



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

February 5, 2023

The Club met on the last day of January – a cloudy somewhat dismal looking morning – but the roads were clear, and we had 86 members in attendance plus several guests.

The Club happily celebrated John Wright's 100th birthday. John is the second longest serving member of our club, joining in 1991.

He was born in the UK and was the first person in his town to attend university, from which he graduated with a Professional Engineering degree. John is a WW2 veteran, posted with the rank of captain, to India.

Upon discharge, John joined Babcock & Wilcox in London, followed with assignments here in Cambridge, and then Brazil and Mexico. 1970 found John back here in Cambridge where he worked until retirement for the Ontario Government at the Ministry of Consumer and Industrial Relations.

John has two sons, Ian and Graham, who accompanied him to the celebration.

In more active times John enjoyed sports such as field hockey, tennis, and golf. Other interests included amateur drama and water colour painting.

Adam Cooper, Counsellor and acting Mayor, and Martin Capper, President of PROBUS Canada brought congratulations and certificates from the city of Cambridge and PROBUS Canada.



Members enjoyed a huge birthday cake at break time as we wished John the best.

We all enjoyed Tom LeBrun's interview with our Regional Police Chief Mark Crowell. It was obvious that Tom had spent considerable time and effort preparing for this well constructed interview with thoughtful and searching questions.



The Police Chief is an upfront, honest, caring individual. His responses were interesting, informative, intelligent, and clear. We are fortunate to have this man as our Police Chief.

. . . Ray Miske, 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 January 31 Meeting

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

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Tom LeBrun interview with Waterloo Regional Police Chief Mark Crowell starts at the 31:51 minute mark.

Tom LeBrun interview with Waterloo Regional Police Chief Mark Crowell



Our guest, Waterloo Regional Police Chief Mark Crowell, confidently responded to questions from Tom LeBrun. We were treated to a very informative and entertaining discussion.

Tom's wit and humor were apparent from his opening words and Mark comfortably responded addressing each question and maintaining a sense of informality and humor.

Topics discussed included recruiting, legislative requirements, staffing, budgeting, teamwork, and many more. Each topic was clearly addressed providing us with a better understanding of policing.

Mark pointed out the importance of creative solutions and dealing with a changing environment. The future in our region is likely to bring dramatic changes with respect to technology, communication, and population growth.

You can view the video recording by clicking on the "Watch the Meeting Recording" button above or the "Watch the Last Meeting" on our [web site](#), Tom LeBrun's

interview with Waterloo Regional Police Chief Mark Crowell starts at the 31:51 minute mark.

Tom mentioned that there was a series of seven videos issued by the Waterloo Regional Police on various topics. Below are links of each of the episodes, just click on the subject to view each video.

[Episode 1: Past, Present, and Future](#)

[Episode 2: Chiefs of Police](#)

[Episode 3: Volunteers: Crime Stoppers, Chorus, Band, and Auxiliary](#)

[Episode 4: Women in Policing](#)

[Episode 5: Victim Services, Emergency Response, Canine Unit, and Fraud](#)

[Episode 6: Patrol and Traffic Services](#)

[Episode 7: Community & WRPS](#)

Management Committee Changes

The Management Committee has appointed Jerome Amlinger as our second VP to replace Keith Rivers who is stepping away for a year due to a health issue.

Dave Menary, our Communications Chair, has stepped down due to a timing conflict with his new part time job. We are looking for a new Chair to actively spread the word in Cambridge about our PROBUS Club.

As one of our new members recently said “We are the best kept secret in Cambridge”. We would like to change that. If you think you might be able to help us or if you know someone who can, please let us know.

ACTIVITIES

Register for activities online or sign up for assistance at our next meeting.

Lunch and Beer Tasting

If you are not already registered for the beer tasting event February 21, don't delay, registration cut off date is February 9th.

Enjoy an afternoon at the Foundry Tavern (bar) where Brew master Geoff will explain how beer is made and how the different tastes are created with 5 beers interspersed with lunch. Geoff is the one who created and crafted all the beer varieties that the Foundry Brewery produces.

You can bring up to 3 guests. A wait list will be in place once capacity is reached.

Butterfly Conservatory Experience

On March 20th starting at 11:30 am a conservatory specialist will talk to us followed by lunch in the dining room and then a self-guided tour of the indoor Butterfly Conservatory.

You can bring up to 3 guests. A wait list will be in place once capacity is reached.

Cambridge Community Players - The Mousetrap

Join us and bring a guest for a world famous play performed by our own Cambridge Community Players. The Mousetrap is the world's longest running play!

Prior to the play, at noon, we will have lunch in a private room at the theatre followed by a short history of Galt Little Theater/Cambridge Community Players and then talk with Mallory Carson, the director.

Beer Tasting

look - smell - sip - enjoy



Beer Tasting
Registration



Butterfly Conservatory
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CCP The Mousetrap
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Other Upcoming 2024 Activities:

Register online or sign up for assistance at our next meeting.

[Mohawk Raceway](#), with dinner, May 25

[Toronto Blue Jays vs Baltimore Orioles](#) bus trip and optional dinner, June 6

[Dunnville Grand River Cruise](#), with lunch, Blazing Fiddles and river cruise, July 24

[Golf Tournament](#) at Puslinch Lake Golf Club, August 21

[Warren Stauch Bus Tour](#), September

[Hamilton Theatre](#), with lunch, tour, talk and matinee, October

[Billiards Tournament](#) at Chicago Billiards, November 15

[Christmas Gala](#) at Galt Country Club, December 6

Ongoing Activities:

[Billiards Club](#), 3rd Friday monthly year round Chicago Billiards at the delta

[Trivia Contest](#), 3rd Wednesday each month on Zoom Sept to June

[Bridge Club](#), Tuesday every 2 weeks Sept to June

[Visit here for more information about all Activities](#)

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