



# TRENT HILLS PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER

## APRIL 2021

*Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success is Participation*

**NEXT MEETING APRIL 14TH**  
**ON ZOOM**  
See Page 2 for details



### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:**

"April showers bring May flowers". I remember always hearing that as a child. The first few days of spring have been sunny and warm and, behind the piles of snow, my daffodils are up five inches. We just have to stop what we are doing and enjoy these days as they come.

The other good thing is that vaccines for all of us are starting. The fear of getting Covid has certainly kept me home for the past year, however, with the first vaccine, I know it is unlikely that I would be hospitalized or die if I am exposed to any of the Covid viruses.

Our case numbers are going up and we are told we are in the third wave but wearing a proper mask the way it is meant to be worn, and practicing everything we have been taught to do to stay safe, should protect me while I wait for the second dose of the vaccine. The key for all of us to be safe is for people to get vaccinated, regardless of whichever vaccine it is.

This month Probud Canada is offering a tutorial on doing meetings that are partially live and partially on zoom. I am not sure if anyone has tried it yet; hopefully, some have before our meeting so that we can see if it might work for us.

Our attendance at Zoom meetings up to now has been disappointing, especially when we compare our attendance to that of other Probud clubs. This month our speaker is one we had had booked for January and he had to postpone his visit. The topic is 'artificial intelligence' and I am sure he will speak to its beginning before he shows us how important it is in every facet of our lives. I know you will be shocked to hear of some of the uses of AI today and what they are working on for the future.

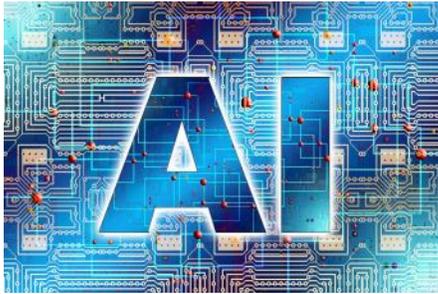
Embrace the changing season with the promise of better days to come. Stay safe and be smart in your decisions.

Norah



**GENERAL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14, 2021 AT 10 A.M.**  
**Via 'Zoom'**

**Topic: Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind**



Can machines think just like humans? Beyond the mere replacement of manual workers and the collapse of retail giants to online automated services, rapid advances in artificial intelligence are shaping our future. From neural networks to simulated digital patients, to virtual reality, to computer 'doctors', artists and musicians.

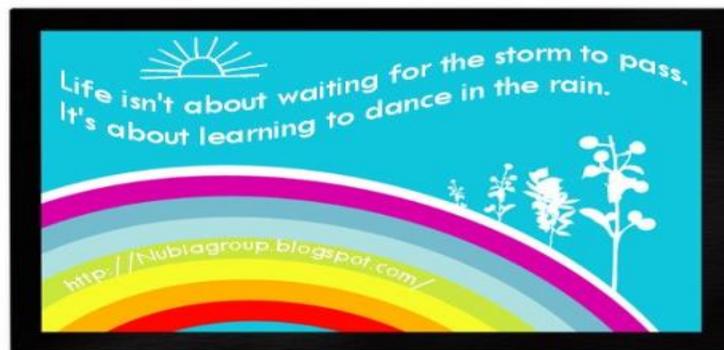
Presenter, Dr. David Chandross, is currently a senior scholar in residence at the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University. He has done pioneering work on the role of learning in the prevention of dementia in seniors and the use of technology such as virtual reality.

Bring your questions on this interesting and timely topic!

**Your personal link to this Zoom meeting will be sent to your email box a day or two before the meeting.**

For anyone who would like to read the Probus Canada Newsletter, the link is below.

[P C March 2021 Newsletter.pdf](#)



**A Warm Welcome to our newest Trent Hills Probus Club member:**

**Susan McIntyre**

Susan has just moved to the area and was a member of the Pickering Lakeside Probus Club.

## 'LOCKDOWN' ACTIVITIES

### COMPUTER!

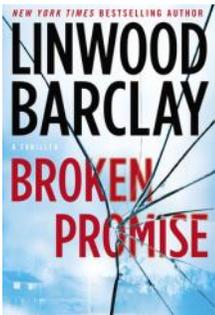


Norah McGowan writes: "The video is made by Dr Alan Ackery, an emergency physician, trauma team leader at St Mike's and an Ornge (notice spelling) Transport Physician, (Etc etc)

I thought that this would be helpful and interesting for our members. "

[What every Canadian should know about COVID-19 vaccines - YouTube](#)  
(highlight the link and press "CTRL" then click)

### GOOD BOOKS!



"I recently finished a series of three which I thoroughly enjoyed. Murder mystery stories all based out of the small town of Promise Falls with the same characters throughout. Not too scary! "

The 'Promise Falls Trilogy' by Linwood Barclay: Broken Promise, then Far from True and, finally, The Twenty-Three.

Thanks to Norah McGowan for this suggestion!

### COOKING!



#### DUTCH PEA SOUP - also called 'SNERT'

Suggested by Piet Goemans

See the recipe on Page 5

Send YOUR favourite recipe (with picture if possible) to the Editor.

### PICTURES!

Nothing submitted this month.

Send your spring pictures to the Editor for inclusion next month.



## COVID-19 UPDATE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

(Data provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, March 30, 2021)

Current Active Cases: 16 (0.02% of the population of 85,600) **15.3 cases per 100,000 people**

Total Cases: 495 (0.58 % of the population)

Cases Resolved: 467 (94.34% of total cases)

Hospitalizations to Date (Total): 17 (3.43% of total cases)

Total Deaths: 12 (2.42% of total cases)

Editor's Note: Northumberland's case numbers this month are staying low—at the end of last month, we had 22 active cases.

### Message from the Editor...

I had some welcome contributions to the Newsletter this month! Please keep the suggestions coming! You can't tell me that no one has run across a good book to recommend, a recipe to suggest or a funny joke to share after the year at home we've had!



Keep Smiling!

Laura McCulloch  
Newsletter Editor



[lauramcculloch52@gmail.com](mailto:lauramcculloch52@gmail.com)

### On the Lighter Side....

An English professor wrote the words: "A woman without her man is nothing" on the chalkboard and asked his students to punctuate it correctly.

All of the males in the class wrote: "A woman, without her man, is nothing."

All the females in the class wrote: "A woman: without her, man is nothing."

Punctuation is powerful!

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

## **Dutch pea soup , also called ‘Snert’**



### **Ingredients**

- 1/2 package dried green split peas (use full package for thick soup[])
- 2 packages of 900ml Campbells' vegetable (or Chicken) broth
- 900 ml water
- 2 celery sticks, cut into very small pieces
- 2-3 carrots, cut into very small pieces
- 1 large potato, peeled and cubed
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 3 leek, (white sections) diced
- Salt and pepper, to taste

Optional: add pieces of precooked sausages (or ham) into the mix after the peas are mush.

### **Preparation**

- Mix broth and water in a large stock pot (Dutch oven).
- While liquid is heating:
- Rinse dried peas in water and add to liquid
- Add diced carrots, onion, leeks and cubed potato to liquid
- Bring the whole thing to a good boil and turn heat down to simmer,
- Simmer for at least 2-3 hours making sure that the peas have dissolved in the liquid.

Add salt and pepper to taste

Note: you can add ham pieces or October sausages cut up into thin slices halfway through the simmer making sure that they are properly cooked before consuming.