



# PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

July 4, 2022

Our meeting got off to a great start with an uplifting video in honor of Canada Day following by an inspiring rendition of O Canada.

We must remember that everything is relative when we find that we are having a Bad Day. We were entertained by a short video showing how bad a Bad Day can really be.



Our guests included Professor Mark Rector (our guest speaker), his wife Lee, Pat Ramcharitar and Allan Antcliffe.

The future of our club is new members, and we were fortunate to induct into membership Frank Dobbin, sponsored by Raymond Morrissette. I hope that all members will reach out and welcome Frank.

Sadly, Donald (Bruce) Murray who was a member and past president of our club passed away in June. A link to his obituary is provided in this Newsletter.

Our new management committee will be sworn in at the September meeting. We are still looking for a Club Secretary and encourage anyone interested to speak to myself or Peter Hunton.

Miles Lauzon has done an excellent job organizing what may be regarded as one of the premier golf events in southwestern Ontario – our very own PROBUS Golf Tournament at Grand Valley to be held on August 24th. Please register as soon as possible.

And reservations are filling up fast for our September 13th outing to watch the Toronto Blue Jays. If you have any questions, please speak to Norm Steele or Bob Howison.

Paul Tunks presented a short introduction to the Jubilee Souvenir of Galt – a fascinating pictorial history of Galt 125 years ago. A link to the entire document appears later in this newsletter.

Jim Dyer presented his vignette and gave us a glimpse of the fascinating personal and business life that he has lived. His sense of adventure was evident in the pictures of the many places that he has sailed throughout his life.

We had an incredible send off for Canada Day – listening to Professor Mark Rector regale us with pictures and stories of the many Canadian inventors, inventions, and firsts in technology and industry which inspired us all to be proud to be Canadian. He was informative, entertaining but most of all inspiring.

You can view the entire meeting by clicking on the button “Watch the Meeting Recording” below.

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.

Hope you had a Happy Canada Day

. . . Ron Woynarski, President

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## **Recording of June 29 Meeting**

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

Jim Dyer's vignette begins at the 15:19 minute mark.

Our guest speaker, Mark Rector begins at the 34:34 minute mark.

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

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## Guest Speaker on June 29

Mark Rector informed and entertained us with examples of inventions by Canadians that advanced world technology. Canada is truly “Our Home and Inventive Land”

Mark Rector is a retired communications Professor from Humber College. He has spent 18 years researching Canadian innovation and is a proud Canadian.

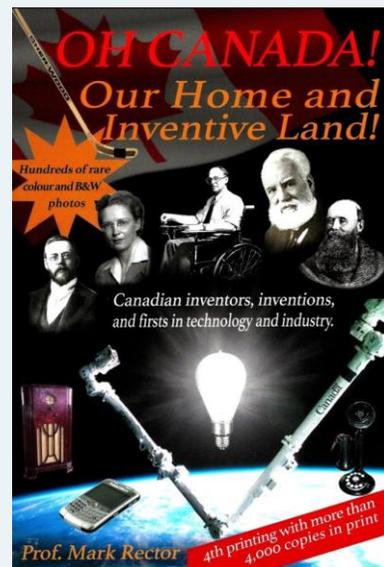
We learned that the incandescent lightbulb was patented in Canada in 1874 by Woodward and Evans, solving the problem with short filament life. In 1879 Thomas Edison purchased the rights from them and became famous as the inventor of the lightbulb.

Alexander Graham Bell was a prolific inventor. We all recognize him as the inventor of the telephone which he conceived along the Grand River in Brantford. He had many contributions that you are probably not aware of.

He gave the rights to manufacture phones in Canada to his father and the company eventually become Nortel. In 2000, 75% of all internet traffic travelled through a piece of Nortel equipment.

The Wright brothers had the first short flights but had issues with controlled flight leading to crashes. Alexander Graham Bell and the Aerial Experimentation Association addressed the control problem resulting in a patent for ailerons. With the addition of these control flaps, they were able to consistently fly several kilometers around Baddeck Lake in Nova Scotia.

Those are just a few of the examples Mark Rector provided in his presentation. You can view the



<http://professormarkrector.com/>

entire presentation by clicking on the “Watch the Meeting Recording” button above and go to the 34:34 minute mark.

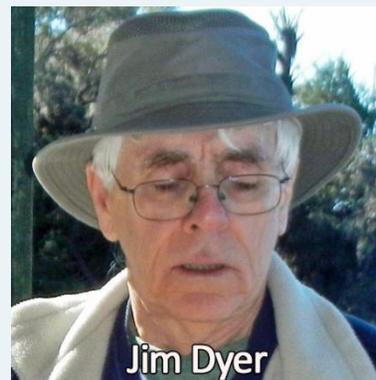
Mark Rector’s book “Oh Canada! Our Home and Inventive Land!” provides many more examples and much more detail.

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### **Jim Dyer's Vignette**

Jim Dyer grew up in Sutton, Quebec. The highlights from High School were winning the 1963 Sherbrooke Regional Science Fair and discovering the banjo.

In 1967 he went to Macdonald College of McGill University and earned a B.Sc. in agriculture in 1972. An M.Sc. from Guelph University followed.



Jim’s first real job in 1976 was a climate data analyst for Agriculture Canada (AAFC) in Ottawa. In 1980 he became a drought analyst which took him across Canada and abroad, including nine African nations and three international meetings on food security as Canada’s representative.

In 1991 Jim became the Environmental Assessment trainer for AAFC and in 1995 taught an impact assessment course at a Ukrainian agricultural college. He was seconded to Canada’s Biodiversity Convention negotiating team for the 1996 COP in Buenos Aires.

He took early retirement in 1997 and did environmental consulting part-time until 2018, winning an award for his work on insect pollinators in 2006. Jim also published many papers on the carbon footprint of agriculture.

After learning to sail on the Ottawa River and Lake Ontario, Jim and Donna bought a bigger sailboat and headed south, reaching Florida by January 1999 and The Bahamas by late February. They returned to The Bahamas the next winter and sailed to Cuba in 2005.

In the intervening years they cruised the Florida Cays and west coast. In December 2008 they sailed from Fort Myers to Mexico, down the Yucatan coast to Belize, and up the Rio Dulce into Guatemala by early 2010. Several cruises back to Belize followed before they sold their boat and came home to Cambridge in 2015.

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## Guest Speaker on July 29

Dr Sharon Bal was honoured with a 2021 Award of Excellence for her community and medical leadership by the Ontario College of Family Physicians.

The College of Family Physicians of Canada Awards of Excellence recognize family doctors for exceptional achievement in the specialty of family medicine in the previous 24 months. Nominations come from peers or the public to the provincial chapter of which the nominee is a member.



Dr. Bal is no stranger to rolling up her sleeves to make a difference. From the early days of proposal development, Dr. Bal has been actively involved in the design and implementation of the Cambridge North Dumfries Ontario Health Team (OHT). For the past several years, she has been working to engage her physician colleagues and develop strong partnerships across various sectors to promote the importance of creating one seamless, integrated healthcare team to improve community care. In the year leading up to the creation of the OHT, Dr. Bal rallied colleagues to implement best practices and support surge planning – all to establish a more responsive primary care system. Her strong person-centered, team approach has made her a trusted leader in Waterloo-Wellington’s evolving system.

Dr. Bal was tapped by Ontario Health to oversee the local COVID-19 response in long-term care and retirement homes. She has fearlessly entered facilities considered destabilized and unsafe, as needed to assess residents and help ensure their clinical needs could be met – no doubt making a difference to outcomes in these homes and saving lives. As the primary care contact for the region’s COVID-19 response, Dr. Bal has advocated for primary care involvement in testing and vaccination. She also ensured populations with the greatest vulnerabilities were not overlooked, working to support Indigenous community-led

efforts around testing and vaccines, as well as collaborating with outreach workers to support local shelters, including during outbreaks.

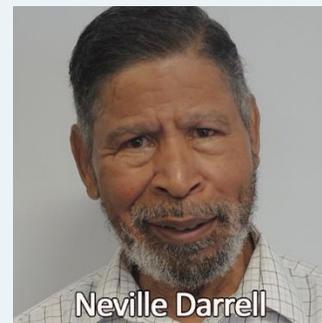
A passionate advocate for accessibility to quality care for vulnerable populations, Dr. Bal also works to advance equity, diversity, and inclusion in medicine. As co-chair of OMA Women, gender pay gap, ally-ship, women in leadership and mentoring of early-career women physicians are among the topics addressed in committee outreach and programs.

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## July Vignette

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.

Neville Darrell will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our July meeting.



. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair

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*Welcome to our club!*



Frank Dobbin was born in Halifax where his father was stationed with the Royal Canadian Navy. The family's roots date back to 1785 when they were granted 200 acres of land in New Brunswick.

The Dobbins later moved to Guelph where Frank obtained his B.A. in Economics from the University of Guelph, followed by an M.B.A. from Queens University.

His work experience included marketing, planning, and forecasting with Hudson Bay Company, Gulf Oil, Pillsbury Products, and Panasonic. The last 20 years of his career was in sales and marketing in the greeting-card industry.

Frank has volunteered with: Junior Achievement, Cancer Society, Heart and Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis and Kiwanis.

He and his wife Katherine live in Hespeler and dote on their granddaughter. His other current interests are watching plays, listening to symphonies and opera, and now PROBUS.



## **Annual Golf Tournament**

August 24, 2022

Grand Valley Golf Club

Tee Times beginning at 12 NOON

Dinner and Prizes at 5:30 PM

The best ball format makes this a fun event for golfers of all skill levels. PROBUS members are welcome to bring guests. A good way to introduce a friend to the fellowship of PROBUS.

Green fees with one half cart rental are the same as last year: \$45.00 payable directly to the golf club at check in. Pay for your own dinner from the menu.

No need to pay in advance for this event, but [please register](#) as soon as possible. Knowing the number of participants early enables us to work effectively with the Grand Valley Club to plan a successful day.

Let's look forward to meeting old friends and making new ones.

### Golf Tournament

For assistance with registering or any questions, please contact Miles Lauzon, golf tournament chair, at 519-267-8183 or [mileslauzon@rogers.com](mailto:mileslauzon@rogers.com) . He will guide you through the registration process or, if you prefer, register for you.

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## Blue Jays Event

BLUE JAYS Day for our Club is September 13th.

We have reserved a block of tickets so you can have up to three adult guests join you.

The bus leaves the RONA store parking lot on Eagle Street, just east of Hespeler Road at 11:00 am for a 1:07 pm game against the Tampa Bay Rays.

The game ends about 4 pm and our bus takes us home to Cambridge. There is an optional dinner at a Cambridge restaurant at your own expense (restaurant TBD)

Tickets, including the bus trip to and from, are \$80 per person and reservations/payment can be made on the club website. Simply click on the Blue Jays button to the right, under the Blue Jays logo. Or you can pay at our monthly meeting.

On the web currently, the ticket prices for the Third Base Line (where our block of tickets is located) are going for over \$80 --- if you plan on attending, please book soon.



Blue Jays

For more information, assistance with registering or additional guest tickets (you can bring more than 3 guests if you wish), please contact:

. . . Norm Steele, [steelenorm013@gmail.com](mailto:steelenorm013@gmail.com),  
(519) 212-0303

## Billiards

Whether you are an experienced player or wanting to learn the game you are welcome to join us at Chicago Billiards (at the Delta) on the 3rd Friday of every month.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Colin Brighton, 519-267-1182



Billiards

**Help us eliminate single use coffee cups and water bottles.  
Bring your own reusable coffee cups and water bottles to our meetings.**

### Quick Facts

6.5 million trees cut down each year!  
4 billion gallons of water wasted per year!  
Enough energy to power 54,000 homes  
wasted per year!

Use your own reusable mug at  
coffee shops!

And..

Help reduce the amount of:

1. Trees cut down
2. Gallons of water wasted
3. Energy wasted

& Get small discounts at  
coffee shops!



Paper Cup



16 Billion Paper Cups per Year!

Reusable Mug



You can use just one!



## Galt 125 Years Ago

John Reid and Murray Mills suggested that we share with all our members a historic document “Jubilee Souvenir of Galt” that was published in 1897. It provides comprehensive information on businesses, people, buildings, organizations, and views of Galt from 125 years ago.

Galt residents had the foresight to record what it was like in 1897 for others in the future. In the opening words they state that the Jubilee Souvenir of Galt was “published in order that a record of the past may be of interest to those who now are occupying the places.....”

Click on the button below to explore the “Jubilee Souvenir of Galt”. The facts and images provide a snapshot of Galt recorded over a century ago.

[Galt 125 Years Ago](#)

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## In Memoriam

Donald "Bruce" Murray passed away peacefully on June 17, 2022 at age 86.

He was a former President of the PROBUS Club of Cambridge.

[Obituary information is available here](#)



## PROBUS CANADA "NEWSLETTER"

Check out the latest PROBUS Canada Newsletter.

[PROBUS Canada June 2022 Newsletter](#)



## PROBUS Global Newsletter



Check out the latest PROBUS Global Newsletter. Page 2 has an article on "Loneliness and PROBUS".

[PROBUS Global July 2022 Newsletter](#)

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