hello darkness, my old friend...” Everybody knows the iconic Paul Simon & Art Garfunkel song.

This is the amazing story behind the first line of The Sounds of Silence.

It began when Arthur “Art” Garfunkel, a Jewish kid from Queens, enrolled in Columbia University. During freshman orientation, Art met a student from Buffalo named Sandy Greenberg, and they immediately bonded over their shared passion for literature and music. Art and Sandy became roommates and best friends. With the idealism of youth, they promised to be there for each other no matter what.

Soon after starting college, Sandy was struck by tragedy. His vision became blurry and although doctors diagnosed it as temporary conjunctivitis, the problem grew worse. Finally after seeing a specialist, Sandy received the devastating news that severe glaucoma was destroying his optic nerves. The young man with such a bright future would soon be completely blind.

Sandy was devastated and fell into a deep depression. He gave up his dream of becoming a lawyer and moved back to Buffalo, where he worried about being a burden to his financially struggling family. Consumed with shame and fear, Sandy cut off contact with his old friends, refusing to answer letters or return phone calls.

Then suddenly, to Sandy’s shock, his buddy Art showed up at the front door.

Art was not going to allow his best friend to give up on life, so he bought a ticket and flew up to Buffalo unannounced. Art convinced Sandy to give college another try and promised that he would be right by his side to make sure he didn’t fall - literally or figuratively.

Art kept his promise, faithfully escorting Sandy around campus and effectively serving as his eyes. It was important to Art that even though Sandy had been plunged into a world of darkness, he should never feel alone. Art started calling himself “Darkness” to demonstrate his empathy with his friend. He’d say things like, “Darkness is going to read to you now.” Art organized his life around helping Sandy.

One day, Art was guiding Sandy through crowded Grand Central Station when he suddenly said he had to go and left his friend alone and petrified. Sandy stumbled, bumped into people, and fell, cutting a gash in his shin. After a couple of hellish hours, Sandy finally got on the right subway train. After exiting the station at 116th street, Sandy bumped into someone who quickly apologized - and Sandy immediately recognized Art’s voice!

Turned out his trusty friend had followed him the whole way home, making sure he was safe and giving him the priceless gift of independence. Sandy later said, “That moment was the

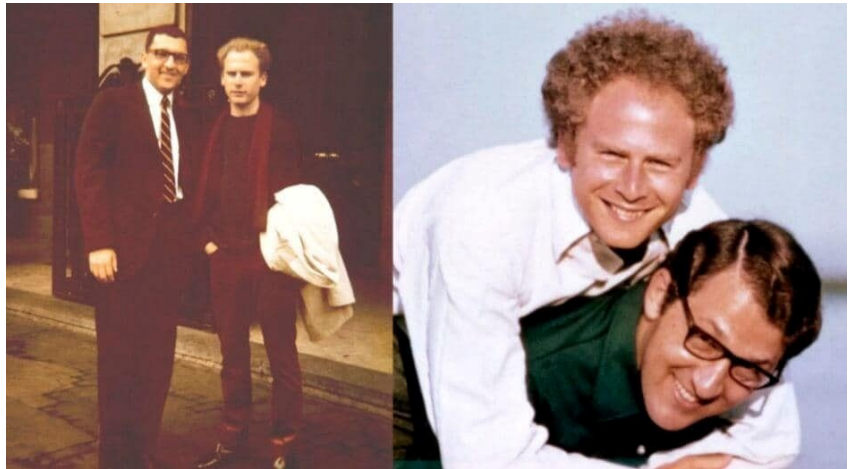
spark that caused me to live a completely different life, without fear, without doubt. For that I am tremendously grateful to my friend.”

Sandy graduated from Columbia and then earned graduate degrees at Harvard and Oxford. He married his high school sweetheart and became an extremely successful entrepreneur and philanthropist.

While at Oxford, Sandy got a call from Art. This time Art was the one who needed help. He’d formed a folk-rock duo with his high school pal Paul Simon, and they desperately needed \$400 to record their first album. Sandy and his wife Sue had literally \$404 in their bank account, but without hesitation Sandy gave his old friend what he needed.

Art and Paul’s first album was not a success, but one of the songs, The Sounds of Silence, became a #1 hit a year later. The opening line echoed the way Sandy always greeted Art. Simon & Garfunkel went on to become one of the most beloved musical acts in history.

The two Columbia graduates, each of whom has added so much to the world in his own way, are still best friends. Art Garfunkel said that when he became friends with Sandy, “my real life emerged. I became a better guy in my own eyes and began to see who I was - somebody who gives to a friend.” Sandy describes himself as “the luckiest man in the world.”



Adapted from Sanford Greenberg’s memoir: “Hello Darkness, My Old Friend: How Daring Dreams and Unyielding Friendship Turned One Man’s Blindness into an Extraordinary Vision for Life.”

This month the world lost a great, respected icon.

Queen Elizabeth II...ruler of Great Britain and the Commonwealth for 70 years. Besides her years of devoted service to the crown and country she was also a beloved wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother.

Social media was flooded with archival images of her highness performing her royal duties over the years in her stately fashion. These pictures resonated with me that with all she has accomplished in her life, she was still very much a woman.



“Angela Kelly, the Queen’s long time dresser, shared how the Queen told her she had an urge to pose for a photo with her hands in her pockets. A pose which she hadn’t been photographed in before.”

Posted by The Prince and Princess of Wales

I've done my duties
Paddington, please
take me to my
husband



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