



# The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – March 2019

## Social Events

We've already had two very successful events this year – our group of 47 thoroughly enjoyed *The Odd Couple* in January and 35 of us smiled all the way through *The Drowsy Chaperone* at the Capitol – fun dance numbers, wonderful singing and a hilarious narrator.

### Theatre Events Coming Up....

**The Music Man - Sunday, April 28 at 2 pm.** at Victoria Hall. We already have 48 names for this rousing musical, so sign up soon to ensure a seat! Cost is \$27.50 and cheques should be made payable to PROBUS Northumberland.

### Mark your calendars:

**Friday May 10 – Fox in the Fairway** at Best Western Dinner Theatre

**Tuesday, June 25** - Our motor coach will head east for a day trip to Perth. After our lunch stop in downtown heritage

Perth, we'll visit the Classic Theatre for *Voice of the Turtle*, the 9<sup>th</sup> longest running play in Broadway history.

**Saturday, August 3** – Another wonderful concert in The Barn at WestBen, Campbellford. We have tickets for **Matt Dusk**, a celebrated Canadian jazz vocalist with platinum and gold albums to his credit. This performance is a tribute to Frank Sinatra.



Dianne Graham [ggraham24@cogeco.ca](mailto:ggraham24@cogeco.ca)

### Other Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendars

**March 14th:** St. Patrick's Celebration - wear green!

**April 11th:** Easter - wear an Easter bonnet - win a prize!

**April 30th:** Spring Escape - Trenton Air Force Museum (Ed Note: More on this on web site: [www.probusnorthumberland.ca/news/110-2019-spring-escape](http://www.probusnorthumberland.ca/news/110-2019-spring-escape).)

**May 9th:** 19th Anniversary Breakfast

**June 27th:** Picnic in the Park - potluck luncheon



Carol Petter

## Lunch Bunch

After our meeting on Thursday, February 14, Valentine's Day, a group of 23 went to the Mill for lunch. Fish and Chips and Mushroom Macaroni and Cheese seemed to be popular choices. Everyone enjoyed getting out after being housebound for a couple of days due to the weather.

Usually we go out for lunch after the second meeting of the month. An exception was made for February and Valentine's Day. Our **next lunch will be on March 28** at CJ's Bar and Grill, 1 Strathy Road, Cobourg. I will have a sign-up sheet at the meeting on March 14.

I would like to invite any new Probus members to join us for our monthly luncheons. I usually announce where we are going in advance and it's an opportunity for you to meet some new people and enjoy some of the local restaurants.

Dawn McGregor 1

## Speaker – February 28th

At our February 28th, 2019 meeting, our guest speaker was David Grice, retired IBM Tech. His subject was “The Internet of Things” .... What It Means & Why It Matters.

From smart phones to smart watches, smart thermostats & cars plus of all things smart bulbs, they can now all be connected to the Internet. As an aging population, many of us are struggling to understand and embrace what the new “Smart” really is.

David walked us through the process of how we can work with this technology to make our lives simpler and more efficient. But most importantly, it’s challenging and enriching our lives in so many ways.

So, the next time you’re talking with your kids and/or your grand kids, try dazzling them with the “SMARTS” you picked up today. They’ll be impressed !

Russ Donaldson thanked David for his very interesting and informative presentation and presented him with a gift basket.



*Russ Donaldson*

## Valentines Day

One of the New Ventures Bands (the smallest, according to Music Director Glenn Bailey) came to entertain us on Valentine’s Day ... and entertain us they did! Members enjoyed a trip down memory lane starting with a wonderful rendition of Louis Armstrong’s Wonderful World. From there we were treated to selections from the Beatles, the Monkees, Duke Ellington, James Brown and Glenn Miller, finishing up with Chattanooga Choo Choo! I’m sure that everyone left with their favourites playing over and over in their heads...I know I did.



*Heather Jansen*



Since it was Valentines day, many people wore red and of course there was the Valentines day card exchange which was an opportunity to meet someone new.

At left are Margaret MacDermaid and Susan Brown.

There are more photos from Ron Swallow online on the photos page here.

[www.probusnorthumberland.ca/photos/northumberland-photos](http://www.probusnorthumberland.ca/photos/northumberland-photos)

*John Draper*

## 18<sup>th</sup> PROBUS Bowling Tournament

**Date:** Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Location:** Northshore Bowling Lanes, Northumberland Mall, **Time:** 10 am

**Cost:** \$10.00 Cash/\$1.00 Shoe Rental Fee

**Luncheon:** Royal Canadian Legion BR133, Cobourg

**Time:** Bar - Opens 12:30 pm/Lunch – Served 1:00 pm

**Menu:** Three Course/Roast Beef/Sit-Down Meal

**Cost:** \$22.00 Per Person



**Special Guest** – Brenda Andrews, District 2 Director, PROBUS Canada

**Prizes** – Gift cards from local retailers (no bottles of wine this year)

The mystery prizes allow all bowlers a chance to win.

*Roslynn Cook*



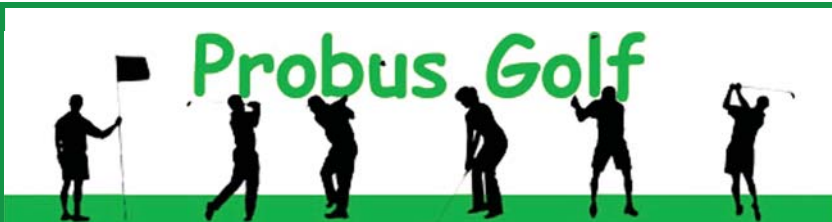
## New Piggy

If you forget your badge, you are prompted to deposit a quarter in the club's piggy bank. It's not as if you are denied entry if you don't but it's a way of helping you remember next time.

But as with many things, it's time for an upgrade. You might have noticed at the last meeting that we now have a new "Piggy".

Look for it at the next meeting (March 14)!

When in doubt, mumble.



## Northumberland Probus Getaway

Information on this event was provided on the tables at the last meeting and also in an email to everyone on email. But you can get a refresher by going to the news page on our web site here:

[www.probusnorthumberland.ca/news/northumberland-news](http://www.probusnorthumberland.ca/news/northumberland-news)

On that page, don't forget to click on the link labelled

**Download more details here.**

## Future Meetings & Speakers

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Kate Lines, Private Investigator/Author: Crime Seen: From Patrol Cop to Profiler

**March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Louise Nadeau, Principal William Academy

**April 11<sup>th</sup>:** Michelle Davis, Canopy Growth Corporation: Medicinal Cannabis

**April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Stanley Feldman, Art Historian: The Isleworth Mona Lisa

*Roslynn Cooke*  
**Speaker Coordinator**

## Men's Coffee Get Togethers

### Meeting of Feb. 19/2019

We had an excellent turn out of 11 members despite 6 of the regulars being away on holidays. Good discussion ensued with high participation, great information and much good humour was shared. The coffee group next meets on March 05 and March 19 at Kelly's Hotel.

Breakfast is available at 9:30am and coffee time continues from 10am onwards. Sign up next Probus meeting, please.

For more info in Jack Butler's absence, contact :

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*Ron Luciano*



## Nibblers

On February 7, seven Nibblers ordered dinner at **Home Plate** in Cobourg. We were a lucky seven!

This night, Chef Sefan featured pan fried pickerel with a dill, lemon, butter sauce, wild rice and a medley of three vegetables. On each plate, the pickerel was served as a whole fish and it was delicious. Some of our group chose grilled cheese sandwiches with fries or fish and chips, dishes they have enjoyed previously at Home Plate. Salad was fresh and chocolate cheesecake was like a meal in itself. The restaurant has been in operation seventeen years. It has moved closer to 'bistro' style but is still very budget friendly.

Three of us continued the evening at Rainbow Cinemas where we saw 'The Favourite'.

Members comments were: it was a "fun" and "lovely evening."

Next Nibblers will take place in March at a new Cobourg restaurant called '**Taste of Agra**'.

*Linda Syrota*



**Editor's Corner** All the Probus clubs in Northumberland share a web site.

Each club has their own pages: "About" the club and Club News. They are welcome to add whatever they want to

those pages. Northumberland has added a whole lot of photos, 38 pages of them. In addition there is information of interest to all clubs such as the upcoming Spring Escape. Go to [www.probusnorthumberland.ca](http://www.probusnorthumberland.ca).

And if you want to know what Probus Canada is doing, there is a separate National site here [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.

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**Deadline for the next ProBuzz is March 28th.**

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