



# PROBUS News.....

## PROBUS Club of Bradford

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear PROBUS Members:

It is hard to believe, but we are now approaching the end of July and summer has truly hit its zenith. Not only is it the season of memories (family vacations and young love to name a few) summer is also a season of sounds that, although you may hear them at other times of the year, never seem to have the same resonance.

Listen to the sizzle of a barbecue as drinks are being poured over ice. On hot days you hear the sound of an ice cream truck accompanied by children laughing and dogs barking. You may be listening to a bonfire crackling while crickets chirp in the background and waves crash on the beach. Lawnmowers are humming, fireworks are exploding, bees buzzing, thunderstorms raging and, of course, music playing.

Songs devoted to summer have been around forever. "In the Good Old Summertime" was first published in 1902 and has been featured in many films and commercials since. "I Scream You Scream We All Scream for Ice Cream" was recorded in 1928. Although the name of the artist has long been forgotten (Fred Waring and his Pennsylvanians) the lyrics have not. Composed by George Gerschwin in 1934 for *Porgy and Bess*, "Summertime" has been recorded by numerous artists, including Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald.

Fast forward a few decades and I'll bet you remember "Itsy Bitsy Teenie Weenie Yellow Polka Dot Bikini" (Brian Hyland, 1960), "Those Lazy Hazy Crazy Days of Summer" (Nat King Cole, 1963) and "Summer in the City" (the Lovin' Spoonful, 1966).

Perhaps you watched *Grease* and listened to Olivia Newton John and John Travolta sing "Summer Nights" (1978). And everyone dreamed of California's perpetual summer and its sandy beaches when listening to The Beach Boys.

Whatever it is that creates your summertime memories – be it sounds, smells, experiences (don't forget to sign up for our Probus events!) - make the most of those times.

Life is too short to miss out on those cherished moments.

From Kent and I, have a happy summer.

Until next month... Bunny



### PROBUS meeting

**August 8 at 10:00 am**  
At St. John's Presbyterian Church

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### 2023/4 Executive Committee:

President: *Bunny Kaufman*

Vice President: *Dale Tasker*

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Treasurer: *Cheryl Blair*

Social Chair: *Wendy Van Straten*

Communication Chair:

*Deborah Liukaitis*

Technical Chair: *Pete Liukaitis*

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Members Chair: *Patricia Dion*

Major Events:

*Brenda Andrews and  
Peggy Michaud*

Members at Large:

*Ann Evans and Chris Van Straten*

Past President: *Dave McMillan*

## JULY MEETING

**REMINDER:** Membership renewal is due August 18. Fees are \$60.00 per person. Membership email form will be sent to everyone August 1st.

### 2023/24 PROBUS Membership Renewal

Membership Fee \$60.00 per person (same as last year) due by August 18, 2023

The Membership Renewal Link will be emailed to you August 1<sup>st</sup> with instructions. Click on the LINK, complete the information then "SUBMIT".

Payment Options:

- Preferred Option is e-transfer funds - **payment is due August 18<sup>th</sup>** to [bradfordprobustreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordprobustreasurer@gmail.com)
- Cheque payable to 'PROBUS Club of Bradford' - give your cheque to Patricia Dion at the August 8<sup>th</sup> General Meeting

It is important **not** to combine your membership payment with payments for events.

To ask any questions or to notify us that you are leaving the club contact Patricia Dion [bradfordprobusmembership@gmail.com](mailto:bradfordprobusmembership@gmail.com)

### Guest Speaker for August... Kim Oxley—Public Access Defibrillator (PAD) and County of Simcoe Paramedic Services (CSPS)



Kim has coordinated the CSPS PAD Program which places, supports and educates the public in the lifesaving skills of CPR & defibrillation. Over 750 PADs fall directly under the umbrella and training of over 2,300 people to help save a life. The CSPS pad program coordinates many of the PR events offered throughout the County of Simcoe including; school/community events, blood drives, free CPS training, senior events, township fairs/festivals, Toy & Food Drive events, PARTY Program, Race Against Drugs, Safety Village, and Career Days.

Kim's passion filled career path included working 11 years as a Primary Care Paramedic, Coordinator at Canadian Blood Services, Training Officer at Georgian CACC (911 Ambulance Dispatch) and Communications Officer at ORNGE Air Ambulance.



**IF ANYONE CAN GUESS WHAT ANIMAL THIS IS, I'LL OPEN A BOTTLE OF WINE!**

## BRADFORD PROBUS CLUBS CONTACTS

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## Dinner Party...

Betty Fallis sent in these pictures from her group's last dinner party.

Trish Reid (and John) hosted and I heard that free overflow parking was available across the street at this place called "Tasker's".

How generous of them.



**KNITTING-** The SSK Ladies are still on summer break. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Linda at [lindacvano@gmail.com](mailto:lindacvano@gmail.com).



## BOOK CLUB

(Cheryl Blair, [cheryl\\_blair@rogers.com](mailto:cheryl_blair@rogers.com))

Book Club is still on summer break to resume in September. If you are looking for a good summer read check this link for access to books the club has read: [Book Club - The PROBUS Club of Bradford](#)

Shortly after a British Airways flight had reached its cruising altitude, the captain announced:

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this is your captain. Welcome to Flight 293, non-stop from London Heathrow to New York. The weather ahead is good, so we should have an un-eventful flight. So, sit back, relax and...**OH...MY GOD!!!!**"

Silence followed. *Complete silence!*

Some moments later, the captain came back on the intercom.

"Ladies and Gentlemen, I'm sorry if I scared you. While I was talking to you, a flight attendant accidentally spilled coffee in my lap. You should see the front of my pants!"

From the back of the plane, an Irish passenger yelled, **"For the luvva Jaysus you should see the back of mine!"**

Paddy goes for a job at a chemical factory.

The factory manager asks Paddy, "Have you worked with chemicals before?"

"Yes!" Paddy replies.

The manager asks, "Can you tell me what nitrate is?"

Paddy replies, "I'm hoping its going to be time and a half."



## EVENTS

### ***Fiddler on the Loose*** — July 19

Looks like a good enthusiastic group attended. According to Wendy, "The show was amazing! A tremendous amount of talent on one stage - nine versatile musicians with incredible energy. It not only lived up to the reviews, but surpassed them."



Waiting for the show

And

Dinner after.



## APPY PARTIES!

Here is the list of the next appy parties.

If you want to attend any of these events, contact: Wendy Van Straten at [vcvanstraten@yahoo.ca](mailto:vcvanstraten@yahoo.ca)

Remember to bring an appetizer and your favourite beverage for a couple of hours of socializing.

**Judy McCoubrey**    Date: Thursday, July 27    Starts 4:00 pm    **THIS EVENT IS FULL**

**Bunny and Kent Kaufman**    Date: Wednesday, August 16    Starts 4:00 pm

**THIS EVENT IS FULL**

**Diane and Tom Nelson**

Date: Thursday, September 14    Starts 4:00 pm    (20 member maximum)



## EVENTS

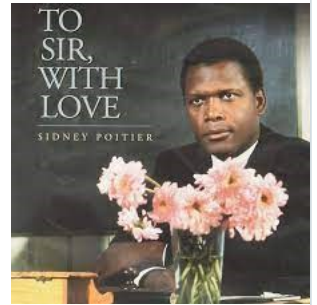


**Event Date: Wednesday, August 30th at 3:00 pm**

**Location: Bond Head United Church, 4221 County Road 88, Bond Head**

**Featuring: To Sir With Love, starring—Sidney Poitier**

A 1967 British Drama that deals with social and racial issues in an inner-city school.



Movie at 3:00 pm followed by pizza.

Cost: \$15.00 per person due by August 8th

Contact Deb Liukaitis at [dliukait@sympatico.ca](mailto:dliukait@sympatico.ca)



**Car Rally Event Date: Friday, September 9 at 1:00 pm**

**Location: St. John's Presbyterian Church, Bradford**

Car rally starts at 1:00 pm followed by an early light dinner of wraps, sandwiches, salads and dessert.

Start your engines and come out for a fun filled day and a chance to win amazing prizes!

Cost: \$30.00 per person due by August 8th

Contact Peggy Michaud at [pviae7942@gmail.com](mailto:pviae7942@gmail.com) or Brenda Andrews at [dbandrews2004@gmail.com](mailto:dbandrews2004@gmail.com)



**Event Date: Thursday, September 21 at 1:00 pm**  
**(Rain date—September 22nd)**

**Location: Pat and Moose Mohren's backyard**

Serving sausage on a bun (with or without sauerkraut), potato salad and something sweet. Bring your own beverage and chair.

Lederhosen optional and Dale can bring his friend again.

Cost: \$20.00 per person due by August 8th

Contact Wendy Van Straten at [wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca](mailto:wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca)

## GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER!



**Event Date: Saturday, October 21 , starts at 4:00 pm**

**Sign up by: September 12th**

**Location: Is a mystery—you will be informed before the date**

Contact Carol McMillan at [dmcmillan2000@rogers.com](mailto:dmcmillan2000@rogers.com) or Brenda Andrews at [dbandrews2004@gmail.com](mailto:dbandrews2004@gmail.com)

## EVENTS

# COLLINGWOOD FALL GET-AWAY

3 days and 2 nights—October 11 to 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday to Friday)

Take some time to relax, kick back, and join us in an unstructured 3 day stay in Collingwood, on the shores of beautiful Georgian Bay. In your own pace and time you can enjoy the hotel amenities; explore the fall colours; relax at a beautiful spa with views; explore the village and shop the quaint main street or partake of the many other local attractions/activities in Collingwood and surrounding area. *Your choice!*

- Stay at Georgian Bay Hotel
- Welcome meal on first day at hotel
- Hospitality suite open both days
- No programmed events.
- However, we do have some suggestions....

### THINGS TO DO: (at additional cost)

- ScandinaVe Spa
- Wine Tours
- Bicycling
- Craft Beer
- Pickleball
- Cider Trail
- Golf
- Relax
- Read a Book
- Hospitality Suite

### DETAILS:

- 3 days and 2 nights at Georgian Bay Hotel.
- Welcome dinner at “Gustavs” in the hotel on the first day.
- Cost: \$260 per person based on double occupancy and \$440 for single occupancy. Price includes hotel accommodation, welcome dinner, HST and dinner gratuity.
- Hospitality suite is BYOB—at the Van Straten and Tasker room.
- Sign up today—contact Wendy Van Straten at [wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca](mailto:wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca)
- **Full payment is due by August 15** (non-refundable after this date).

## Mark Your Calendar for Events to Come!

August TBA—Stems Flower Farm/picnic

November 9—Bid Euchre Tournament (Cost \$10.00 per person)

November 30—Niagara Day Trip to Shaw Festival, “Brigadoon” (Cost \$221 per person)

December 8—Christmas Lunch (Cost: tba)

January 17—Murder Mystery (Cost: tba)





## COMING EVENT

Once again **PROBUS** Bradford is doing another day trip to Shaw Festival to see **Brigadoon!**

**Date:** Thursday, November 30th

**Cost:** \$221 per person Deposit of \$50 per person by Aug 15

**Final Payment by October 10**

### INCLUDES:

- Bus and guide—Hamilton Tours
- Lunch at Queen's Landing
- After the show—free time on Main Street (or spousal day care—pub)

**Contact Wendy Van Straten** [wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca](mailto:wcvanstraten@yahoo.ca)



## Meet Jonathan...

Jonathan was born in 1832 in the Seychelles. He has been living in Saint Helena since 1882 and just celebrated his 190th birthday.

- ◇ When Jonathan was born, Sir John A. Macdonald was 17 years old.
- ◇ The 1st railway charter in Canadian history was issued to the Champlain and St. Lawrence Railroad.
- ◇ The City of Montreal was incorporated.
- ◇ The Rideau Canal opened.
- ◇ Confederation was still 35 years away.

Jonathan is the oldest tortoise ever. He has surpassed the average life expectancy of 150 years.



**Waiting for the new movie**

**“CONSTIPATED”**

**It hasn't come out yet.**



# The Great Stork Derby-When A Millionaire Held A Baby-Making Race For His Fortune

The race was the product of a scheme by Charles Vance Millar (1853–1926), a Toronto lawyer, financier, and practical joker, who bequeathed the residue of his significant estate to the woman in Toronto who could

produce the most children in the decade following his death.

It is one of many unusual bequests in his will, along with giving a vacation home in Jamaica to a group of three men who detested each other (under the condition that they live in the estate together indefinitely), brewery stocks to a group of prominent teetotal Protestant ministers if they participated in its operations and collected its dividends, and jockey club stocks to a group of anti-horse-racing advocates.

Litigation over the validity of the contest was resolved when the Supreme Court of Canada upheld the clause's validity. The Court further held the clause did not encompass children born out of wedlock, or stillborn.

Eleven families competed in the "baby race." Seven of them were disqualified, but eventually Judge William Edward Middleton ruled in favour of four mothers (Annie Katherine Smith, Kathleen Ellen Nagle, Lucy Alice Timleck and Isabel Mary Maclean) who each received \$110,000 for their nine children (\$2.02 million in 2021 dollars). Three of the four had to pay back relief money given to them by the City of Toronto government.

Two of the disqualified candidates, Lillian Kenny and Pauline Mae Clarke, each received \$12,500 out of court in exchange for abandoning pending appeals.

The Canadian 2002 TV movie *The Stork Derby*, depicted the stories of Lillian Kenny, Pauline Mae Clarke and Grace Bagnato and starred Megan Follows.

The film was based upon Elizabeth Wilton's book *Bearing The Burden: The Great Toronto Stork Derby 1926–1938*.

In February 2019, the radio program *This American Life* covered the story in some detail.

In 2016, Toronto's Muddy York Brewing Company produced a *Stork Derby Stout* as a nod to the unusual event.

The 2023 novel *Prize Women* by Caroline Lea is a fictionalized account of the Stork Derby and includes several real-life figures as characters.



Mrs. Darrigo claimed to have had nine children since Oct. 31, 1926. This would have placed her among the leading entries in the derby.



Mrs. Arthur Hollis Timleck claimed to have given birth to nine children in a ten-year period in a bid to win Charles Millar's fortune.



Mrs. Larry Sheppard was also in a bid for the fortune, pictured here with 10 of her 12 children.



# Roland the Farter

Roland the Farter, also known as Roland le Fartere or Roland le Petour, was a medieval entertainer who achieved an unusual degree of fame during his time. He lived during the reign of King Henry II of England in the 12th century and is remembered for his unique and somewhat bizarre talent.

Roland was a minstrel and jester by profession, employed by the court of King Henry II. He was renowned for his exceptional ability to produce impressive and resonant flatulence, which he cleverly incorporated into his performances to entertain the nobles and courtiers.

Roland's artful control over his bodily function allowed him to produce different sounds, tones, and rhythms, turning his flatulence into a form of musical expression. According to historical records, Roland's act involved a ritualized performance known as the "Leap, Split, and Turn."

During this performance, he would execute a graceful leap into the air, while simultaneously executing a controlled split, and finally, he would spin around in a swift motion. At the climax of this acrobatic display, Roland would let out a sonorous and well-timed fart, eliciting laughter and amusement from the audience.

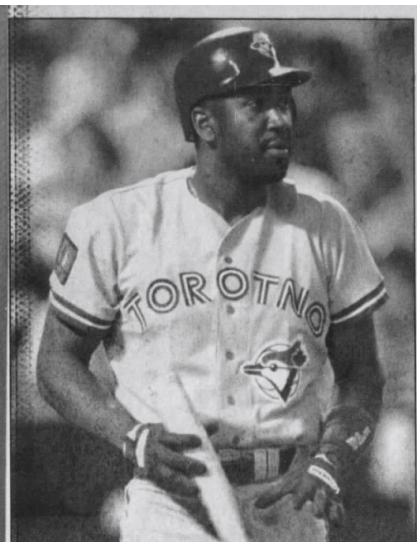
It is important to understand that the medieval court was a place of pageantry and entertainment, where jesters and minstrels were valued for their ability to provide light-hearted amusement. Roland's peculiar talent made him a beloved figure at King Henry II's court, and he was granted various privileges and rewards for his performances. One famous historical



account of Roland's exploits comes from Roger of Hoveden, a chronicler of the time. According to his writings, Roland attended a Christmas celebration at the court in 1052. As part of the festivities, he performed his renowned act in front of the assembled dignitaries and foreign envoys. The story goes that King Henry II was so pleased with Roland's performance that he offered him an unusual reward - a manor house in the village of Hemingstone in Suffolk, England. Along with the estate, Roland was granted a significant parcel of land and various other perks.

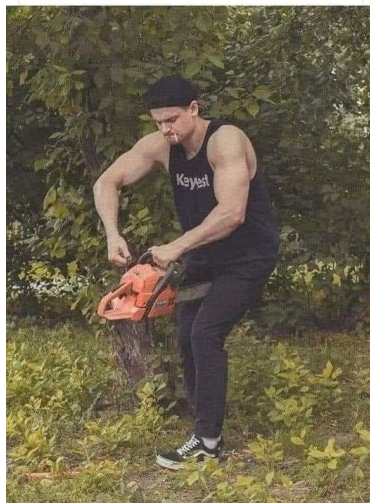
Roland's legacy has endured through the centuries, and his tale has been passed down through generations. Today, he is often cited as an example of a historical figure who achieved fame and favor through an unusual and unexpected talent.

Some details of Roland the Farter's life may have been exaggerated or romanticized over time. Nevertheless, his story remains a curious and amusing piece of medieval history, providing us with a glimpse into the peculiarities of entertainment and social dynamics in the past.



**SPELLING BEE:** Joe Carter steps to the plate Thursday night for Toronto, er, Toronto. Associated Press

I'm no chainsaw expert, but I think he should put his cigarette out. Safety first! 🚬



**Threw out my back sleeping and tweaked my neck sneezing, so I'm probably just one strong fart away from complete paralysis.**



# See you at the next PROBUS meeting August 8th—10:00 am At St. John's Presbyterian Church

The temperature 🌡️🥵 is rising in Marmaris and  
Icmeler this weekend...maybe this helps 🤔🤔🤔  
#myicmeler



When someone says,  
"Act your age."



## REMEMER:

No matter how slow you go, the important  
thing is to leave a mark.



And for the ladies viewing pleasure...A  
men's beauty contest from 1919.

