

The PROBUS Club of Bradford



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Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Feb 10 – General Meeting : Guest Speaker- Barbara Ramm, Walking the El Camino Trail
- ❖ Feb. 18 - Famous People's Theater, 'Going Bananas'
- ❖ Apr. 22 - Dufferin County Museum Tour and lunch at Mrs. Mitchell's
- ❖ Apr. 24 - South Simcoe Theater, 'Hats - The Musical'
- ❖ May 10- Huronia Symphony Orchestra- Last Night of the Proms
- ❖ May 14- Sacred Fire & Drum Circle- Jan Beaver



January General Meeting Highlights:

Pete Liukaitis, President, welcomed the members and the four guests.

Those who provided snacks were named and thanked: Susanne Artichuk, Chris Houlieff, Cathryn Rees, Sue Vonk.

Pete informed everyone that Peggy is retiring from her position as Social Chair and so the club is seeking volunteers for this position on the Management Committee. The new social position format could consist of a small team with one contact person.

Community Info:

Anne Burman is organizing volunteer teaching trips to Bhutan and encouraged any retired PROBUS teachers who are interested to speak to her.

Sheryl McPhail announced that Trinity Anglican Church is holding a fundraiser Valentine's Dance at the Bradford Legion on Saturday, February 15th.

Milt Calder informed everyone that St. John's Church is having a Beef Dinner on Sat., Feb. 7th.

Bob Evans announced that the Bradford United Church would be having a ham dinner on Saturday, January 17th.

Club Events:

Brenda discussed the upcoming social events that were displayed on the screen, details can be found on the club's website. And on the first page of this newsletter.

The Famous People's Players event, 'Going Bananas', and the South Simcoe Theater event, 'The Fox on the Fairway', may be cancelled due to limited participation.

In April there will be another 'Wine Tasting and Food Pairing' event, sponsored by the Finest Wine Shoppe, Bradford. The cost is \$35.00 with \$25.00 going towards the purchase of wine. Payment is due in March.

The Sacred Fire and Drum Circle event will be on May 21st at Lorna and Carm Foti's house.

Everyone was encouraged to sign up as soon as possible for the Fifth Anniversary Extravaganza in June. There is room for 144 people.

50/50 Draw

Rick Wright won \$54.50

Barb Beaune and Collette Shorter will now be running the 50/50 draw.

Birthday wishes were given to those members born in January: Peter McNamara, Moose Mohren, Neil Rombough, Susan Summers, Patricia Dion

Guest Speaker: Dr. Timothy Starr: 'Ageing Joyfully'

Brian Fuller introduced Dr. Timothy Star, who has written a number of books on ageing.

A video was shown entitled a 'Philosophy for Old Age'.

Dr. Starr followed an outline which he handed out and emphasized the following philosophy regarding ageing: People age biologically, from wear and tear and not having the Three F's: food, fitness and fellowship.





Congratulations to PROBUS members, Margo & Peter McNamara, on the success of their grandson, Connor McDavid and his stellar performance in the Junior World Hockey Championships playing for Canada. Connor is currently the captain of the Erie Otters of the Ontario Hockey League.



Love is Something When You Give It Away

**Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once
Talked about a contest he was asked to judge.
The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child.
The winner was:**

**A four-year-old child, whose next door
neighbour was an elderly gentleman, who had recently lost his
wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old
Gentleman's' yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.
When his mother asked him what he had
said to the neighbour, the little boy just said, 'Nothing, I just
Helped him cry.'**

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Teacher Debbie Moon's first graders were discussing a picture of a family. One little boy in the picture had a different hair color than the other members. One of her students suggested that he was adopted.

A little girl said, 'I know all about Adoption, I was adopted..'

'What does it mean to be adopted?', asked another child.

'It means', said the girl, 'that you grew in your mommy's heart instead of her tummy!'

On my way home one day, I stopped to watch a Little League base ball game that was being played in a park near my home. As I sat down behind the bench on the first-base line, I asked one of the boys what the score was

'We're behind 14 to nothing,' he answered
With a smile.

'Really,' I said. 'I have to say you don't look very discouraged.'

'Discouraged?', the boy asked with a Puzzled look on his face...

'Why should we be discouraged? We haven't Been up to bat yet.'

Whenever I'm disappointed with my spot in life, I stop and think about little Jamie Scott.

Jamie was trying out for a part in the school play. His mother told me that he'd set his heart on being in it, though she feared he would not be chosen..

On the day the parts were awarded, I went with her to collect him after school. Jamie rushed up to her, eyes shining with pride and excitement.. 'Guess what, Mom,' he shouted, and then said those words that will remain a lesson to me....'I've been chosen to clap and cheer.'

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An eye witness account from New York City , on a cold day in December, some years ago: A little boy, about 10-years-old, was standing before a shoe store on the roadway, barefooted, peering through the window, and shivering with cold.

A lady approached the young boy and said, 'My, but you're in such deep thought staring in that window!' 'I was asking God to give me a pair of shoes,' was the boy's reply.

The lady took him by the hand, went into the store, and asked the clerk to get half a dozen pairs of socks for the boy. She then asked if he could give her a basin of water and a towel. He quickly brought them to her.

She took the little fellow to the back part of the store and, removing her gloves, knelt down, washed his little feet, and dried them with the towel.

By this time, the clerk had returned with the socks.. Placing a pair upon the boy's feet, she purchased him a pair of shoes..

She tied up the remaining pairs of socks and gave them to him. She patted him on the head and said, 'No doubt, you will be more comfortable now..'

As she turned to go, the astonished kid caught her by the hand, and looking up into her face, with tears in his eyes, asked her:

'Are you God's wife?'



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