



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

October 3, 2023

As I sit down to write this last message for the newsletter, I will admit to having a bit of mixed feelings. I have certainly enjoyed my year and have been introduced to some wonderful folks, both existing members and through my new member phone calls.

The September meeting also has a segment devoted to an annual meeting. Thanks to Ron Woynarski and Dan Clements, I think we covered everything that had to be done.



- Jim Cook outlined our financial position and the reasons behind the membership fee increase.
- Norm Steele outlined how we doubled the number of activities offered to the members and how well they were attended.
- Bob McBlain then reviewed the change in membership including the passing of 4, the induction of 20 new members and highlighted the sponsors of these new members. The winner having sponsored 4 new members was Norm Steele. Unfortunately, the prize for Norm was safely at home in Bob's briefcase.
- Mike Jeans, our vignette organizer, explained that we are adding recordings of vignettes to our website for viewing by our members, not the public. Only current member vignettes will be provided. Those not wishing to have theirs posted should contact Mike. [Click here to see vignette recordings.](#)

It was my pleasure to express my thanks to all those on the Management Committee as well as the members for their support during my term of office.

Ron Woynarski, as Nominating Chair, presented the slate for the Management Committee for the 2023-24 year and it was approved unanimously, and they took the Pledge of Office. The new Management Committee photos are provided later in this newsletter.

Our new president, Ray Miske, was unable to be present due to previously arranged travel plans. Ray will take his Oath of Office early, and I mean early in the October 25th meeting.

Attendance was a resounding 91 which included 5 guests.

- Norm Steele reported on the success of the War Planes Museum outing, promoted the upcoming Whiskey Tasting and announced that registration is now open for the Christmas Gala (\$75 each, only \$5 more than last year).
- Bob Crawford encouraged the members to come out to the annual billiards tournament on November 17th. You do not need to pre-register; you register when you arrive.
- Peter Hunton promoted the Cambridge Community Players production of Jenny's Place.
- Peter Goudy made the membership aware of a fun event to be hosted by Central Presbyterian Church on October 28th.

The Lunch Bunch was booked at Swiss Chalet and 20 members opted in this month.

Following the break our guest speaker was Dr. Asa Ahimbisibwe. He related his amazing journey of life from growing up in a remote village in Uganda to being a respected obstetrician at Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

His lack of resources from his family led him to attending numerous schools, intermittently as a young person. He has written a book, "Hopeful" that chronicles his journey. All the proceeds from the sale of the book go to the CMH Foundation Fund.

Our next meeting is our annual salute to veterans on October 25th with John Boyko as our guest speaker.

I hope you have a wonderful month.

. . . Bob Howison, Past 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.

Management Committee for 2023-24



Ray Miske
President



Norm Steele
1st Vice-President



Bryon Bates
2nd Vice-President



Bob Howison
Past President



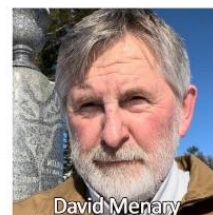
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Dan Clements, Paul Tunks, Mike Jeans



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Chair: Welcome
Committee Members:
George Lee, Bill Babstock

Recording of September 27 Meeting

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

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Dr. Asa Ahimbisibwe's presentation starts at 43:00 minutes

Our guest speaker was Dr. Asa Ahimbisibwe

Despite the extreme poverty he encounter when growing up in Uganda, where education is more of a privilege than priority, his parents decided to break the cycle to give him the chance to pursue his wish to become a doctor.

He shared his story as a tribute to his parents.

Dr. Ahimbisibwe described the challenges he and his family faced and told of many people that helped him along the way. We all gained a better understanding about how another part of the world lives and how through determination, one can find success.

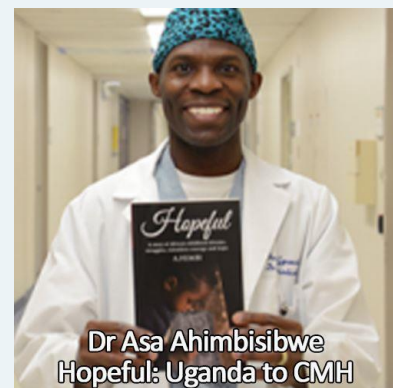
The struggle was much more than monetary, there were also social pressures to be overcome.

His parents succeeded in giving the gift of education. Dr. Ahimbisibwe has no doubt that this was a key part of his success.

His family, originally ridiculed, achieved respect. Dr. Ahimbisibwe pointed out that education transforms not only the one who has it.

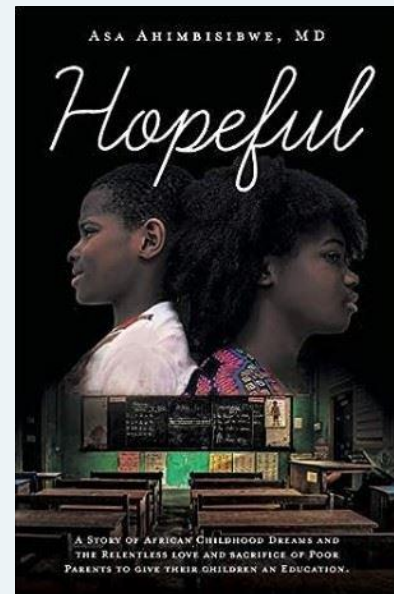
To view Dr. Ahimbisibwe's presentation, click on the "Watch the Meeting Recording" above and go to 43:00 minute mark.

Dr. Ahimbisibwe has published 'Hopeful', a book about the challenges of the many children growing up in developing countries who yearn to have an education. 'Hopeful' is an account of Dr. Ahimbisibwe and his

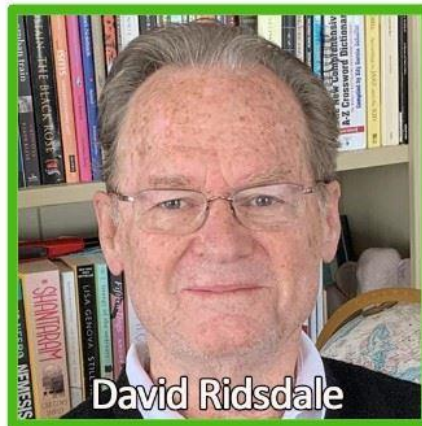


cousin who, born in disadvantaged villages in Uganda, embark on the uphill task of changing their lives, but end up in completely different places.

Dr. Ahimbisibwe has set a goal of raising \$10,000 for CMHF through his book proceeds.



Milestones

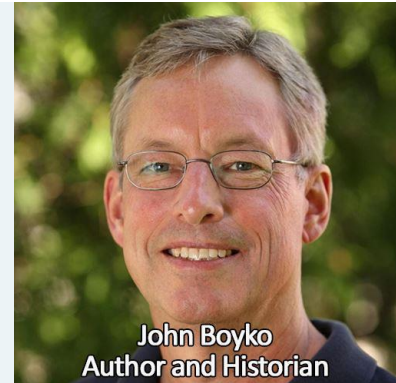


Our October 25 meeting is our annual salute to Veterans and our speaker will be John Boyko

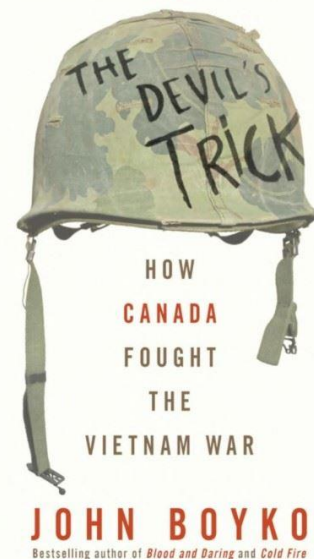
John's most recent book is "The Devil's Trick: How Canada Fought the Vietnam War".

Forty-five years after the fall of Saigon, John Boyko brings to light the little-known story of Canada's involvement in the American War in Vietnam.

Through the lens of six remarkable people, some well-known, others obscure, bestselling historian John Boyko recounts Canada's often-overlooked involvement in that conflict as peacemaker, combatant, and provider of weapons and sanctuary.



"Boyko lays bare the lies and lessons of a foreign war that bled into Canadian society"
TIM COOK



Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum

We had a large PROBUS group in attendance on September 20 for our guided tour. In fact, we were provided with three guides so we could have small groups of 7 people with each guide.

In addition to the regular guides, Lieutenant Colonel (ret) Wes Allen met with each of the groups for interesting discussions. He literally had hands on experience having flown the actual CF-101 Voodoo jet that we saw as part of the ground display.



Upcoming Activities:

Register online or see Mark Maloney at our next meeting.

Whiskey Tasting

October 17, 2023 starting at 1 pm in Tapestry Hall we will have whiskey tasting.

Come early and check out Tapestry Hall, a fantastic new venue in Cambridge.

For more information you can visit our website, click on the "Whiskey Tasting" button or contact:

Norm Steel, steelenorm013@gmail.com

(519) 212-0303



Whiskey Tasting

Billiards Tournament

On November 17 from 1200 PM to 3:00 PM we will have our annual Billiards Tournament at Chicago Billiards.

Come at 12 noon (doors open) for lunch before playing. Or, come at 1 pm just for the billiards tournament.

No registration required in advance, just come. This event is for all skill levels, we have them all!

Win or lose, a fun event!

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Billiards Tournament

Christmas Gala

On December 8 we will have our Christmas Gala from 11 am to 3 pm at the Galt Country Club, 750 Coronation Boulevard.



Great live entertainment background with the Paul Mitchell Ensemble before and during the meal. One hour musical show after the meal.

Paul Mitchell Ensemble - Nicole Faye (singer), Paul Mitchell (trumpet), Robert Fekete (piano), Matthew Lima (bass), Mike Rajna (drummer)

Christmas Gala

If you wish, you can request to share a table with friends. Enjoy a traditional turkey meal, braised beef short rib, or butternut squash ravioli (vegan), a dessert and coffee/tea. Cash bar available.

Ongoing Activities:

The Computer Club resumes this month, October 11th, after an extended summer break. As usual, discussions will address questions from those in attendance. In addition, this month Mark will provide information on how PROBUS is creating our own WiFi at the Portuguese Club that has no internet connection and evaluation of a tablet that converts handwriting to typed (digital) information.

[Computer Club](#)

[Billiards Club](#)

[Trivia Contest](#)

[Bridge Club](#)

To see all activities, go to our website:

Activities



PROBUS Canada

2023 Photo Contest

October is National PROBUS Month! How better to show off our wonderful PROBUS organization than with photos demonstrating how our members create friendship, fellowship, and fun!

All PROBUS members are invited to go through their photo archives or to pick up their camera or phone to capture the best in PROBUS. Show their happy faces, in interesting settings, doing fun things, and with gorgeous colors!

We have only modest prizes to give but, of course, offer bragging rights for having your work used prominently in the PROBUS Canada website, in any club website, or in a variety of marketing material such as flyers and bookmarks.

We don't look for quantity but for quality, so be judicious in what you send us!

For the best photos we will need to come back to their photographers and ask them to provide names and email addresses of all identifiable persons. We will then reach out to them to get their consent.

You can upload your photos or email:

You can upload your photos using the button below, however, this option requires you to use a Google account, e.g. an email address ending in @gmail.com

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[Upload Photos](#)

You can email your photo(s) as email attachment(s) to photos@probuscanada.ca.

Your email provider likely limits the size of attachments, typically around 20 MB.

Recommendations

- Submit your photos in their highest resolution
- Do not crop or resize your photos
- Photos can only be accepted in standard image formats, e.g. JPEG, PNG, etc.
- Take note of names and email addresses of all identifiable people in your photo(s). We can only use your photo(s) after we have collected everyone's consent.

Submissions to this Photo Competition can be made until November 30, 2023!

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

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