



# PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

August 2, 2023

The morning of the July Member's Meeting dawned as a typical summer morning. The forecast included heat warnings and the threat of severe thunderstorms. However, it was cool and humidity free for the 65 members and their guests in the hall.

For the first time in my term as president I had to deliver the sad news of a member passing. One of our past presidents, Rad Bazzul, lost his battle with cancer. Rad was a great supporter of the club and a close friend of several of our members. Later in this newsletter you can find a link to his 2017 vignette. I found it very interesting to watch and would encourage you to view it.



After operating several years at a deficit during the pandemic, the management committee, on the advice of the finance committee, has set the dues for 2023-24 at \$85. This will result hopefully in a break-even position at the end of the year. Notices will go out August 7 with payment due at the end of September.

Under Activities, Dave Ottenbrite reported on the Mural Tour being quite interesting. Upcoming events include golf, tour of the War Plane Heritage Museum in Hamilton and the Whisk(e)y Tasting event were promoted. Please consult the website under "Activities" for more information and to register.

Keith Feasey entertained us with his vignette. For a person who grew up on a farm near small towns his work career resulted in him living in so many towns and cities in Canada that I lost count. He is one of many of our members who once retired moved back to this area.

After the break, guest speaker Dave Brodhagen gave us a bit of his diverse background. This served as the foundation of his talk on what makes a person a

writer and all the steps involved, from creating an idea to write about through to getting it published and selling it.

The special August meeting will feature 3 vignettes instead of a guest speaker as well as the celebration of member John Neu's 100th birthday. Rumor is there will be cake.

. . . 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 July 26 Meeting**

Click on the button below to view the recording of our meeting and guest speaker.

Dave Brodhagen's presentation starts at the 20:24 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting and Speaker Recording](#)

### **Recording of July 26 Vignette**

Click on the button below to view Keith Feasey's vignette.

[Watch the Vignette Recording](#)

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## Our speaker for July 26 was Dave Brodhagen

Dave Brodhagen, a member of our club and our guest speaker July 26th, explained the process of writing and publishing his own books.

He told us that a personal's life experiences play an important part of becoming a writer and shared some of his background.

During his career he was a Project Manager and Master Electrician. Much of his career was with Sutherland-Schultz. He had the opportunity to work in various industries including hospitals, factories, & aerospace.

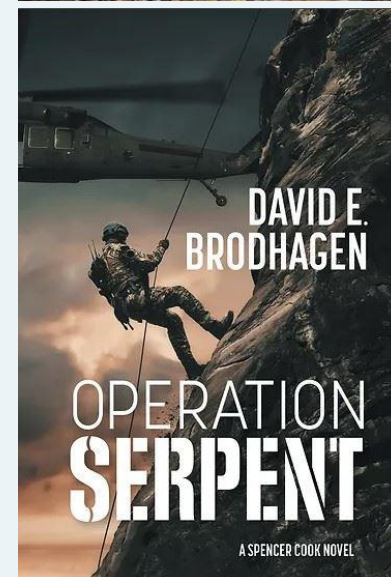
He also has hobbies that include woodworking, travel, hunting, and taxidermy. His first book was "A Hunter's Handbook", a non-fiction. Dave has also written in many magazines.

Dave's objective for the presentation was to explain the process of producing a book. His presentation was enlightening and entertaining. He explained the steps and choices made along the way in clear and simple way.

Dave says that the words in a book should draw the reader in, so the reader can feel it. His presentation certainly drew us into his story and all of us learned something.

His first novel, "Operation Serpent", introduced readers to CSIS agent Spencer Cook. His newest novel, "Cyber War", a sequel to the first, focuses on Cook's new position as the agency's assistant director.

His stories are Canadian, and his books are self published through Friesen Press a Canadian

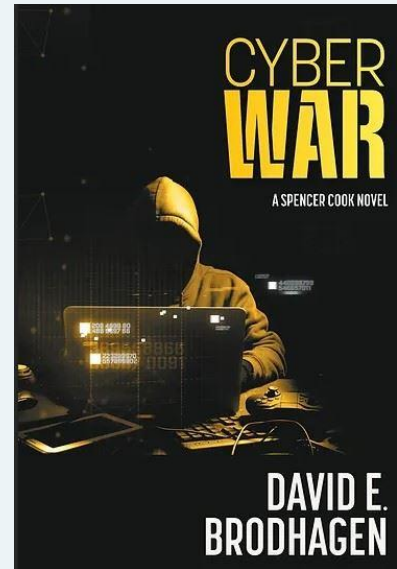


company. The books are based on true facts, but the stories are fictional.

Dave is now working on his third novel in the Spencer Cook series.

David lives in Cambridge, Ontario with his wife Lynda Lou.

[davidbrodhagen.com](http://davidbrodhagen.com)



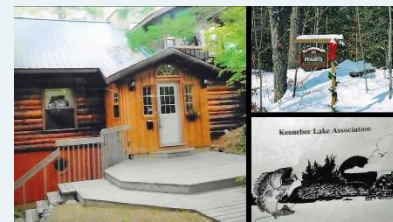
## Keith Feasey presented his Vignette

Keith was born in a farmhouse in Metcalfe Township July 1937. During his early childhood, his home was without electricity, central heating or indoor plumbing. The telephone was a party line.

It was a one mile walk to the one room public school he attended. He went to High School in Strathroy. Keith's father was a tradesman who worked away much of the time. Keith his brother and mother were kept busy with the farm.

Following graduation in 1954 Keith went to work with RBC, on to Personal Finance/Beneficial Canada in 1957 and then to Investor's Group by way of a corporate purchase. He progressed through branch management, internal audit, field supervision and work in several U.S. states, London England and for a time in B.C.

In his final posting he was Director Sales and Marketing for Southern Ontario and all Western Canada. Over the years he has travelled extensively

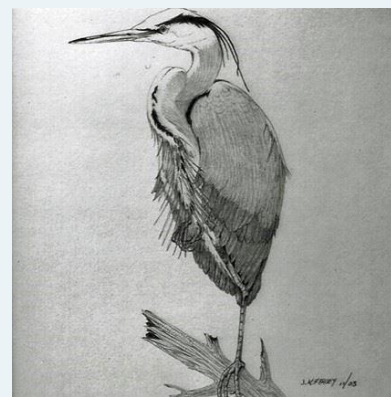


and moved sixteen times (mostly work related) and lived in Cambridge off and on for about 30 years.

Keith's wife of over 58 years, Kathryn, passed away from cancer at Christmas 2018. They have a son (retired Industry Canada Analyst), two daughters (one employed at Economical Insurance and the other at the Idea Exchange). He has five granddaughters ranging in age from 18 to 32.

Keith enjoys theatre, music, sports etc. Although he no longer golfs, he enjoys drawing wildlife and plays keyboard and the ukulele for his own amusement.

He has been active in service clubs, church and business associations over the years.



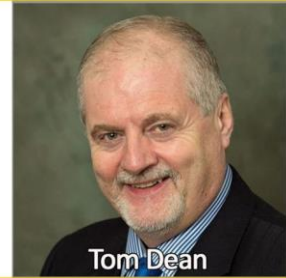
To view Keith Feasey's vignette [click here](#) or on the “Watch the Vignette Recording” button above.

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## Induction of New Members



*Welcome to our club!*



**Tom Dean sponsored by Miles Lauzon**

Tom grew up in East York (Toronto) then moved to Waterloo to study Mechanical Engineering at University of Waterloo.

He had a multi-varied career at Babcock & Wilcox (Nuclear), Glegg Water Conditioning - General Electric (Guelph), Thermo Electron Robotics and Lab Systems (Burlington), 2Source Landing Gear (Mississauga) then University of Waterloo as the Director of Technical Operations - Chemical Engineering, and has recently retired.

He and his wife Terrie have 4 children with 3 grandboys. He enjoys spending time at the cottage, fishing, boating, sailing, cars, motorcycles, and entertaining his growing family.

Tom has been a Board Director at CMH for several years, and volunteers at UW as an instructor.

*Welcome to our club!*



**Norm Fagerdahl sponsored by Bob Rutherford**

Norm was born in Fort Frances Ontario, but lived in many different places because his dad was employed with the CNR and subject to frequent moves within Ontario and beyond.

During a break while studying Electronics Engineering Technology in Toronto, he was hired by Eatons. He was hooked by the exciting, challenging and rewarding world of Retail. Many successful Management experiences followed including Buyer

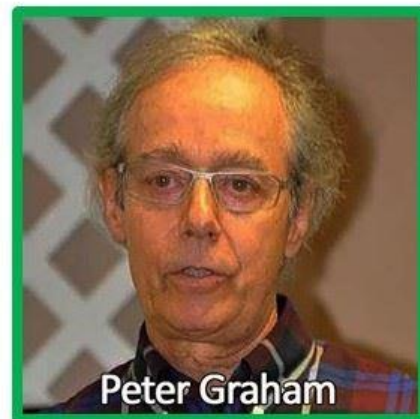
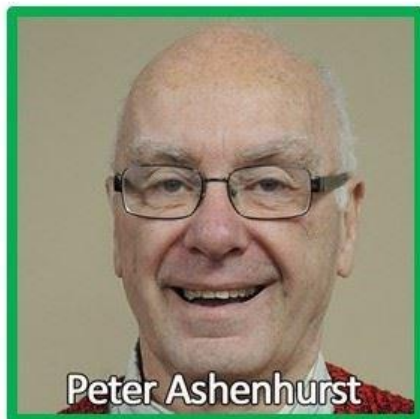
at Sear's Head Office in Toronto and Senior Director of Operations for an Eyewear Company in Vancouver.

Retirement brought Norm back to our area where enjoys travel, playing hockey, biking, pickle ball, trail walking, music, PROBUS billiards and more.

Norm has a daughter Taylor Ann of whom he is extremely proud.

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## Milestones



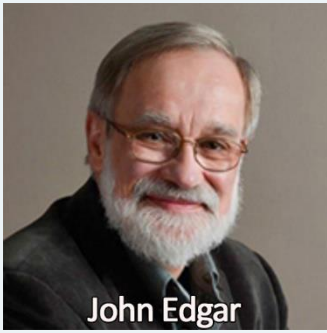
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### Our August Meeting will Feature Three Vignettes

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.

John Edgar, Rick Thomas and Ross Earnshaw will each present their vignettes.

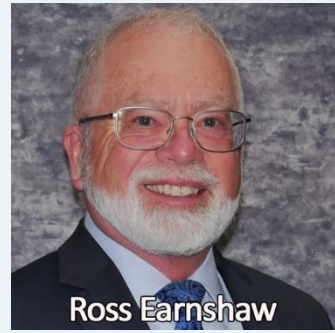
. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair



John Edgar



Rick Thomas



Ross Earnshaw

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## Mural Walking Tour

On July 19th a group of us enjoyed a walking tour covering 15 Galt Murals.

Juanita Metzger, our guide, provided background on each of the murals and encouraged discussion on social relevance of art in the community.

Many of the murals were created during the Cambridge Street Art Festivals that were held in 2016 and 2017. Others were created more recently, during Covid. Artists working outside was an activity that thrived during Covid.



Stroll Walking Tours



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## Upcoming Activities:

Register online or see Mark Maloney at our next meeting.



## Golf Tournament

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



## Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

On September 20, 2023 we will have a guided tour of the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum.

In addition to the regular Museum guide, we will have "colour commentary" from Lieutenant Colonel (ret) Wes Allen.



For more information you can visit our website, click on the "Warplane Heritage Museum" button or contact:

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Museum

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## Other Upcoming Activities:

[Whiskey Tasting](#)

[Billiards Tournament](#)

[Christmas Gala](#)

To see all activities, go to our website:

Activities

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## In Memoriam

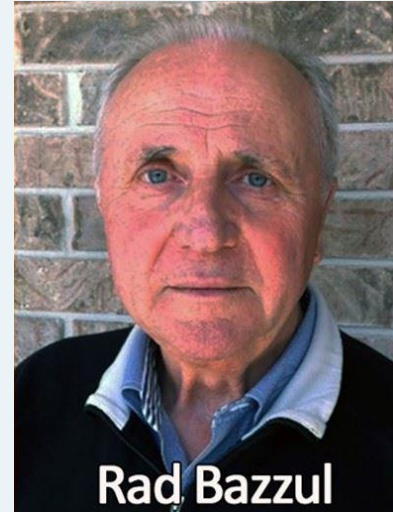
Rad Bazzul passed away on Thursday July 6, 2023 at Wellington Hospice in Guelph after bravely confronting cancer.

Rad's Vignette

Rad was President of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge, 2019/2020 and member of the Management Committee.

He was a joy to work with and always ready to help.

Rad presented his life story to our PROBUS Club in 2017 and you can view it by clicking on the button "Rad's Vignette". A link to his "obituary" is also provided.



Obituary

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You are receiving this email because you are a club member or have expressed an interest in the past.

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