



# The Probian

DECEMBER 2022

## PROBUS CLUB OF PERTH



By the time our Newsletter arrives, members will have enjoyed the splendour and magic of Christmas and Hannukah.

Winter was reluctant at first, but not now! It was filled with storms and power outages but definitely it was a "White Christmas!".

January begins another year in anticipation it will be prosperous, healthy and safe. Resolutions are in order. Have you made yours? 'Fess' up!

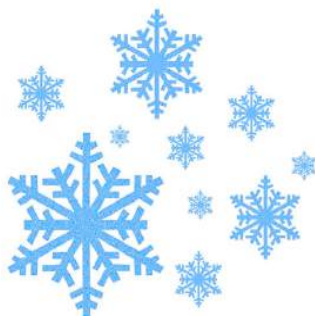
### A Note from the Editor:

Please accept my apologies in forgetting to mention the Puff Mushroom photographer, Kevin Tulett. Hopefully, some of you had the opportunity to enjoy them.



Beautiful, serene and picturesque winter scenes can be seen in Lanark County. Have your camera ready!!

*Photo Credit • Courtesy of Shirley Armstr*



## ~ NEXT MEETING ~



Our Guest Speaker is Tim Burrows, retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distilling. His presentation will be via ZOOM. Tim's topic is: "Could Your Next Career be in Alcohol?"

### JOIN US!

For our In-Person/ZOOM gathering at the Perth Legion on:  
**Wednesday, January 4th**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

#### Please Note:

**Covid protocol remains with apologies that there will be no coffee.**

**A word from our Secretary, Bill Michie:** The Probus Perth Book Exchange has been a feature of the Club for many years, but it was suspended during the peak of the pandemic. At the General Meeting on January 4th, the Book Exchange will re-start. You can donate books that you feel will interest other members of the Club. Please donate no more than 4 books at a time. All members can browse the collection and pick up some great reads for free.

***You can't beat this price anywhere else!***

## ~ PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE ~



Firstly, I apologize for the sound difficulties that both our Zoom viewers and in-room members experienced during our last meeting. A combination of a geriatric Legion's sound system, a new microphone and a soft spoken speaker gave us, and especially our dedicated volunteers who ran the system, a frustrating time. Please be assured that our audio-visual/sound volunteers David, Remi and Mike have been, and will be, working tirelessly, on our behalf, to rectify these problem so that the January meeting will be satisfying for all.

As Hanukkah is here, and Christmas near, I want to wish you all a very joyful and healthy holiday season. Many will be meeting with loved ones with whom they have not enjoyed time together these past couple of years, and many are sadly grieving and thinking of those who we miss especially at Christmas. In our own community many are struggling, and our charities seek support; I thank those Probus members who are giving and helping at the many food banks in the area and at Perth's free Community Christmas dinner on December 25th.

Our club continues to thrive with many new members joining us this year - welcome! We even have room for a few more, so invite your friends. Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me with your ideas and suggestions for speakers and activities as 2023 is a new year full of opportunity.

From me I thank all our Probus volunteers who make my job an easy one and I look forward to seeing you in the New Year - Happy New Year!



## ~ JANUARY SPEAKER ~

Guest Speaker: Tim Burrows



Tim is a retired Vice President of Forty Creek Distillery and a graduate of the University of Toronto where he earned an Honours Degree in Psychology.

Tim began his career in the alcohol industry working nights and weekends for Chateau-Gai Wines, a subsidiary of John Labatt Ltd. His career evolved during the next 37 years and shifted focus from Ontario wine to distilled spirits. He joined a small management team to take on operation of Reider Distillery in Grimsby, Ontario. The same team went on to create and market a highly successful brand of Canadian Whisky called Forty Creek Barrel Select. In today's talk entitled: "**Could Your Next Career be in Alcohol?**", Tim shares his knowledge of beer, wine and spirits and describes some little known facts and legends behind these traditional beverages and how they are produced and marketed in Ontario.

Submitted by John Byers • Chair, Speakers Committee



## ~ DECEMBER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

### •Speaker's Summary•

Our December speaker, Howard Clifford, made an amazing presentation about his family's property entitled cliffLAND. He addressed the question: Why is land conservation so important for Nature and human health? He indicated his family's firm belief that among other things, it contributes to our planet's resiliency to climate change. He also believes that it ameliorates biodiversity and habitat loss, and promotes a healthier community.



But Howard is concerned that land conservation often finds little support among the general population who has not yet been exposed to his family's beliefs. He mentioned his concern, in particular, with respect to younger people who spend so much of their time on electronic devices and who have not experienced the true benefits of nature. Finding a balance between the needs of a healthy natural world and those of the community is a puzzle therefore that Howard Clifford spoke about, based on his family's actions behind the creation of cliffLAND.

cliffLAND is a 1250 acre wilderness tract of land in northern Lanark Highlands owned by Howard, his wife Jean and family. Deeply committed to preserving its natural heritage, in 2009 they placed a Conservation Easement on the land with the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust. This legally binding agreement is registered on title and restricts the use of the land, forever conserving the property as a wilderness sanctuary where the forests will be allowed to develop and mature into old growth (thus mitigating climate change), where logging, hunting, trapping, and the recreational use of motorized vehicles is banned. The land will unfold naturally with little or no interference by humans, all to the benefit of our threatened flora and fauna.

At the heart of cliffLAND is Blueberry Mountain, named one of the Seven Wonders of Lanark County, annually receiving thousands of local, national and international visitors. This is possible because the Clifford family has also legally mandated that the

wilderness remain, in perpetuity, accessible to the public as a healing backdrop to meet the physical, emotional, social, intellectual and spiritual needs of people.

Future conservation depends on the commitment of the community who in turn must value Nature. It is not scientists with data and Latin names, but rather it is authentic nature experiences that are the bedrock of a culture of long-term support for conservation and biodiversity. Howard and cliffLAND are compelling advocates.

This was a very stimulating presentation, which provided an insight into the Clifford family's treasure that is being shared with everyone.

Submitted by Colin Stephenson • Webmaster



Editor's Note:

For 3 month's, the Management Board has sought a volunteer to summarize our Speaker's Presentations. So far, no one has volunteered which has resulted in overloading our Board members to "pitch-in".

Volunteer-based clubs are subject to "burn-out" when positions are not filled.  
Please do not be "shy" about helping out.  
Thank you!

For further information, please contact Gayda Errett at:  
[probian@probusperth.ca](mailto:probian@probusperth.ca)



**•Personal Profile•**



Good Morning!

My name is Jim Bond and I'm happy to be a new member of Probus Perth. I was born in Ottawa in 1944 and attended various elementary schools in the city before attending Glebe Collegiate. I then attended St. Patrick's College of Ottawa University where I obtained a Bachelor of Social Science majoring in psychology and economics. I studied Law at the Common Law section of Ottawa University and articulated with the legal firm of Burke Robertson Urie in Ottawa. I was called to the bar at Osgoode Hall in Toronto in the spring of 1972.

I first practiced in Ottawa in the firm Bond and Barnes and in 1974 I came to Perth to join the firm of O'Donnell Dulmage, the oldest law firm in Perth. I remained in private practice here in Perth under various firm names until my retirement in May of 2019 when I turned 75 years of age. At that time I was practicing with my nephew Scott Hughes who has since merged with Barker Willson and continues the practice at that location on Foster Street here in Perth. During my years as a lawyer, I was a member of the governing committee of Ontario Legal Aid until the Ontario government disbanded it.

Over the course of my 48 years here in Perth I have been active in many community projects. I was Chairman of the Board of the Great War Memorial Hospital as well as chair of the Hospital Foundation. I was the chairman of the Eastern Ontario Division of

the Canadian Cancer Society and President of the Perth Chamber of Commerce. In my role with the Chamber I was actively involved in the planning and construction of the Perth Pool as well as in the organization of the Maple Festival and Santa Claus Parades. I was President of the Lanark County Bar Association. As President of the Cancer Society, it was my honour to greet Terry Fox on behalf of the Town of Perth when he passed through on his epic walk to raise funds.

Theatre has always been an interest of mine, and I took part in many productions by the Perth Community Choir and worked with David and Janice Jacklin in several plays over the years.

My three children were raised in Perth and are now living in various parts of Canada with their families. My wife Linda has three adult children and together we have 8 grandchildren, who are living in Perth, Ottawa, Fredericton, and Edmonton. Our greatest joy, and challenge, is trying to get these people all together in one place.



## •ZOOM TECHIES•

With many thanks and appreciation to the “ZOOM Techies”  
upstarting our first “Hybrid’ meeting.  
Definitely challenging!

Seated in the forefront is Remy Poulen.. To the left of Remy, is the  
Board’s AV ZOOM Co-ordinator, David Batchelor.



## ~ MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~

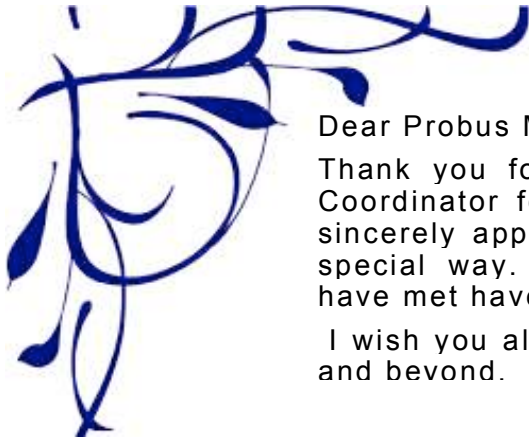
*Welcome*  
*to our Club!*

Our outgoing Membership Co-ordinator, Aline McRory, is pleased to announce there are now 190 members in our Club.

Upon Aline’s retirement, we welcome our new Membership Co-ordinator, Mary Vandenhoff, who has already been kept very busy organizing the work to be in place in the New Year.

With our best wishes for Aline, she bids us farewell!





Dear Probus Members and Management Team!

Thank you for allowing me to serve the club as Membership Coordinator for the past 4 years.. I have learned so much and sincerely appreciate the opportunity to care for the Club in this special way. The many professional and business members I have met have enriched me in many ways.

I wish you all the best of health and happiness in the New Year and beyond.



President Susan Freeman presented to Aline on behalf of our club, a Poinsettia plant. Aline enthusiastically thanked the Club saying ... "I love plants and they love me!"



## MEET OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CO-ORDINATOR



Mary Vandenhoff is a member of Probus for several years and is impressed with the organization and its members. Mary has offered to take on the position of Membership Co-ordinator as a way to make a small contribution to its ongoing operation.

Since retiring and moving to McDonalds Corner's with her husband Jack twenty-seven years ago, she began a second "career" as a volunteer with several local charities. Mary looks forward to becoming better acquainted with more of the fascinating and accomplished members of Probus Perth.

Photos for the meetings provided by Colin Stephenson • Webmaster



# ~ SOCIAL COMMITTEE REPORT ~

## Probus Club Christmas Party • December 9th

It was a perfectly wonderful Christmas Party! With thanks and appreciation to Mary Kilgour, our amazing Social Convener planning an excellent and delightful evening with gifts, dancing, delicious food and the fantastic local musician and entertainer Matt Dickson.

Photos from this splendid and most enjoyable event on the following page ...



Our "host who is the most", Mary Kilgour and her partner André Arcand.



Many members enjoyed this great Christmas Party. Several were new members to the club.



Former club President Dale Nugent and partner Jeanne led off the dancing after dinner.



Special thanks to Colin Stephenson our webmaster for his excellent photos. .



## Social Updates for 2023

### COMMUNITY EVENTS



- January 1st: Perth Polar Bear Plunge
- January 5th: Charcuterie Board Working Class  
Wild Wood Perth  
\$150.00 + HST  
26 Sherbrooke Street East



# Mix and Match Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>!

Sign up with Gail at [social-gail@probusperth.ca](mailto:social-gail@probusperth.ca)



11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Blue Vendor's Market  
Carleton Place Arena

Lunch at 12:30  
The Thirsty Moose  
20 Bridge St,  
Carleton Place

3:30 p.m. Almonte Library  
155 High Street

1<sup>st</sup> Event in Speaker's Series:  
"The 60s Scoop Survivor's Journey"  
Presenter: Colleen Helen-Cardinal

Admission by donation: register at [learningagainalmonte@gmail.com](mailto:learningagainalmonte@gmail.com)



## PROBUS EVENTS

### The Studio Theatre presents Working!!

This musical runs February 9th-19th  
at the Studio Theatre.

Probus will attend Opening Night  
on February 9th.

Tickets available at Tickets Please.

Mary will make dinner reservations  
in January



### FOLKUS Concert Series

\$110 for the 4 concerts OR \$30/concert

Tickets can be purchased starting January 1st at <https://ticketsplease.com/>





## Other Community Events

- Pick-up a copy of The Humm for January. There are details listed about many activities in and around Lanark County and the Ottawa Valley.
- Check out Town of Perth Events.
- Harmony Concerts.
- Ashby Tours
- Square Dancing



Carleton PLACE  
*Come Out and Dance 2023*

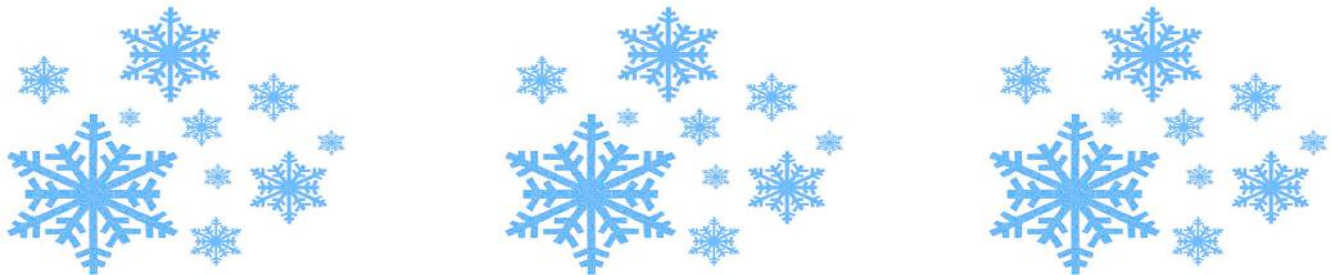
  
*Brian Crawford*  
our caller





**Brunton Community Hall**  
1702 9th Line, Carleton Place, ON K7C 0C4  
Tuesday Jan 3, 2023 @ 7:30pm to 9:30pm once a week  
Looking for a new activity to do for 2 hours a week? Couples and singles both welcome.  
Something that is less than the cost of a movie night out.  
Would you like to laugh and have fun, then why not try **Modern Square Dancing.**  
Meet and dance with people from the community. No experience necessary, we will teach you.  
Why not start out 2023 with a Healthy Habit.  
Jan 3 and Jan 10 will be free to see if you like it.  
After that you can decide if you want to join.  
Info: Debbie 613-296-1817 or [vinnyjg@hotmail.com](mailto:vinnyjg@hotmail.com)  
Or Betty 613-256-0551

Fellow members, Rob and Maureen Newby, are avid square dancers and wish to share their local club's invitation to come and join in the fun and fellowship while exercising at the same time!



*Closing thoughts and humour ...*

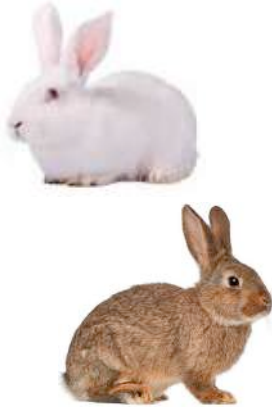


***“Some changes look negative on the surface but you will soon realize that space is being created in your life for something new to emerge.”***

Ekhart Tolle



***Impact of our Digital Automated World ...***



In the Chinese Zodiac, the rabbit is known as the luckiest of all the 12 animals. It symbolizes mercy, elegance and beauty. People who are born in the Year of the Rabbit are calm and peaceful. They avoid fighting and arguing at all times, but they are also artistic and have good taste in life.

**The Perth Probus Club meets at the  
Royal Canadian Legion Hall, 26 Beckwith Street, Perth, on the first  
Wednesday of the month, September through June.**

**President: Susan Freeman**

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**Further information on the club and contact details for the other  
members of the Management Team can be found at:  
[www.probusperth.ca/board.htm](http://www.probusperth.ca/board.htm)**

Newsletter Editor • Gayda Errett