



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

June 6, 2023

The General Meeting for May gave us the type of weather that I think we all look forward to. A warm sunny morning, confirming that summer is coming. There were 85 in attendance including guests.

Two new members Stan Jones and Zoltan Nagy were inducted this month. Based on their brief bios, we may be treated with interesting Vignettes in the future. This brings our total membership to 152.

Bob McBain brought disappointing news about Past President Rad Bazzul's health.

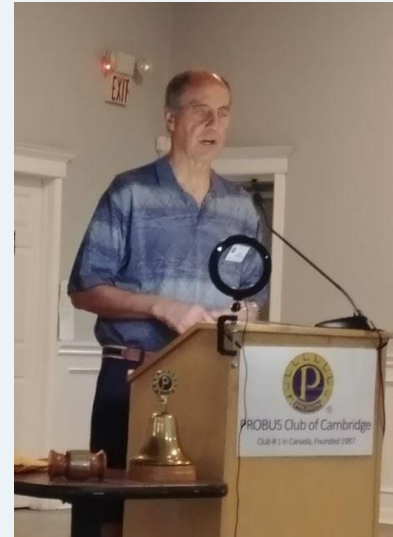
Ron Woynarski very deftly and efficiently steered us through a "General Meeting of Members" resulting in unanimous approval of the changes to both the Constitution and By-Law of our club.

We finished up the business part of the meeting and before the break Will Stoltz presented his vignette. Will managed to condense down a varied life by only touching on several of his career stops. It certainly deserves viewing if you were unable to hear it in person.

Our guest speaker was Adele Alfano who brought Sarah and Lola. Adele holds the position of Fund Development Manager for Autism Dog Services (ADS). Sarah is a university student who has volunteered to socialize with Lola for 18 months.

ADS has been around since 2007 and in that time has matched 140 dogs with a child.

Some facts and figures:



- 1 out of 3 dogs successfully become Autism Support Dogs. Others have career changes and may become border service dogs, sniffer or protection dogs.
- \$25,000 is invested in training, food, and vet bills for each successful dog.
- The dogs are in service for 11 years.

[Adele brought along a video](#) which was very touching as well as showing what dramatic positive change can occur for families fortunate enough to be given one of these dogs.

Thanks to Pat Ramcharitar for introducing Adele Alfano and Bryon Bates for graciously thanking our guests after an extensive Q and A exchange with our members.

. . . Bob Howison, President

Feel free to forward this newsletter to a friend who may be a prospective future member. Consider also providing your friend's email address to Bob McBlain, our Membership Chair, for further follow-up.

Recording of May 31 Meeting

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

Adele Alfano's presentation starts at the 40:42 minute mark.

Will Stoltz's vignette starts at the 26:29 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Adele Alfano was our Guest Speaker

Adele Alfano from the Autism Dog Services (ADS) provided a very informative and interesting presentation.

Many in the audience had family or friends that include children with autism and all of us learned about the ADS program and how important service dogs are.

Sara explained her role as a volunteer trainer. Lola, still young and early in her training program is already showing the calmness and confidence amongst people and no doubt will when she reaches 18 months start to help an autistic child, who may otherwise feel isolated, to build self-esteem and participate in school and community life.

ADS is a unique and highly effective provider of service dogs for children in between the age of 3 to 18 with autism and related disorders in most parts of Southwestern Ontario. All interested applicants have the right to be considered to receive a service dog.

ADS does not receive government funding and relies on donations and grants.



Autism Dog Services

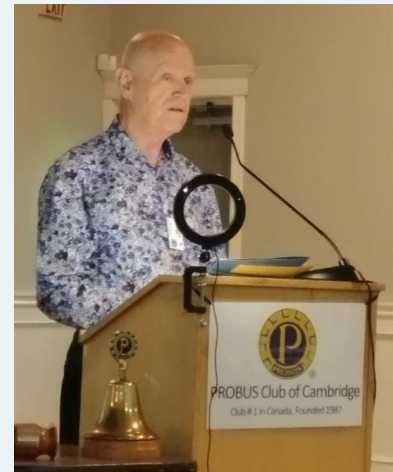


Will Stoltz presented his Vignette

During Will's early formative years, a couple of critical incident traumas left him feeling unsafe and isolated; not having the trust and confidence needed to connect with others. By his late teens he found his life partner Jean and 3 beautiful girls, 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren followed.

After graduating from Ryerson Institute in Radio TV Arts in '62 he went into radio announcing.

In the early 70's he became director of Cambridge Big Brothers. He was asked to run Camp McGovern a summer program for fatherless youths 8-15 years. He received his Master of Divinity degree in Goshen Indiana, and in '79 accepted a pastoral assignment at Wilmot Mennonite Church.



AVP

In '85 he sensed the urge to spend more time with societies "outsiders" having felt like one himself. He accepted a position as a prison chaplain and for the following 20 years served at 5 different prisons.

During that time, he became involved with the Alternatives to Violence Project (AVP) and ran several 3-day workshops. For more information go to <https://www.avpkw.ca/>

After retiring from Corrections in 2000 he manned the dishwasher at Trinity Community Table. He was also involved in the Mennonite Central Committee's annual Meat Canner project, Ontario Christian Gleaners and in 2012 hosted the International Plowing Match on their farm.

Will served on several boards including Community Justice Initiatives; Trinity Community Table, House of Friendship and Ontario Christian Gleaners.

Some one-line wisdom that helped guide his life:

"Be the change you want to see in the world." - Gandhi

"Care for your neighbour as well as you care for yourself." - Jesus

“What would the world be like if everyone lived as I do.” - Soren Kierkegaard

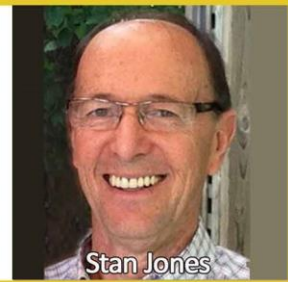
Will is convinced that life is 10% what happens to you and 90% how you react. He also believes that you will be remembered after your gone to the degree that you're caring has touched others.

To view Will Stoltz's vignette click on the “Watch the Meeting Recording” button above and go to the 26:29 minute mark.

Induction of New Members



Welcome to our club!



Stan Jones sponsored by Paul Witmer

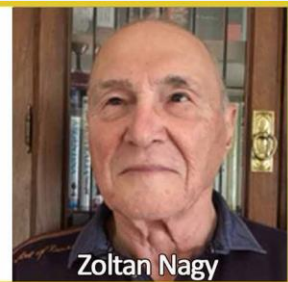
Stan was born and raised on a farm in the Chatham area. After going to the University of Guelph for Geography and a stint at teacher's college, Stan moved to Cambridge 50 years ago. He taught at GCI and Southwood Secondary before retiring in 2003.

He married his high school sweetheart Carol 52 years ago and they have two children.

Since retiring, Stan has been a Board member of the Earth Sciences Museum in the University of Waterloo, past President of the Rotary Club of Cambridge North, past President of the Board of Directors at Saint Luke's Place long term care in Hespeler (currently Chair of the Redevelopment Committee) and is President of the Kitchener-Waterloo Gem and Mineral Club.

His hobbies include collecting rocks and minerals, photography, travel, gardening, woodworking, and lawn bowling.

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Zoltan Nagy

Zoltan Nagy sponsored by Peter Hunton

Zoltan was born in Budapest Hungary in 1945, educated in Building Design. He escaped Hungary through Austria to Italy and spent several months in a refugee camp before finally reaching Canada.

After a crash course of ESL and then some college courses to polish up his language skills he was allowed to work in his profession.

As an Engineering Technologist, Zoltan has done design work in breweries, power stations and more recently high-rise HVAC. His work has taken him to Saudi Arabia, Australia, and the USA.

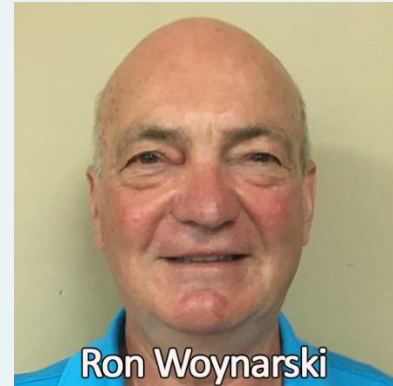
Zoltan and his wife Bernadette (who is also a PROBUS member) have 4 daughters and 6 grandchildren.

His hobbies and interests include swimming, cycling, pickle ball, travel, bridge, and time with family.

Update of Constitution and ByLaw

During our regular May meeting we held a “General Meeting of Members” to address amendment of our club Constitution and By-Law.

Past President Ron Woynarski pointed out that the PROBUS Canada’s Constitution recommends a review of our Constitution and By-Laws every three years.



The proposed changes had been approved by the Management Committee. Notice of the “General Meeting of Members” and copies of the proposed changes were issued more than 30 days before the meeting.

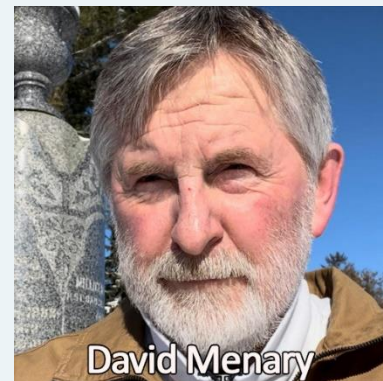
The changes to the Constitution of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge and By-Law of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge were approved by the members and they have been adopted.

Our June 28 speaker will be David Menary

David Menary is a member of our club. He is a well-known local journalist, author, artist, and poet, as well as a former newspaper sports editor and teacher.

He will share his work to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Galt Arena Gardens in his latest book, “100 Years of Galt Arena Gardens, a History”.

David is known to have a passion for uncovering ‘a good Canadian story.’



Cambridge Today

He was one of three founders of the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, along with Al Findlay and Cam Allan. David is still on the board. More than 200 members have been inducted including some who are members of PROBUS.

Over the years, he won various newspaper awards including a Milt Dunnell Award for sports and another for a heritage feature story about Marion Tait.

He is also the author of the sports book 'Terrier Town: Summer of '49', published in 2003 by Wilfrid Laurier University Press.

June Vignette

Vignette presentations are a long-standing tradition in PROBUS that are an important part of enabling us to get to know something about our new members and broadening our network of PROBUS colleagues.

Keith Rivers will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our May meeting.



. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair



Jumper Cables

If these are yours, please call:

Patrick Mills

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Toronto Blue Jays Game June 1



It was a great day and the Blue Jays won 3 to 1 over the Milwaukee Brewers

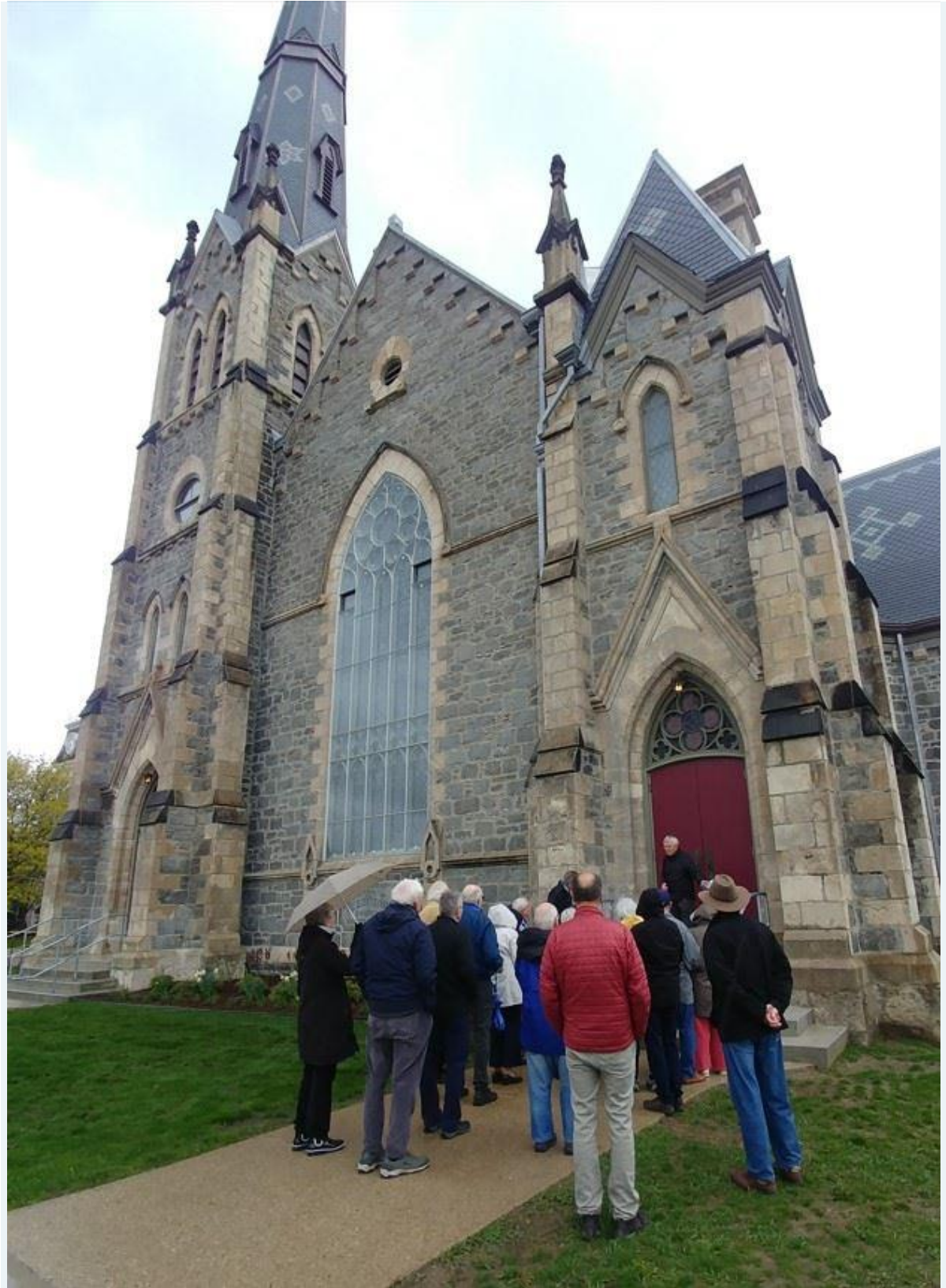
One of the group, Mike Pengelly, said:

“From the check-in at the Portuguese Club to the humorous bus driver to the check-in at the Dome, to the game to the easy return trip....the whole day was an organizers dream. Everything thing went smoothly but only Norm or Dan know what if anything didn't go as planned. Way to go guys...a job well done, and I have to believe you'll have an easy sell for 2024 (or perhaps later this season if the Jays move up in the standings!).”





Tour of Central Presbyterian Church



The Central Presbyterian Church was erected in 1880 and has recently undergone extensive repairs to preserve it for many years to come.

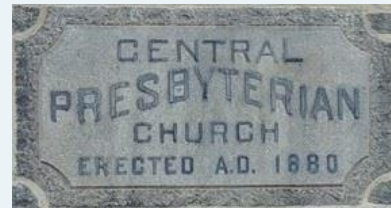
Horst Wohlgemut shared with everyone the stories behind the recently completed restoration. We saw restored stonework on the exterior of the building, restored stain glass, a wonderful demonstration of the Casavant Freres Organ and ringing of the bells.

Click on the button "View Tour Video" to see a CTV News article that was aired the day of our tour plus videos of our members on tour.

The \$2.5 million dollar restoration project has been completed. For additional details go to restorecentral.ca



[View Tour Video](#)



Upcoming Activities:

Register online or see Mark Maloney at our next meeting.

Dinner on the Grand

Dave Ottenbrite, one of our members, is the organizer for “Dinner on the Grand”, a fabulous evening of fun and laughter with friends at our own PROBUS table on June 25th.

It includes a great 3 course meal prepared by celebrity [ChefD](#) with entertainment by [Fresh Water Funk](#). All profits go to the Cambridge Food Bank.

To get additional details and register, go to our website Activities section or simply click on the Register button.

Register as soon as possible as this event is likely to sell out.

Mural Walking Tour

On July 19th join us for a 90-minute Guided walking tours starting at either 10 am or 1:30 pm for \$30. There is also an option to join for lunch (cost extra) at 12 noon which is planned for the Thirteen Restaurant, downtown Galt.

We'll visit 15 colourful murals created in the past decade ranging from street-level to 4-story beauties. Hear about the Cambridge International Street Art Festival that generated works by international street artists and meet local artists too. Come stroll the side streets and alleys with us to see what outdoor art contributes to a downtown core!

For more information, click on the button or contact:

Dave Ottenbrite, daveottenbrite@gmail.com,



Register - Dinner on the Grand



Mural Tour

(905) 302-3716

Golf Tournament

On August 23, our Golf Tournament will be held at the Puslinch Golf Club and dinner will be steak.

It will be a best ball format. Fellowship, not golf skills is most important and you can bring a friend. Registration is now open.

The deadline to register is July 28!

Other Upcoming Activities:

[Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum](#)

[Whiskey Tasting](#)

[Billiards Tournament](#)

[Christmas Gala](#)

To see all activities, go to our website:

Activities



Golf Tournament

Trivia Contest

At our May 17th Trivia Contest, Dennis Souder had the highest score on a challenging potpourri of questions.

We will be taking a break to enjoy the summer weather and we will resume weekly Trivia Contests on September 20th.





The PROBUS Global Newsletter for June is now available.

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