



PROBUS News.....

PROBUS Club of Bradford

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear PROBUS Members:

Carol and I recently visited family in Ottawa. It was wonderful seeing them. It has been sooo long since our last visit...we contemplated wearing name tags! Also, with the May 24 long weekend around the corner, we hope that you will be able to visit relatives and friends and enjoy outdoors as much as possible.

Perhaps you have seen our March speaker, James Lockyer, in the news lately commenting on the unfortunate passing of David Milgaard. Mr. Lockyer continues his fight as a Justice Advocate actively helping those who have been wrongfully convicted.

Don't forget these very important June dates:

June 4. Hug your cat day! Today is the perfect day to give your feline friend a few extra cuddles. If your cat isn't a cuddly sort, try showing your affection in another way, like a new toy, a special treat, or a relaxing cat nap for two.

June 19. National dry martini day! Unlike a wet martini, a dry martini is mixed with less vermouth. If you prefer a botanical flavor, opt for gin over vodka. You'll also need to decide whether you want olives or olive juice, which makes it a "dirty martini."

June 21 is the first day of Summer! Summer is finally here! Today's the day to take advantage of the warm weather and extra-long daylight, so ring in the season with a few cocktails al fresco, a fresh summer salad, or a fun outdoor activity. Perhaps, join our PROBUS Scanlon Creek Picnic on June 21st to celebrate Summer!

We've had so much rain lately....it reminds me of [this video](#) below:

Finally, please don't forget to vote in the Provincial Election on June 2.

I hope to see you at future events.

Until next time,

Dave

Next PROBUS meeting—June 14th at 10:00 am
At St. John's Presbyterian Church

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2022 Executive Committee:

President: *Dave McMillan*

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Major Events:

*Brenda Andrews and
Peggy Michaud*

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May MEETING HIGHLIGHTS...



APRIL BIRTHDAYS...

Bob Evans	Carmen Foti
Bunny Kaufman	Barbara Martin
Pat Mohren	Brenda Noble
Cathryn Rees	Jim Van Voorst
Sue Vonk	Jim Walker

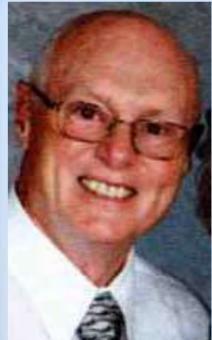
HAPPY
BIRTHDAY!



50/50 WINNER!

Brenda Noble won \$47 in the first 50/50 since 2020. Congratulations!

WHO IS IT? with Lorna Foti



Rick Christian is this month's "Who Is It?"

He was born in Sussex, England and immigrated to Canada at a very young age.

Had a career as a real estate appraiser and was a partner in Central Ontario Appraisals.

Rick is quite the traveler and has been to every continent except Antarctica.

He has done scuba on the Great Barrier Reef, hot air ballooning and climbed Mount Kilimanjaro.



These new members have joined our club since the fall of 2021 and it was nice to greet those who attended the meeting:

Janis Bell	Sonia Conway	Dayna Dixon	Ted Dodds
Lavina Mitchell	Barb Martin	Carol Rettig	Bonnie Connoly

John Lane

Welcome to the club everyone!

FROM THE MOUTHS OF BABES

All throughout dinner my wife's best friend's 4 year old daughter stared at me as I sat opposite her. The girl could hardly eat her food for staring. I checked my shirt for spots, felt my face for food and patted my hair in place. Nothing stopped her from staring at me.

Finally, I asked her, "Why are you staring at me?"

Everyone at the table noticed her behaviour and went silent. Finally...the little girl said...

"I'm just waiting to see how you drink like a fish."

Guest Speaker- Steve Dengler, “Canada 150 Global Odyssey”

Steve Dengler, Canadian entrepreneur, investor and accomplished airplane and helicopter pilot enthralled us with incredible photos and stories of the first Canadian helicopter and first father-son helicopter circumnavigation of the world in commemoration of Canada’s 150th Birthday. What an amazing journey. Steve, his father Bob, and pilot/navigator, Dugal MacDuff, covered 36,956 kilometers in 48 days with 92 stops in 14 countries.

Of the many photos he showed from his trip, the aerial shots of the Canadian landscapes, reveal what a truly amazing and beautiful country we have.

The crew was usually received like dignitaries at their stops and met many wonderful people. Their venture raised money for the True Patriot Love Foundation which assists Canadian veterans and families and Southlake Regional Health Care Foundation.

To quote Steve, “This is a 100% homegrown Canadian story.”

The intro song Pete played, “I’ve Been Everywhere”, by Bubba was very appropriate.



Steve and his father with the Bell helicopter they flew.



Above: Steve poses with “Wawa” the Canadian goose that was their mascot on their journey and wore all the badges collected from their trip.

Future Guest Speakers

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.



JULY SPEAKER...Sherry Lawson, Native Author and Activist

Sherry Lawson is the middle daughter of an Anishinaabe father and an Algonquian mother. She grew up on Rama Reserve near Orillia, Ontario in the lean 50's and 60's. Being a member of the Loon Clan meant that her destiny was to get people working together for community betterment. Sherry's father and his mother were a wealth of knowledge on topics of Native People, history, language, and culture. She thrived under their tutelage.

Sherry's professional life took her from the halls of justice to helping deliver a breakfast program in area schools, from improving library and literacy services to First Nations communities, to speaking to hundreds of audience members at a time, about how things used to be B.C. (Before casino).



EVENTS

Orangeville Theatre— “Rock’n Roll is Here to Stay!” on May 11th



Wendy's Report:

“The show was great!. Some of the group met for dinner beforehand and enjoyed some good food and lots of laughter.

Our crew was small, but enthusiastic as we danced in our seats and sang along to rock & roll classics performed by a very talented cast.”

The smiles say it all.

RODEO LUNCH

At the Perfect SNZ, Bradford



Eighteen ladies showed up for our first RODEO lunch in 2 years!

A happy loud bunch, good food and service. A lot of conversations to catch up on. Thank you Susanne Artichuck for organizing.

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

EVENTS PLANNED

EDENVALE AVIATION MUSEUM—AVRO ARROW—June 7th

Location: Edenvale Aerodrome at 10:00 am

Cost: \$20.34 per person

The Edenvale Aviation Heritage Foundation, EAHF is a not-profit charitable organization dedicated to telling the story of aviation, both civil and military in Canada.



Using the Avro Arrow Replica as the opening of the narrative, EAHF will endeavor to tell the story of men and women and the machines they designed, built and flew; who have made Canada what it is today.

Contact Wendy Van Straten at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca



Scanlon Creek—June 21st at noon

Cost: \$20.00 per person

Buffet Lunch—Pulled Pork or Chicken on a hoagie bun with coleslaw, Creamy Greek Macaroni Salad, pickles, hot peppers, Caesar Salad with crisp romaine, crumbled bacon, homemade croutons, Fresh Vegetable Platter and Assorted Mini Dessert Squares. [Amy has volunteered to organize a walk after lunch.](#)

Bring lawn chairs and your own beverages (no alcohol please).

Contact Wendy Van Straten by June 14th at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

WALKING TOUR OF TORONTO ISLAND

July 19th

Be at the Ferry Terminal at 10:15 am. A fee of \$5.50 for the island ferry ticket.

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. Sign up and payment is due by June 14th (e-transfer, cheque or cash)

Contact Wendy Van Straten at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

GEORGIAN BAY CRUISE

September 14th

Location: Georgian Bay

Cost: Group cost \$62.00 per person (includes HST and gratuity) Payment Due: August 9 (e-transfer, cheque or cash)

The 3 hour 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 at wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca

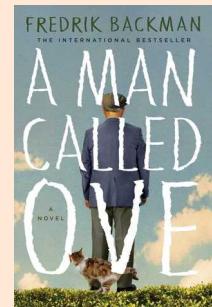
E-transfer payments to bradfordprobus.treasurer@gmail.com. In the message field include: name of the event and names of the members included in the payment.

BRADFORD PROBUS CLUBS

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BOOK CLUB (Cheryl Blair) May's read is "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman.

Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon, the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has staunch principles, strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him *the bitter neighbor from hell*, but must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile plastered to his face all the time?



Behind the cranky exterior there is a story and a sadness. So when one November morning a chatty young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox, it is the lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations.

June's read is "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles

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

ROMEO Breakfast

Gentlemen! Looking for a volunteer to organize a men's ROMEO 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.

Seniors playing bid euchre.



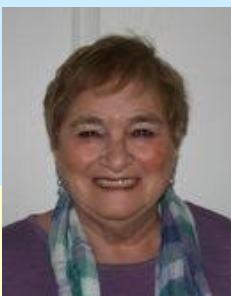
**HOW OLD WERE YOU
WHEN YOU FOUND
OUT THESE LINES
ARE ACTUALLY
MEASUREMENTS?**



PROBIAN CORNER

PROBUS Canada's New President

On May 14th, I was privileged to sit in on the Probus Canada Annual General Meeting as their zoom guy. During this meeting our very own Brenda Andrews was acclaimed as president for 2022-23. Brenda is eminently qualified to lead our national Probus Canada organization.



Most of you are aware that:

- Brenda is a founding member and past president of our Bradford Probus Club
- She became a director of Probus Canada in 2018 and then moved to Treasurer, Vice President and now is President for a one-year term.

Brenda will be focusing the Probus Canada team on emerging from the pandemic to facilitate and allow clubs to soar again. The team will be working on some of today's current challenges including the recruitment of local club management teams and attracting "younger" seniors. She called these recruits "Seniors in Training". They will also be continuing to assist local clubs in managing challenges through ongoing communication and district meetings.

There are currently 252 Probus Clubs across Canada, representing approximately 38,500 members. She also confirmed there are 8 new clubs getting ready to start up in her district alone.

The next time you see Brenda please congratulate her on her new national role and her continued efforts to champion Bradford Probus.

By Dale Tasker



10yr. Anniversary 2020

Brenda, PROBUS Canada Treasurer and Director-District #2 with then PROBUS Canada President, Marlene Pearce.

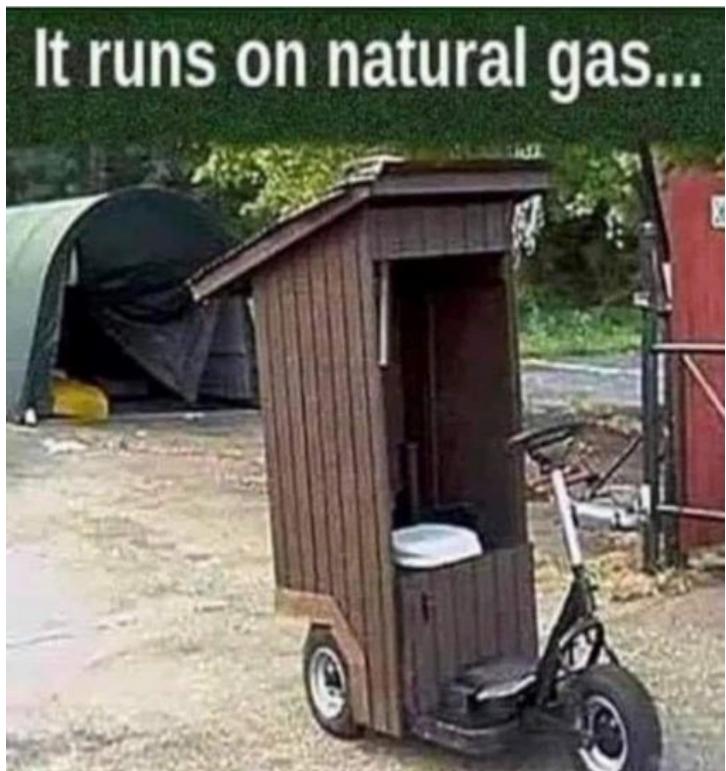
A group of 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders, accompanied by two female teachers, went on a field trip to the Pegasus Racetrack to learn about thoroughbred horses and the supporting industry, but mostly to see the horses.

When it was time to take the children to the bathroom, it was decided that the girls would go with one teacher and the boys would go with the other teacher.

The teacher assigned to the boys was waiting outside the men's room when one of the boys came out and told her that none of them could reach the urinal. Having no choice, she went inside, helped the boys with their pants, and began hoisting the little boys up one by one, holding on to their little 'wee-wees' to direct the flow away from their clothes.

As she lifted one little guy, she couldn't help but notice that he was unusually well endowed. Trying not to show that she was staring, the teacher said, "*You must be in the 5th grade.*"

"No ma'am," he replied, "I'm riding Silver Arrow in the seventh race, but I appreciate your help."



The historically significant, small Southern Ontario island you've probably never heard of

By Rebecca Stanisic, March 2022, Cottage Life

If you are from Southern Ontario or have family who lived in the area, there's a good chance that you know about Bob-Lo Island. However, for others, learning about this small island on the Detroit River might offer new and interesting insights into the region's history.

Historically, Bob-Lo Island (officially known as Bois Blanc Island) served as an important strategic and navigational point in the area where the Detroit River reaches Lake Erie. Set across from Fort Malden and the town of Amherstburg, Ont., it was known as a crossing point, meeting place, and important military site. Before Europeans arrived, it was home to the Three Fires Confederacy First Nations, comprised of the Ojibway, Odawa, and Potawatomi peoples, who inhabited the region. The island played a prominent role during the War of 1812 and was the site of activities during the Rebellion of 1838. It also acted as a crossing point on the Underground Railroad.

Many current and former residents and visitors will also recall Bob-Lo Island for being home to an amusement park that operated from 1898 until its closure in 1993. Ask those who grew up in the area, and it seems many have stories about summer days spent at the Bob-Lo Island Amusement Park. Those who experienced the park may recall a favourite ride or seeing the iconic Bob-Lo Boats travelling the river carrying visitors from Detroit to the island. It's clear that the park left a lasting impression, although not always a positive one; segregation and racism are a part of the history as well. After the Bob-Lo steamship company denied passage to Sarah Elizabeth Ray, a Black secretarial graduate (and future civil rights activist) planning to go to the island with her classmates, Ray filed a criminal complaint alongside the NAACP. The courts, including the U.S. Supreme Court, ruled in her favour, which became a significant precedent for future civil rights cases.

Evidence of Bob-Lo's past can still be found on the island today. The Bois Blanc Island Lighthouse and Blockhouse National Historic Site of Canada have been designated as federal heritage sites, and the blockhouse underwent restorations by the island's private owner in 2010. The dance hall from the amusement park days also remains.

Today, Bob-Lo Island is privately owned and is being developed into a residential community. The island is accessible via a short ferry ride from Amherstburg, but it's currently only open to residents and guests. There's a marina, wooded areas, beaches and the historical sites, which makes Bob-Lo Island an appealing destination. If the island reopens to the

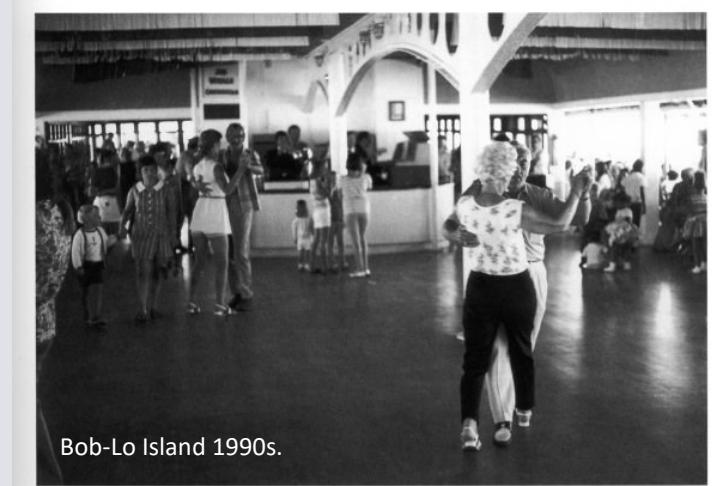
public, which seems to be the plan, it will become a fun day trip location once again.



Bob-Lo Island today.



Popular amusement park circa 1889-1900.



Bob-Lo Island 1990s.

Tis Why We Love The Irish...*

An Irish painter by the name of Murphy, while not a brilliant scholar, was a gifted portrait artist.

Over a short number of years, his fame grew and soon people from all over Ireland were coming to the town of Miltown in County Clare, to get him to paint their likenesses.

One day, a beautiful young English woman arrived at his house in a stretch limo and asked if he would paint her in the nude.

This being the first time anyone had made such a request he was a bit perturbed, particularly when the woman told him that money was no object; in fact, and she was willing to pay up to 10,000 pounds.

Not wanting to get into any marital strife, he asked her to wait while he went into the house to confer with Mary, his wife. They talked much about the Rightness and Wrongness of it. It was hard to make the decision but finally his wife agreed, on one condition.

In a few minutes he returned.

"T'would be me pleasure to paint yer portrait, missus," he said "The wife says it's okay. "I'll paint you in the nude all right; but I have to at least leave me socks on, so I have a place to wipe me brushes.

The best reason to drive a car with a bench seat!

Future generations cannot relate.

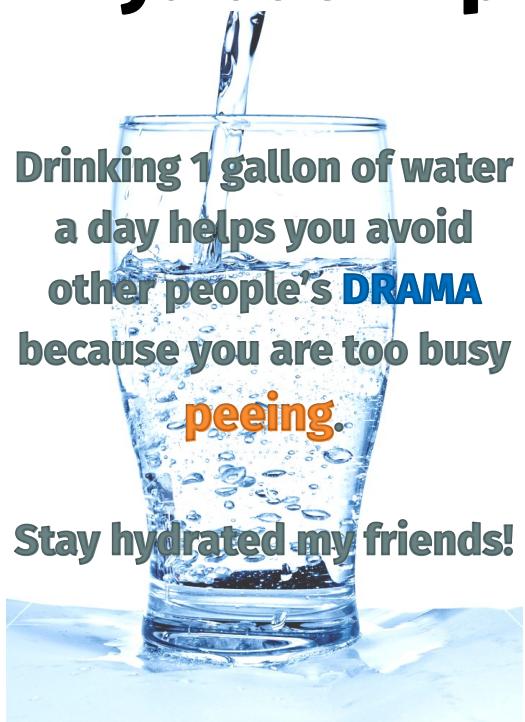


I just realized why this month is called May...



It may rain, it may snow, it may be 70 degrees or it may be 20 degrees.

Hydration Tip



**Drinking 1 gallon of water
a day helps you avoid
other people's DRAMA
because you are too busy
peeing.**

Stay hydrated my friends!

**IF YOU'RE BEING CHASED BY A
PACK OF TAXIDERMISTS**

DON'T PLAY DEAD

Spring's Dandelion

Spring, and so begins the annual battle home owners wage to achieve a pristine green lawn or give up and show off those happy brilliant yellow flowers that some gardeners consider the scourge of your lawns. To help make your lawn maintenance decision whether to spray, cut, weed or bomb it and start over...these are some interesting facts about the dandelion flower to consider:



The dandelion is the only flower that represents the 3 celestial bodies of the sun, moon and stars. The yellow flower resembles the sun, the puff ball resembles the moon and the dispersing seeds resemble the stars.



The dandelion flower opens to greet the morning and closes in the evening to go to sleep. Every part of the dandelion is useful: root, leaves, flower. It can be used for food, medicine and dye for coloring.

Up until the 1800s people would pull grass out of their lawns to make room for dandelions and other useful "weeds" like chickweed, malva, and chamomile.

The name dandelion is taken from the French word "dent de lion" meaning lion's tooth, referring to the coarsely toothed leaves.

Dandelions have one of the longest flowering seasons of any plant.

Dandelion seeds are often transported away by a gust of wind and they travel like tiny parachutes. Seeds are often carried as many as 5 miles from their origin!

Animals such as birds, insects and butterflies consume nectar or seed of dandelion.

Dandelion flowers do not need to be pollinated to form seed.

Dandelion can be used in the production of wine and root beer (a new hobby). Root of dandelion can be used as a substitute for coffee.

Dandelions have sunk their roots deep into history. They were well known to ancient Egyptians, Greeks and Romans, and have been used in Chinese traditional medicine for over a thousand years.

Dandelion is used in folk medicine to treat infections and liver disorders. Tea made of dandelion act as diuretic.

If you mow dandelions, they'll grow shorter stalks to spite you.

Dandelions are, quite possibly, the most successful plants that exist, masters of survival worldwide.

A not so fun fact: Every year countries spend millions on lawn pesticides to have uniform lawns of non-native grasses, and we use 30% of the country's water supply to keep them green.

Bee Happy Gardens

Oh look! The forest where Home Depot sources their 2x4s!



"When I was young, I was called a rugged individualist. When I was in my fifties, I was considered eccentric. Here I am doing and saying the same things I did then, and I'm labeled senile."

- George Burns

See you at the next PROBUS meeting!

June 14th—10:00 am

At St. John's Presbyterian Church

**They said to bring a dessert
and a game to the party...**



**This is why Germans don't
play Scrabble.**



A compound word=Floor grinding machine rental.



Canadian: I want to live forever.

Genie: I can't grant wishes like that.

Canadian: Alright, I want to live until the Leafs win the Stanley Cup.

Genie: You crafty bastard!