



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

March 1, 2022

After a false start at the end of 2021, it was a delight to meet in person once again – so many smiling faces. It proves that you don't appreciate what you have until it is gone. The turnout of 57 members far exceeded expectations and confirms that we are ready to move forward.



We were pleased that our new members, John Edgar, Jim Dyer and Ron McFarlane were in attendance and were welcomed by the membership. Although Bob Brown celebrated his 80th birthday this month, he was celebrating in the warmth of Florida and was not in attendance.

Colin Brighton brought us up to speed with upcoming activities which are planned and/or scheduled. Another sign that we are getting going again. And Bob McBlain announced that our membership is strong and has survived the challenges of the past two years.

Colin Brighton delivered an excellent vignette with many entertaining anecdotes of his life.

Our guest speaker, Joe-Ann McComb is clearly passionate about her work with the Kinbridge Community Association. Although she pointed out that the Association's values are very similar to PROBUS – people, relationships, inclusion and celebration – they are clearly working on the front lines bringing to together people, programs and facilities. And as their programs expand, it is clear that the need is ever increasing.

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 February 23 Meeting

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

Joe-Ann McComb's presentation begins at the 28:07 minute mark.

Colin Brighton's vignette begins at the 12:45 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Joe-Ann McComb, Executive Director of the Kinbridge Community Association was our February speaker

Joe-Ann McComb was our guest speaker on February 23.

Joe-Ann has been the Executive Director of the [Kinbridge Community Association](#) in Cambridge for the past 11 years.

Joe-Ann leads a team who actively engages and empowers community through positive relationship building and the facilitation of programs and services that embrace equity, inclusion and diversity.

Her volunteerism and professional career in the nonprofit sector gives her 30 years of experience committed to community development with all ages from pre-birth to seniors, meeting people where they are at.



Joe-Ann passionately engages community in creating a neighbourhood of belonging.

[Kinbridge Community Association](#)

Her presentation finished with a video from the Fall Picnic held by their [Cambridge Newcomer Outreach Program](#).

To view her presentation, click on the WATCH LAST MEETING button above and go to the 28:07 minute mark.

February Vignette

Colin Brighton entertained us with stories about his life.

Colin's father worked as an anodizer in England and was asked by his employer to set up a subsidiary company in Canada or Australia. He chose to go to Canada and 6 months later his family joined him including 16-month-old Colin.

In spite of bureaucratic challenges stemming back to an error on his admission form when he arrived in Canada, he eventually became a Canadian citizen.

At age 20 Colin was diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes and at 30 became part of a very successful medical study using insulin pumps. 36 years later he is still part of the study.

Colin, like his father, became an anodizer. When his father decided to retire, Colin took over the business.

He ran the business until he "sold" it to his favourite customer.

A summary of Colin's vignette does not do it justice, you should click on the WATCH LAST MEETING button above and watch the recording of his vignette which starts at the 12:45 minute mark.





Vaccinations Still Required

The PROBUS Club of Cambridge still requires members to be fully vaccinated when attending in person meetings. The Board has decided to maintain this requirement at least through March.

Karen Redman will be our March Guest

Karen Redman is the Chair of the Waterloo Regional Council, having been elected in the October 22, 2018 municipal election.

Karen has been dedicated to public service for more than 20 years. She has represented the community at several levels of government including federal, municipal and the board of education. Prior to being elected as Chair, she served on Regional Council as a representative for the City of Kitchener.

Karen has a Master's degree in Political Science, as well as an Honour's Bachelor's degree in English.

Among her professional endeavours, Karen served as Chief Executive Officer at Habitat for Humanity Waterloo Region from 2010 to 2018.



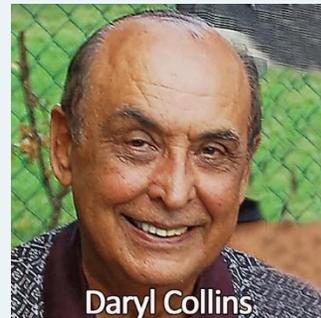
Karen Redman will respond to a series of questions from member Tom Lebrun followed by questions from our members in attendance.

In other community activities, Karen has served as Chair of the Independent Living Centre of Waterloo Region, President of the Rotary Club of Kitchener 2014-2015 and a Board Member of Martin Lutheran University College (formerly Waterloo Lutheran Seminary). Karen is also an elder at St. Andrew's Presbyterian church in Kitchener. Karen is the recipient of the Queens Jubilee Medal and the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal.

Next Vignette

We are looking forward to Daryl Collins vignette at the March meeting. He will share his background and past experiences with us.

. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair



Daryl Collins

Special April Meeting

In our April meeting we have a lot to celebrate.

April is PROBUS month and PROBUS Canada will be represented at the meeting by our District Director Martin Capper.

Also, we are celebrating one of our members, Ivan Robinson, who is turning 100 years old!!

Lunch will be provided including. No cost involved. There will also be a cash bar. Please stay after the meeting and participate!

We will be asking everyone at our next meeting if they are planning on attending and staying for lunch so we know how much food to order.



Member Profiles

Now would be a good time to check your profile on our web site and make any corrections.

If your phone number, e-mail address, street address changes it is very important that you update your profile. We want to be able to stay in touch with you.

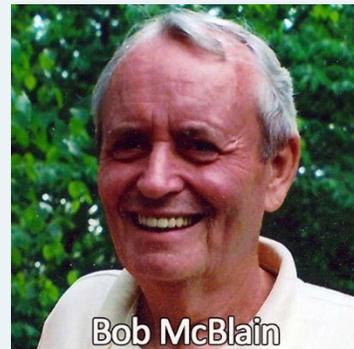
Whether you want to check that your profile is correct or need to make changes, it is easy to do.

On the top right of the home page of our website you will see a button "My Profile". When you click on the button you will see your profile. Just click on "Edit Profile" near the top left of the profile.

When you are finished, don't forget to click on "Save".

If you are unable to update your profile on the website, just give me a call at 519-621-9149

. . . Bob McBlain, Membership Chair





Lunch Bunch at Kelsey's - February Meeting

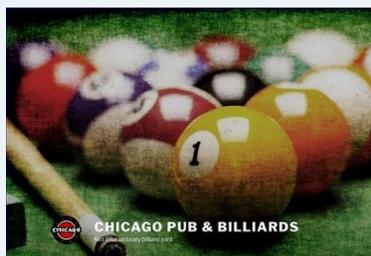
Upcoming Activities

Billiards is starting up again on Friday, March 18th.
Join us for some fun!

Meet at Chicago Billiards at the Delta. Come for 12 noon if you'd like lunch before billiards. Come for 1 pm for billiards.

Registration is easy:

- On our web site click on the Activities menu item
- Find the Billiards activity and click on Register
- Follow instructions
- Once you click on "Confirm" you will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration



Activities

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Colin Brighton, 519-267-1182

Trivia Contest

40 questions were presented on February 19th with a multiple choice answer sheet. Congratulations to this months winner, Miles Lauzon.

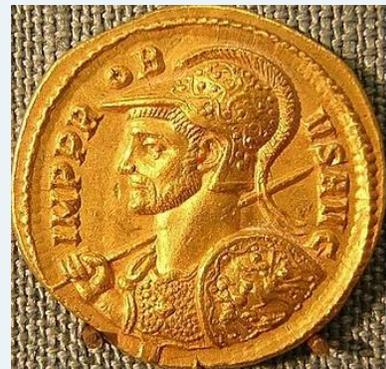
We had an active discussion on some of the questions and some of the answers too. Did you know there was a Roman Emperor Marcus Aurelius Probus? He was originally a successful general and then a competent administrator when he was emperor from 276 to 282.

We meet the third Wednesday of of the month. Our next game will be at 10 am March 16th.

All are welcome. 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.

. . . Mark Maloney, 519-241-0349

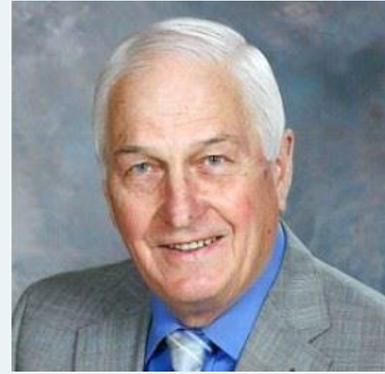


Roman Emperor Probus

In Memoriam

Bill Schneider, a former member of our club, passed away peacefully on February 4, 2022.

Much of his career was at Babcock & Wilcox doing pioneering work in the area of nuclear steam generators. He enjoyed skiing, sailing and restoring the family's heritage home.



[Obituary information is available here.](#)

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

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