



PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

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The President's Voice

*Strangers are just friends waiting to happen.
- Rod McKuen, Looking for a Friend*

Here we are, moving into our fourth year as a vibrant Probud Club and it is my honour to be your President for this year! Besides a new President, there are also five new faces on the Management Team, replacing members who have moved on to other responsibilities or resigned from their positions after holding them for two or more years. Alan Appleby has moved to Past President replacing Art Linton, and thankfully will remain on the team to offer his knowledge and experience. Sheila Wood is the Vice President and Program Manager and will also remain as our resident humorist; Norah McGowan has replaced Diane Williamson as Secretary, and has also assumed responsibility for the Community Board; Denise Kelsey has taken over as Communications Manager from Jim Kelleher; Marion Baker is now the Events Manager moving into the position formerly held by Anne Linton; and Jim Connor has replaced Jerry Hazlitt as the Meeting Manager. Steve Wood has remained as Treasurer and Bev McComb has remained as Membership Manager.

Anne Linton has offered to continue to be responsible for the Newsletter and her offer was quickly accepted! Other volunteers looking after various responsibilities are: Gayle Laroche, condolence and get well cards, Lin Brooke, our Archivist and Paul & Mariel Rollins who are now looking after the 50/50 draw at each meeting. We also cannot forget to thank the leaders of our Special Interest Groups: Maureen Dikun who takes care of the Book Club, Tony Crocker, who makes the Photography Club a real learning experience and Gord Reid, with the capable assistance of Bob Bennett, who create a different kind of experience with the Scotch Tasting Group.

We know that we have big shoes to fill as all the retiring members carried out their responsibilities exceptionally well and have been most helpful as our new team "learns the ropes" – thanks so much to everyone.

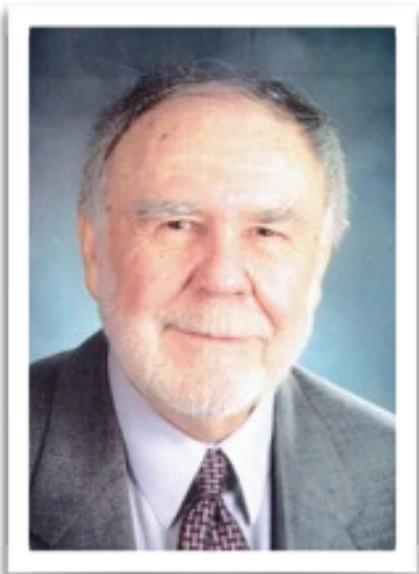
One of the signs of a healthy club is attendance at monthly meetings. We know that we will never have 100% attendance and don't aim for that, but strong attendance numbers can be considered a satisfaction indicator. Membership Manager, Bev McComb tracks attendance at our monthly meetings and has provided the following chart showing attendance since the club's inception. These numbers are strong and show stability and continued interest over time.



| Month | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 |
|-----------|------|------|------|------|
| JANUARY | | 99 | 87 | 92 |
| FEBRUARY | | 91 | 61 | 79 |
| MARCH | | 65 | 79 | 78 |
| APRIL | | 89 | 90 | 80 |
| MAY | | 103 | 82 | 94 |
| JUNE | | 100 | 87 | 86 |
| JULY | | 76 | 75 | 77 |
| AUGUST | | 75 | 73 | 84 |
| SEPTEMBER | | 84 | 82 | 103 |
| OCTOBER | 119 | 93 | 101 | 90 |
| NOVEMBER | 112 | 97 | 95 | 86 |



A big thank you goes to the previous Management Teams that have done such a great job moving our club forward. We will strive to keep the momentum going!



In Memory of Hank Willis

Steadfast member and
good friend.

**To live in hearts we leave behind
Is not to die.**

Past Speakers



October 2016 Meeting

Dr. Mark Skinner PHD

Trent University, Peterborough

Our speaker for the October meeting was Professor Mark Skinner PhD. Dr. Skinner is the founding director of the Trent Centre for Aging and Society (TCAS), and spoke to our group on aging in rural communities.

According to Dr. Skinner, rural communities have higher proportions of older people, and they are considered to be under serviced, relying more on volunteers and informal types of care. These place burdens on volunteers and cause disparities in services to rural areas. The intent of the research done by the TCAS is to show that an aging population is nothing to be afraid of, and that innovative ideas can show the way to deal with problems and obstacles associated with aging communities.

Trent University, fortunately, is situated in one of Canada's most rapidly aging population centres and is the second largest retirement destination, making it ideally situated to work on problems associated with aging. One in five residents in the Peterborough area is over 65.

Aging studies done at the University provide research support for age friendly planning in the region. For example, the TCAS is the founding partner of the Peterborough Council on Aging (PCOA) and hosts its annual Seniors' Summit.

Dr. Skinner left us with the thought that age friendly planning in rural communities was very important, most especially in this area, and that the TCAS was there to provide a vital partner in the process.

Professor Skinner was graciously thanked by member Sheila Wood.

Meeting

November 9, 2016



We were introduced to three members of our area OPP services:

Constable Stephen Bates, the Community Mobilization Officer and Media Relations Officer, is from the Campbellford OPP office.

Constable Bates made us aware of the ever increasing incidence of Break and Enter crimes in Northumberland. Basic steps in securing your home against such crime can be found at the OPP website under "Safeguard Ontario".



Ashley Fontaine, is the Program Coordinator of Victim Services of Peterborough and Northumberland.

Ms. Fontaine is an expert in Criminology and Victimology. She works with victims of B & E crimes and focuses on the fears and reactions of victims to the violation of their personal space.



Katrina Myers, is a trained Auxiliary member who conducts Safeguard Ontario Home Audits for victims of break and enters.

Ms. Myers shows victims how to increase security and take control of their home.

Constable Bates returned to the podium to show our members a film which showed steps in how to secure your home - it covered the following points:

- Don't provide a place to hide outside the home
- Install good lighting and motion sensors
- Lock all doors and windows
- Start up or join a Neighbourhood watch.
- Lock garage doors and cover garage windows
- Lock up ladders
- Hide Jewellery and valuables
- Take pictures of valuables
- Engrave your name on valuable electronics
- Don't put empty electronics boxes out in the garbage

After a session of questions and answers, the OPP team was thanked, humorously, by member Bill Hogle.

Photos courtesy of Tony Crocker
Submitted by Anne Linton

Your 2016/17 Management Team



**BACK ROW - Bev McComb, Marion Baker, Alan Appleby, Jim Connor and Steve Wood.
FRONT ROW - Norah McGowan, Denise Kelsey, Sheila Wood and Judy Pearce.**

Photo - Sandra Johnston



Lifetime Membership Awarded

Our outgoing president, Alan Appleby, presented Bill Hogle with a Lifetime Membership award. This was to recognize the generous contribution Bill has made to our Probus Club. Bill served on the Steering Committee for a year prior to our inaugural meeting on October 2013, and then another year as our first President. Bill rounded out three years on the Management Committee by serving his third term as Past President. Thank you Bill for giving us so much of your precious time and dedication.

Photos by Tony Crocker

Upcoming Probus Events



THE NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS CLUBS
are pleased to announce the

2017 "Spring Celebration"

Place: The Keeler Centre - Colbourne

Date: - May 30, 2017

Price: - \$40.00 per person

**Guest Speaker will be Canadian author
TERRY FALLIS**

Entertainment TBA

A buffet lunch will be served.

PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

*Special
Christmas Meeting
December 14, 2016
(Our Regular Meeting Day)*



Free Draws for Special Prizes

Our Regular 50/50 Draw

Entertainment

Wear your Santa Hat -

Speaker for the January Meeting

Members attending the meeting on January 11, 2017 are in for a treat. Professional Auctioneer Boyd Sullivan will be our guest speaker. Many of you will be familiar with Boyd's cheerful approach to his job and his life, and those of you who are not, prepare to be entertained. Don't miss this one!!

Special Interests

Book Club - The book club is always on the 3rd Wed monthly at 1:30 pm at my home — Maureen Dikun--44 Ranney St. S . There are only 6 members so a few more would be welcome. We read good books--fiction and non-fiction,-----and take turns taking the lead (info on the author, and the general plot of the book)----, and then have a general conversation about the story---. Usually we are done in 2 hours. My phone No. is 705-653 3182.—— Maureen Dikun

Scotch Tasting - Our next tasting event will take place on December 15th. We will meet for lunch at Capers Restaurant at 11:30 a.m., as usual, followed by the tasting. Non members are welcome to join us, so bring a friend if you like. The cost of the tasting will be \$20 pp, so no change in the program. Ok.....I have to tell the truth! We are having another brown bag affair. We will be tasting some very interesting drams this time around. It will be a blind tasting, and I have a surprise in store for you! We will leave it at that. I hope you can join us, it should be a fun tasting. The sign up sheet will be at the next two Probus meetings, or you can e-mail myself or Bob Bennett, and we will ensure you are on the sign up sheet.

Cheers, Gord Reid

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Photography Club - The Club meets on the last Wednesday of each month. Place for the meeting may vary, but is usually at the home of Tony Crocker, 2525 8th Line E. R.R. #3 Campbellford. Member will be advised if there is any change in venue.

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Merry Christmas...
to all members of
The Probus Club of Trent
Hills
from
Your Management Committee



MEMBERS OF YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Judy Pearce - President
Sheila Wood - Vice President and Program Manager
Alan Appleby - Past President
Norah McGowan - Secretary
Steve Wood - Treasurer
Denise Kelsey - Communications Manager
Marion Baker - Events and Special Interests Manager
Bev McComb - Membership Manager
Jim Connor - Meeting Manager

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