



# PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

July 5, 2023

Our June 28th General Meeting had an attendance of 87. A few of them I had not seen for a month or two. We are always happy to see guys getting back out to join us.

I had a good news/bad news situation to report. The bad news was that Dan Clements had suffered a minor stroke. The good news is that only 2 weeks after the incident he was able to attend the June meeting and perform his usual roles during the meeting. Dan continues to work on his speech, balance, and walking.



Bob McBlain inducted 4 new members: John Chapman, Neil Wright, Don Bark and Jerome Amlinger. We welcome all of them to our club and thank their sponsors for recruiting them.

A report was given by Norm on the Blue Jays outing again was again highly successful.

Dave Ottenbrite reported on the success of his event, Dinner on the Grand, which turned into Dinner at Galt Arena Gardens. The event was moved due to threatening inclement weather. The final amount raised for the Cambridge Food Bank has not yet been determined.

Upcoming events of the Galt Mural Tour and the annual golf tournament were highlighted.

Keith Rivers presented his vignette. Keith has visited many countries during his working career with Babcock and Wilcox. He is a long-time resident of Galt and throughout his life has given back to his community and continues to do so.

After the break, our guest speaker was Dave Menary. Dave has spent much of his non-working adult life tracking down and chronicling events and the lives of Cambridge residents. He is the author of several books.

His presentation today was about his latest book which he hopes to finish this year: "100 Years of the Galt Arena Gardens".

Dave has a brain filled with interconnected stories. He said he has been questioned about why author a book about a building. Dave explains that with all the variety of events hosted by the arena it has added to the fabric of our community and there are a lot of stories and photos to share.

His presentation was followed by some questions and personal recounts of memories our members had.

The Lunch Bunch had 16 participants. In the future, the site for lunch will be included in the meeting reminder email.

Murray Mills was the winner of the 50/50 pot, although he was very coy about acknowledging it.

. . . 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.

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## **Recording of June 28 Meeting**

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

David Menary's presentation starts at the 39:06 minute mark.

Keith River's vignette starts at the 18:10 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

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## David Menary was our Guest Speaker

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.

David shared stories and illustrations that are part of our local history. The audience clearly enjoyed learning more about the Galt Arena Gardens and other local stories.

Audience members had many memories rekindled and others learned interesting stories about our local history.

If you missed the opportunity to be at the meeting, don't miss the opportunity to view the recording. David's presentation starts at the 39:06 minute mark.

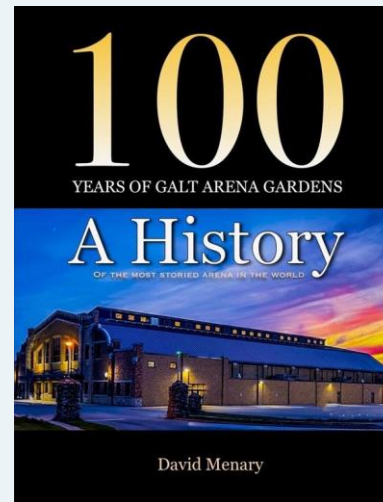
He was one of three founders of the Cambridge Sports Hall of Fame in 1996, along with Al Findlay and Cam Allan. David is still on the board. More than 200 members have been inducted including some who are members of PROBUS.

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.

Links are provided below the pictures for:

- Cambridge Today article from last year titled: "Cambridge author commemorates anniversary of Galt Arena Gardens"
- "It Happened in Cambridge" Website.



- YouTube of David Menary on "Bobby Hull's junior hockey days in Cambridge".

Cambridge Today

It Happened in  
Cambridge

Bobby Hull

## Keith Rivers presented his Vignette

Keith was born in Ocean Falls, BC in 1949 and settled in West Galt in 1955, attending Highland school where he enjoyed math, science, the arts, and sports captaining the junior hockey team to a city championship. At Southwood he played junior football, was yearbook photographer and Valedictorian.

A U of W Engineering grad, he worked at Babcock & Wilcox for 40 years holding 15 positions from Business Planning to International Service and Construction. Focussing on Business Development Project Management from the very small (nanocrystalline Inconel weld overlay) to the very large (3 x 160 megawatt boilers, 166 ft tall in Venezuela).

Married in 1972 to Sue a Nurse, they raised Andrew (Kinesiologist and Health & Wellness Manager, Gillian (Nurse Manager and Coach) and Geoff (Electrical and Computer Engineer managing safety critical graphics systems). All have married and are raising 6 grandchildren for Keith and Sue's enjoyment.

Keith enjoys a lifelong interest in vocal choir music having performed Handel's Messiah in Carnegie Hall and Photography having provided photos and game reports for Waterloo Warriors CIS Men's Hockey. Playing hockey continues currently, having played 5



years ago in the world old timers' classic tournament in Helsinki Finland 50+ division.

Community volunteering projects include church work (establishing Interfaith Pastoral Counselling), Kiwanis (chairs the first International Festival Parade), West Galt Neighbourhood Association (steering committees), House of Friendship (Close to Home new Addiction Treatment facility Cambridge Campaign lead), Citizens for Cambridge (management committee to establish Cambridge Neighbourhood Table, to bring Indwell supportive housing to Preston, and to plan for an affordable housing over parking lots pilot).



Keith credited life's opportunities to our terrific community and the help and support of countless others without whom his role could not be possible. He noted retirement has produced grey power, a force to be reckoned with, and recognized the collective wisdom in the room. He encouraged everyone to remain healthy through active community engagement and concluded: "May the Force be with you!"

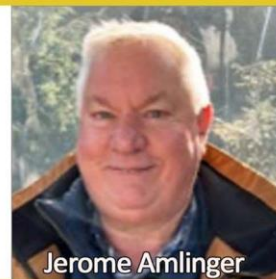
To view Keith Rivers's vignette click on the "Watch the Meeting Recording" button above and go to the 18:10 minute mark.

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### Induction of New Members



*Welcome to our club!*



Jerome Amlinger

**Jerome Amlinger sponsored by Mike Jeans**

Born in Kitchener, Jerome went on to a career in Sales and Marketing in the food industry. When he retired 7 years ago, he held the position of Vice President of Sales and Marketing for High Liner Foods (Canada).

He and his wife Susan live here in Cambridge and have 2 girls and a boy, plus 1 grandson.

Travel, cooking, and golf are some of his interests along with spending time at recreation properties they have in French River and Fenelon Falls.

*Welcome to our club!*



Don Bark

**Don Bark sponsored by Bob McBlain**

A native of Toronto, Don was educated at Lawrence Park Collegiate followed by Seneca College and finally the University of Calgary. Sports is a big part of his life, especially hockey.

Sales and business are in his blood, first with Boyle-Midway, working in 10 different Canadian cities and achieving the title of National Sales Manager. Following this he started a design/printing company in Barrie, running that for 15 years before selling the business. Another start-up involving steel poles was next and was centred in China. Don retired in 2012.

Don and his wife Ruth spend their winters in Portugal, Spring/Summer/fall at the cottage, but Galt is home (on occasion).

*Welcome to our club!*



**John Chapman sponsored by Dennis Souder**

John Chapman was born and raised in North Bay and graduated from U of W in 1968 with a Bachelor of Science. He taught high school in Hamilton for 30 years.

After retirement, he and his wife Susan moved to Cambridge in 2006. She was born in Galt and raised in Kitchener, so it was almost like moving home, especially since their son and his family live in Waterloo. John's interests include boating, hockey (which he played and coached for many years), art after his playing days were over and Formula 1 racing.

John and Susan are both members of the Ancient Mariners Canoe Club and enjoy their many activities.

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**Neil Wright sponsored by Norm Steele**

Neil was a Banker for 32 years at TD Canada Trust before retirement last summer.

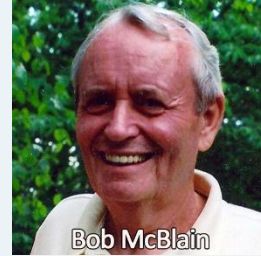
He and his wife Tamy live in Puslinch and have 1 adult daughter. Neil lists 3 dogs and 3 horses as his hobbies.

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## Membership Committee

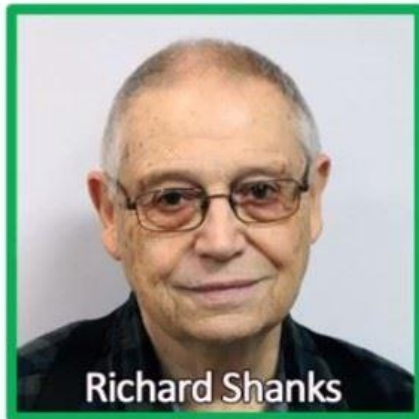
Rad Bazzul has stepped down from the Membership Committee due to health issues. However, I am pleased to announce that Bryon Bates and Larry Mackow have joined the committee.

. . . Bob McBlain, Membership Chair

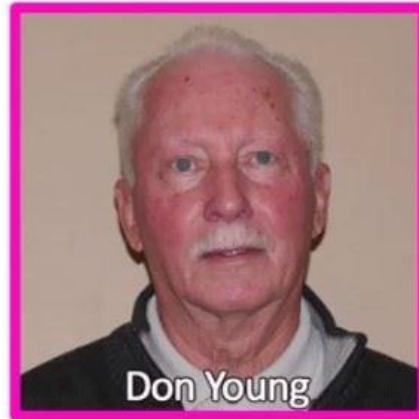


Bob McBlain

## Milestones



Richard Shanks

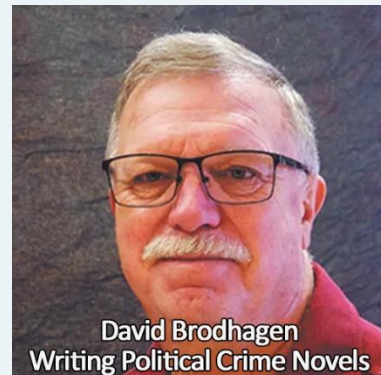


Don Young

## Our July 26 speaker will be Dave Brodhagen

Dave Brodhagen is a member of our club. He will share his experiences that involved years writing short stories and articles for outdoor and sporting magazines. And how recently he has turned to writing long form fiction.

His first novel, Operation Serpent, introduced readers to CSIS agent Spencer Cook. His newest novel, Cyber



David Brodhagen  
Writing Political Crime Novels



War—a sequel to the first—focuses on Cook’s new position as the agency’s assistant director.

David Brodhagen although not an espionage expert, is well equipped to write on the topic of political crime with six decades of observing the infection destroying our society.

David lives in Cambridge, Ontario with his wife Lynda Lou. He is currently at work on a prequel to Operation Serpent, David also enjoys woodworking, hunting and travel.

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## July 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 Feasey will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our next meeting.

. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair



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## Dinner on the Grand

Dinner on the Grand was held June 25th with many of our members in attendance.

Due to threatening weather the event was moved from the banks of the Grand to the Galt Arena.

Dave Ottenbrite, described how the alternate location worked extremely well and the event was a great success.

Cambridge Today had an article on the event:

[Cambridge Today](#)



## Upcoming Activities:

Register online or see Mark Maloney at our next meeting.

### 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:



Mural Tour

Dave Ottenbrite, [daveottenbrite@gmail.com](mailto:daveottenbrite@gmail.com),

(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](#)

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