

The PROBUS Club of Bradford



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Upcoming Events:

January 30 – Photo Club Meeting at the Holland Landing Library 1:30-3:30 with Robert Alsop

February 12 – General Meeting at St. John's Presbyterian Church Hall – Guest Speaker: David O'Brien, 'Through the Oswald Window'

Feb. 17 – Orangeville Theatre: 'Across the Pond', 2 pm

Feb. 24 - Opera Favorites with the York Symphony, Richmond Hill Centre for the Performing Arts – 7:30 pm

March 9 – 'Roy Orbison All Star Tribute' at the Newmarket Theatre 8 pm Tributes also to Buddy Holly and Jerry Lee Lewis

JANUARY GENERAL MEETING: (Patricia Dion)

Dave McMillan, President, welcomed everyone including a new member, Carol McPherson, and one guest. Applause was given for all those who helped prepare the Christmas Lunch. It was announced that Pete Liukaitis is now our club's 'Technical Chair'. Dale Tasker is now a 'Member at Large' on our Executive Team. Members received a sheet on which to indicate their choice of four possible bus trips.

Peter Ellis announced that he has a lot of wood available for free to anyone who would like to come and get it. Amy Wright told everyone that the 'Friends of the Library' are having another book sale on February 8th, 9th and 10th. Gwen Green let everyone know that the Bradford United Church is having a 'ham and scalloped potato dinner' on January 19th from 4:30 – 7:00.

Happy Birthday wishes were extended to those members born in January including:

Mark Cannata, Bill Cormode, Peter McNamara, Moose Mohren, Patricia Dion, Neil Rombough and Susan Summers

Sub Clubs, Events and Trips:

ROMEO is on January 16th at the Sunset Grill in Bradford at 8:30 a.m.

There is an 'Appy Party' at the Van Straten's, Wed., Jan. 9th from 5:00 – 7:00.

Games night and potluck is on Saturday, January 12th at the Bond Head Church at 5:30 p.m.

Orangeville Theater, 'Across the Pond', is on February 17th with optional dinner at Mill Creek Pub. Pete Liukaitis will have the tickets.

Night at the Opera York Symphony is on February 24th and Philip Junop will have the tickets.

'Roy Orbison All Star Tribute' is on March 9th at the Newmarket Theater and money for that event is due today.

Amy reminded everyone that there are no refunds when tickets are purchased.

Theater event 'Dear Evan Hanson' money is due today.

Sign-up for the May Hawaiian Luau begins in February but those members who are going away for a few months can sign up today.

There will be a Bid Euchre Tournament on March 30th.

Guess Who Is Coming for Dinner will be on May 11th.

Parkwood Estates high tea and tour will be in May or June.

Peterborough Lift Locks, River Cruise and Canoe Museum will be in May, June or July.

A cruise on a Tall Ship is being planned for July or August.

Matt Granger won \$70.00 in the 50/50 draw

Dave thanked those members who provided snacks: Rose Doncses, Janet Evans, Lorna Foti and Wendy Van Straten.







Photos by Robert Alsop



Guest Speaker: Alan Mallory, The Family that Conquered Mount Everest

Philip Junop introduced Alan and gave a brief biography of him.

Alan is a speaker, author, performance coach, outdoor enthusiast and mechanical engineer.

He spoke about his 2008 journey to the top of Mount Everest with his sister, brother, father and mother, who unfortunately was injured and had to drop out.

Alan also showed video clips of his two-month journey to the top.

Porters and Sherpas helped to carry their equipment and assist them.

They had to stay in small farming villages and then at base camps for a while to become acclimatized.

The food was not good and due to the altitude, they lost their appetites, which caused them to lose about 20 to 30 pounds.

Alan recounted that the air becomes thinner the higher you climb which caused their bodies to create more red blood cells.

Conditions were not very sanitary and the high altitude also destroys your immune system, so they went from sickness to sickness.

There is not a lot of protection from sun so they got very bad burns.

They had to beware of falling rocks, boulders and ice chunks, as well as avalanches.

Bridges were not sturdy and very difficult and dangerous to cross, often going over bottomless crevasses.

Many die on their attempt to climb the mountain and Alan's family passed a dead person.

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Lack of oxygen makes climbing very slow and on the way down Alan lost his oxygen and collapsed. Alan's father discovered a problem with his air tank and was able to prevent his death.

Alan played mental games to help himself with the challenges.

He believes that his advantage was that he did the challenge with his family and that the trust and desire to help each other was already there.

Alan said that it cost them \$45,000.00 per person to make the climb but it is common for some to pay \$100,000.00.

When asked, he said that he would do it again.

His message is "not to climb Mt. Everest but have our own Everest in our lives."

We need passion and commitment to meet our challenges.

Alan asked the members: "What is your Everest?"

Margo McNamara thanked Alan.

Notes taken by Patricia Dion, Secretary

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT Dave McMillan

Dear PROBUS Members,

I wish to extend a big, hearty welcome to all of our members in my inaugural column.

Our club started in 2010 sponsored by the Rotary Club of Bradford. They believed there was a need for a retirement social club. It began with 26 chartered members and has grown to 151 members with 18 people on our waiting list. Wow! Stay tuned for our 10th Year Anniversary Celebration in 2020!

As you may know, we are a very active group with numerous activity clubs plus terrific new monthly and annual events. Our amazing large fun filled events such as: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Bid Euchre Tournament and Games Night are well attended. Plus, we have wonderful speakers for our monthly meetings. And our annual trips are terrific. We do like to keep things fresh. For example, last month we introduced an Appy Party and it was hosted by the Andrews. It was such a hit that we plan to have regular Appy Parties.

Our goal is to offer something for all our members. We truly appreciate and thank you for your suggestions and help. I would like to encourage everyone to become involved! Attend as many of our club events as you can, it is time for you to do so - you will enjoy yourselves. And it is a great way to meet other members! You may like to review our coming events on our website.

Going forward, I will cover numerous topics that I hope you find worthwhile. But most of all, I want to keep our membership informed of up to date happenings with our chapter. For example, we have already started to plan for Guess Who's Coming for Dinner in May.

I look forward to meeting each and every one of you, and for you to share your feedback and suggestions with me to help us continue to build our great club.

Our family wishes you and yours the very best in 2019.

Happy 'Appy' Hosts

Wendy & Chris Van Straten

Photos by Dale Tasker







Games Night in Bond Head

Photo by Dave McMillan



Photos by Philip Junop





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A man was granted two wishes from God. He asked for the best drink and the best woman. The next moment he got mineral water and Mother Teresa.

The rain was pouring down. There, standing in front of a big puddle, outside the pub was an old Irishman, drenched, holding a stick with a piece of string which was dangling in the water. A passer-by stopped and asked, "What are you doing?"

"Fishing!" replied the old man.

Feeling sorry for the old man, the gent says, "Come in out of the rain and have a drink with me."

In the warmth of the pub, as they sip at their whiskeys, the gentleman, being a bit of a smart Alec cannot resist asking, "So how many have you caught today?"

"You're the eighth." said the old man.

Why do skunks love Valentine's Day?

Because they're scent-imental creatures!

Why shouldn't you fall in love with a pastry chef?

Because he'll dessert you!

What did the girl cat say to the boy cat on Valentine's Day?

You're purr-fect for me!

The next PROBUS Club of Bradford Newsletter will come your way on February 26, 2019

Jayne, Greer, Editor

