Probus Club of Pelham

Update

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January 2025

Celebrating our 11th Anniversary !

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Message from Our President: Bill Schwenger

Welcome to the year 2025! I am sure you would agree that it seemed so far off when we were in our teens, a year out of science fiction. While the world has changed a lot, it still hasn't really. We still need to get out of the house, be active, stay healthy and meet people.

Now that's where your Probus club comes into play. Probus is a great way to do all of that. We are a growing club and I always encourage members to join us at meetings and to participate in club activities. We still have lots of room in the Accursi Room at the MCC. So please come out on Jan 23rd and join your friends. Or better yet, bring someone you know who would benefit from Probus with you.

That's what Probus is all about. And by the way, speaking of the future and science fiction, I still don't have my flying car!

General Meeting Jan. 23

(10:00 am start)

Our speaker for January is Financial Adviser Nicolle Lalonde

Doors at the Meridian Center will open and coffee will be on at 9:30 for a 10:00 am start to the meeting. As usual, we will be selling tickets for our Lucky Draw to support our club events - $2.00 per ticket, 3 for $5.00. **Please note that this draw supports the costs of running our meeting and is essential to keeping our membership fees low. We encourage participation.**

Feel free also to bring books and puzzles for our book exchange.

If you would like to reserve space for lunch with fellow Probus members after the meeting, please sign up here. The restaurant for lunch this month is Domenic's on 20.

In the case of a meeting closure due to inclement winter weather, the meeting will be held via Zoom. The club will send out an email as well as put a notice on the web either the morning of the meeting, or the evening before.

We also ask for your consideration in helping to keep all of our members healthy. If you are feeling at all unwell we ask that you refrain from attending our meeting. Mask wearing is encouraged, and we will have one available for you at the door.

Originally from Corner Brook, Newfoundland, Nicolle Lalonde moved to Ontario in 2001 and has built a diverse career spanning the special events, international shipping, and financial services industries. She joined Edward Jones in 2012 and has led the Fonthill branch since 2015. With a focus on building trusted relationships, she helps clients navigate life's stages and market changes by clarifying goals and creating personalized financial strategies. Her approach is rooted in treating clients as she would want to be treated, fostering understanding and control over financial matters.

"Script Your Family's Future" highlights the importance of having an estate plan and how it helps align your strategy with your goals. Learn how a well-executed plan provides clarity, security, and adaptability in achieving your financial and personal objectives.

Join our Refreshments Team!

An important component of our monthly meetings that we all enjoy is a snack along with a cup of coffee or tea. Coordinating these snacks involves a group of volunteers who organize this on a monthly basis. We have had some folks come along to volunteer to help in various ways – bake, pick up snacks from Costco or Sobeys, coordinate with bakery, set up snacks at our venue. We would like to create a team to fulfill some or all of these tasks. If you would like to participate in this team (we would anticipate needing your help 2-3 times a year), please contact Rick Prins prins251@gmail.com to indicate your interest. Thank you.

November 28 General Meeting

Our meeting opened as usual with the singing of O Canada, led by Doug Willford, and words of welcome from our president, Bill Schwenger. The room was full, extra chairs needed to be put out. This was our best-attended meeting ever, with 150 people in attendance. Our club continues to grow. Our deputy membership chair reported that we currently have 186 members, and welcomed two new members, Susan Sherk and Rick Elliott. There were 15 guests in attendance.

Our mystery speaker for the day was Sue Harris. She and her husband Mike Harris moved to Fonthill from Toronto two and a half years ago, and have become active and vital members of our club.

Sue told her story. She grew up in England on the Isle of Wight. She was working for Hovercraft, and came to Canada in 1967 on behalf of her company to participate in Expo 67. She subsequently studied at the University of Montreal. She started working with Air Canada as a flight attendant in 1968 and fell in love with her job.

Sue met her husband Mike in 1969 at a trade show in Britain, and they eventually settled in Canada. Sue highlighted some of the interesting people she met in her career, including John Diefenbaker, The Band, and Hazel McCallion. Sue and Mike had two sons, born in 1973 and 1976. They lived in a farmhouse in Tottenham. Sue was able to balance her career with her family life, and eventually was able to have them travel with her. Sue thanked the club for helping her and Mike settle into the Fonthill community.

An open invitation exists to have many of our members share their story as Sue did. This is a valuable means by which members can get to know one another. Contact Michele Schwenger to facilitate this, and please say yes if she approaches you.

Our speaker for the day was Bill Outred. He entertained our club with a variety of songs and stories as he sang, played the keyboard and accompanied himself with the guitar. Music he shared included show tunes, folk songs and some classical pieces. Click here to experience one of the sing-a-long numbers Bill performed for our club.

Lucky Draw winners this month were Doug Willford and Barb Linton. A total of $271 was raised to help support meeting expenses. We thank our club members for continuing to support us in this way.

Upcoming Special Event: Ice Dogs Jan. 19

REGISTER HERE whammond2014@gmail.com.

PROBUS CLUB OF PELHAM | SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS

Niagara Ice Dogs Hockey Game

Sunday January 19, 2025

Sold Out!

$19 per person

Niagara Ice Dogs vs. Barrie Colts

Top Two Teams In The Central Division

Meridian Centre, 1 David S. Howes Way
St. Catharines, ON L2R 0B3

☆ *Seats are in the centre on the end* ☆

5:00 pm — Dinner at the Butcher & Banker
1440 Pelham St., Fonthill

Important Notice

REGISTER WITH WENDY FIRST BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT

Wendy Hammond at whammond2014@gmail.com

Please send a cheque for $19.00 per person to the PROBUS Club of Pelham c/o Wendy Hammond, 14 Rosewood Crescent, Fonthill, ON L0S 1E6.

Or e-transfer money to pay.probus@gmail.com. **When using e-transfer, please include name of event plus attendee(s) names.**

Registration closes on January 3, 2025. **Payment is non-refundable after January 3.**

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Upcoming Special Event: Dining Out Jan. 28

DINING OUT GROUP | PROBUS CLUB OF PELHAM

Come join us for Dinner

Tuesday January 28, 2025

5:00 pm

Ye Old Squire

At Seaway Mall

800 Niagara Street

Welland, ON L3C 5Z4

Menu

Choose from a fantastic selection of mouth watering pub favourites to enjoy!

See this link for the full menu. Note: prices may vary.

Ye Olde Squire Welland Menu

Optional Movie Night after Dinner

Cineplex Odeon Seaway Mall Cinemas

Shows & times available in January

Important Notice

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Register by email with Sue Harris at sugarcrazy1@hotmail.com

Registration closes on Friday, January 24, 2025.

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Upcoming Special Event: Afternoon Tea Feb. 13

PROBUS CLUB OF PELHAM | SPECIAL EVENTS & TOURS

Afternoon Tea

Savoy Room, 371 St. Paul St. E.
St. Catharines, ON L2R 3N1

Thursday February 13, 2025

12:30 pm — $46.00 per person plus tip

Bring your Valentine

Come on your own

Everyone is welcome

Important Notice

REGISTER WITH LINDA FIRST BEFORE MAKING PAYMENT

Linda Olsson at magdansk@yahoo.ca

Please send a cheque for $46.00 per person to the PROBUS Club of Pelham
c/o Linda Olsson, 284 Oakcrest Ave., Welland, ON L3C 7K3

Or e-transfer money to pay.probus@gmail.com. **When using e-transfer, please include name of event plus attendee(s) names.**

Registration closes on February 5, 2025. **Payment is non-refundable after February 5.**

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REGISTER WITH LINDA OLSSON AT magdansk@yahoo.ca

Past Special Event: Christmas Lunch Dec. 6

The annual Probus Christmas luncheon on December 6th was attended by 102 members, a record number of attendees. The dining room of Peninsula Lakes Golf Club, with its beautiful views of the golf course, was festively decorated for the event. After a bit of social mingling time we took our seats and were served a delicious 3-course roast turkey meal with all the fixings, including wine.

Between the main course and dessert we had a surprise visit by Santa (aka Doug Willford), who started off by leading us in a game of Heads or Tails. It involved standing up, which gave us a chance to stretch our legs before dessert. After several rounds we had a winner… Tom Routledge! Santa then picked the winning tickets for the three door prizes. Santa's final job was to go around the room handing out chocolates to everyone.

During dessert, the upcoming marriage of Dianne Bullied and John Graham was announced, and a congratulatory toast was made. After dessert, the staff was thanked for their excellent service and some final remarks were made by the Executive. It was an enjoyable, fun time and many said it was the best Christmas Luncheon yet!

Past Hiking Group Event: Port Weller Lighthouse Jan. 14

Past Wine Tasting Group Event: King's Court Estate Winery Nov. 28

King's Court
ESTATE WINERY

Past Appy Hour Event:
New Year's Eve

2024-2025 Pelham Probus Club

President	Bill Schwenger
Vice-President	David Crump
Past President	Rick Prins
Treasurer	Deb Wilson
Deputy Treasurer	Stan Bowen
Secretary	Linda Routledge
Membership Chair	Lynn Reynolds
Deputy Membership Chair	Michele Schwenger
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Special Events Chair	Wendy Hammond
Web Administrator	Helen Stark

- Contact Information for all members is available on the Membership List that is sent out periodically.
- General Club Enquiries: probuspelham@gmail.com
- Member Care: (if you are aware of someone who has a significant life event that should be recognized on behalf of our club): Wendy Hammond: whammond2014@gmail.com
- Newsletter Submissions: The Newsletter is a place to keep our club members informed of the many events and activities that are happening in the life of our club. We encourage you, if you are in charge of an event, or just an interested member, to submit promotional material, write-ups following events, and especially pictures that we can include so we can all share in celebrating all the good things that are happening. A reminder that the newsletter generally goes out the second Friday of the month, so the Monday of that week is our ideal deadline for submissions.

The Last Word

"Two simple rules:

You get better at what you practice.

Everything is practice.

Look around and you may be surprised by what people are “practicing" each day. If you consider each moment a repetition, what are most people training for all day long? Many people are practicing getting mad on social media. Others are practicing the fine art of noticing how they have been wronged. Still more have mastered the craft of making plans (but never following through).

But, of course, it doesn't have to be that way. What are you practicing?"

James Clear – Atomic Habits