



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

December 1, 2021

Who knew that a simple thing like serving coffee again would have such a huge impact. Those in attendance at our November meeting were noticeably more animated, jovial and talkative – a very good sign. We have made one small step towards the ‘new normal’ whatever that means.



We introduced something new at this meeting – celebrating milestone birthdays. Ian Sinclair turned 80 this month.

Norm Steele gave a wonderful presentation – sharing so much about his life, while keeping us entertained. He even gave an honorable mention to lawyers.

Paul Langan our guest speaker provided us with the details of the Galt Train Crash in 1956. Something most of us have heard about, but few knew the details. Once again, lawyers were mentioned.

"Let's kill all the lawyers" is a line from William Shakespeare's Henry VI

Its lucky that William wasn't in our crowd on Wednesday as we had an abundance of lawyers in the crowd.

Lastly, on our journey forward, we resumed the Lunch Bunch at the Gator's Tail.

We are cautiously optimistic for the future.

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.

. . . Ron Woynarski, President

Recording of November 24 Meeting

Click on the 'Watch the Meeting Recording' button below to view our last meeting recording. Once started, you can skip ahead to one of these segments:

10:15 Norm Steele's vignette

31:20 Paul Langan's guest speaker presentation about "Tragedy in Galt"

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Marsha Jaworski Registered Massage Therapist Osteopathy

Good Balance – The Key to Empowered Health

Marsha is guest speaker at our January 26 meeting.

Good balance is essential for injury prevention, sport performance, everyday activities and maintaining independence as we age.

Learn about the complexity of postural control and easy strategies to improve your balance.



Marsha Jaworski
RMT and Osteopathy

Falls are the number one preventable injury sustained by Canadians every year.

Paul Langan Local Author and Historian

Paul was our guest speaker on November 24 - he's a member of our club!

His presentation was based on his book, Tragedy in Galt - The May 2nd, 1956 CP Rail Crash.

On May 2nd, 1956 at 6:30pm, Canadian Pacific steam doubleheader "through" freight train #903 left Toronto with 40 cars.

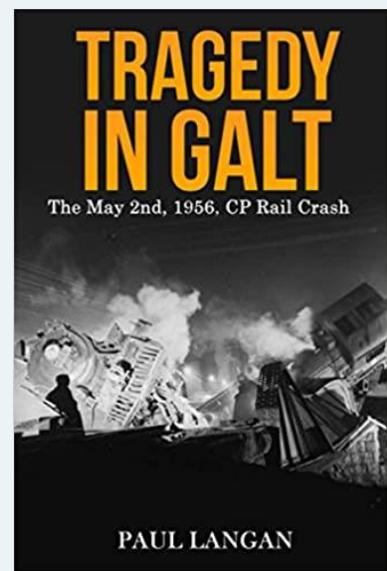
It was heading for Windsor and was two hours and thirty minutes late. After arriving at Guelph Junction, #903 was delayed one hour further.

At the Galt CPR station, extra or "slow" steam doubleheader train #5186 was in the siding. The slow freight train had dropped off 14 cars in Galt.

A couple of human errors resulted in a horrific crash.

The impact of the crash caused the Canadian Pacific Railway overpass, a heavy steel-girder bridge, to collapse onto Water Street, the two engines of #903 plunging to the street.

A sad tale with a number of audience members adding their memories of this tragic event.



Paul's presentation starts at the 31:20 minute mark of the Watch the Meeting Recording button above.

Norm Steele's Vignette

Norm was born in Chatham, Ontario 74 years ago and he's the youngest of five boys. He and his wife, Arlene, have two boys and four grandchildren.

Steele family roots include some colourful characters who emigrated to New Jersey in the 1770's. The history includes being tarred and feathered and wanted dead of alive because of British loyalty. The family settled in the Niagara area after the revolution.



Graduating Ryerson in Hotel, Restaurant and Resort Administration in 1968, Norm spent 30 years managing hotels including the Constellation at Toronto airport.

Ownership was the objective and he created an interim management/turnaround specialty business in 1980 – at its height managing 27 different business units at the same time.

He met his wife when he took over the Long John Silvers restaurants. They were poised to open 13 more Long John's when the bank decided not to provide funding due to the American franchisor's financial difficulties. The restaurants closed and Norm's hospitality years ended.

Norm and Arlene raised sheep and purebred Golden Retrievers on their farm for 20 years, and enjoyed motorcycling for over 40 years.

In 1995 Norm joined Mutual Life (now Sun Life) and opened The Steele Group Financial in 2000, which is now successfully operated by his eldest son, Cliff.

Norm and Arlene's youngest son, Carl, was decorated for military service in Afghanistan.

Norm is also very proud of his Rotary years and his role helping form PROBUS Club #1, as well as other charitable interests.

Watch out for Scammers

The more informed you are about scams, the better you can avoid being fooled. Multiple times a day we receive scams by phone or on our computers.

There was an excellent article by Jill Summerhayes in “Cambridge Today”. It provides examples of several common scams, advice on identifying scams and suggestions to avoid being scammed.

It is worth reading or listening to it. Just click on the link below. If you want listen to the article, there is a play button and it is less than 6 minutes.

OPINION: Watch out for Scammers



Christmas Gala

Portuguese Club

Thursday, December 9 at 11:30am

The registration deadline has passed for this terrific event!

If you have not registered but are interested in attending - call Richard Shanks at 416-931-4306 or Colin Brighton at 416-294-9392 and ask about any last-minute openings.

Trivia Contest

Dennis Souder hosted the Trivia Contest on November 17. Peter Hunton won with 33 correct answers out of 50 questions.

Discussions amongst ourselves is all part of the fun.

Miles Lauzon calculated that with 50 questions, each with 4 possible answers, there was 90% chance of having 18 correct just by randomly selection. We were all relieved that most, if not all of us, had 20 or more correct.

Next month, December 15, will be our last Trivia Contest for 2021.

To register for our monthly Trivia Contest activity, you must first log in to [our web site](#), then visit the Activities section, find the Trivia Contest item and click the Register button.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

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