



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

November 2, 2022

October's meeting was once again devoted primarily to honouring veterans, particularly those who are members of our club. Included in that group was Marion White as an invited guest. Marion is a member of the Cambridge Riverside club and I believe the only vet in her club so each year she is invited to attend this meeting and be recognized with our members who served.



Dan Clements once again showed why he is such a valued member of this club. Two days before the meeting Dan found out our scheduled guest speaker had to cancel due to a serious hockey injury. This got Dan scrambling but Dan's tentacles are spread far and wide and so he was able to make a phone call, to someone who turned him down, but provided another name.

Malcolm Kelly was an excellent replacement. His presentation of "Aviation in the 30's and The Boys of the RCAF" was enthusiastic, informative and at times humorous and finished with a sobering story.

John Neu, given the topic of "Memories of War" and 10-minute slot, shared a very personal and life changing event for him. He was left with the question of how one human could treat another human in such a malicious way. The experience also left John with what we now know as PTSD, from which he thankfully treated for and recovered.

Both of John's and Malcolm's presentations are worth a watch if you were unable to be present.

Attendance was reported at 100 so that is great.

Hope to see all those and others on November 30th

. . . Bob Howison, 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 October 26 Meeting

Click on the button to view our last meeting recording.

John Neu's presentation begins at the 12:45 minute mark.

Malcolm Kelly's presentation begins at the 38:00 minute mark

[Watch the Meeting Recording](#)

Memories of War

John Neu shared with us a life changing experience from World War 2.

In 1945 he was in the second group of Canadian soldiers sent to Bergen-Belsen shortly after the liberation of the camp. The War had not yet ended.

Belsen was a holding camp, not an elimination camp. Prisoners were being held with the possibility of exchanging them for German soldiers.

When John's group arrived, there were dead lying all over and in some areas stacked 2 or 3 high. German food supplies were nearby, but the commandant was not allowed to distribute the food to the prisoners.

There had already been 11 graves with over 9,000 people buried. Yet, an additional mass grave had to be dug using a bulldozer.



John said he “had no idea that human beings could treat each other the way those people were treated”.

The situation was horrific and after the experience, John suffered from what we now call PTSD from which he was treated and recovered.

Everyone was deeply moved and it was difficult to resume the meeting.

Aviation in the 30's and the boys of the RCAF

Our guest speaker was Malcolm Kelly who spoke about the adventure and danger of aviation in the 1930s, how it created a generation of young flying fans who then joined the air force and went through their tutoring with the British Commonwealth Air Training Plan.

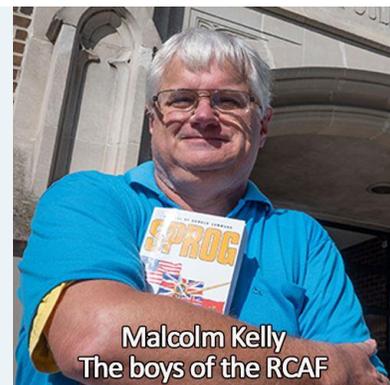
He dedicated his talk to two sons of Galt who were in the RCAF and were killed during World War 2.

Malcolm informed and entertained us with several interesting aviation stories. Many of them with ties to Canada and some from around the world.

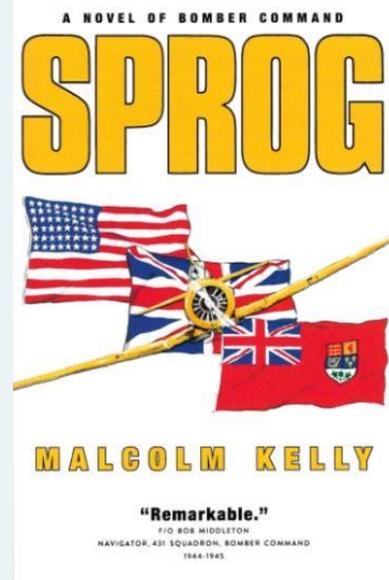
With each story he provided details, background and context. We were given insight into what it was like during from early aviation and through World War 2.

A bestselling author, Malcolm has written four non-fiction books. Malcolm was born in Bradford-on-Avon, England, and raised in Warminster, Wilts, before the family moved to Canada in 1966.

He has been deeply involved in the study of the human face of conflict and how those caught up in it handled the stress, day-to-day life, and constant fear of death and injury, since first reading Cornelius Ryan's *The Longest Day* at nine years old.



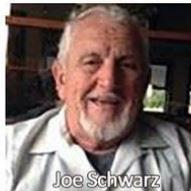
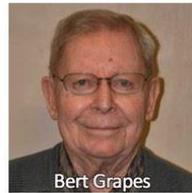
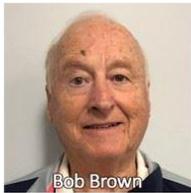
Malcolm Kelly
The boys of the RCAF



You can view his presentation starting at the 38:00 minute mark of the Meeting recording.

You can also visit his web site <https://sprogbook.com/> for additional information.

Our Veterans



Message from Dan

Last month Dan Clements was awarded the John R. Morris Award. Dan wanted to point out that it was presented to him, but is shared by many.

Dan led an effort to recruit 20 mentors to help implement Zoom across Canada. At one point there was a Zoom meeting with 300 participants from PROBUS clubs coast to coast.

Initially Dan and Mark Maloney tried Zoom with our own Management Committee, then with a full club



Zoom meeting. The Cambridge PROBUS Club was the guinea pig that led to the nation-wide Zoom success.

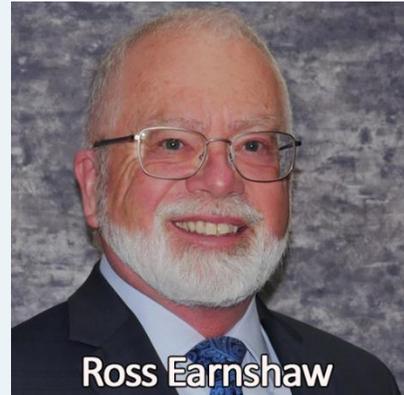
Congratulations



Doug Craig

Doug Craig has been elected as Waterloo Regional Councillor for Cambridge

Ross Earnshaw has been elected as Cambridge City Councillor for Ward 4



Ross Earnshaw

Our November 30 speaker is Amy Di Nino

Amy Di Nino is a registered music psychotherapist.

She combines the benefits of talk therapy with the implementation of music therapy interventions that achieve therapeutic goals using music as the tool.

Using music therapeutically does not require any previous experience, and your ease and comfort level dictates how it might be best used to help you.

Music has creative, structural, & emotional qualities used in the therapeutic relationship to facilitate contact, interaction, self-awareness, learning, self-expression, communication, & personal development.



Amy Di Nino
Music Therapy

November 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.

Jim Kavanagh will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our November meeting.

. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair

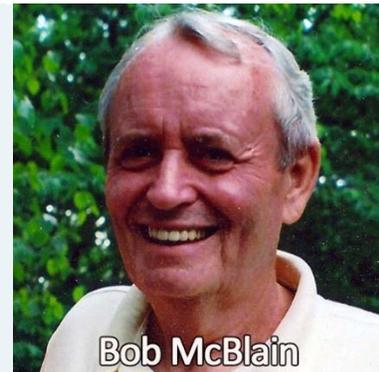


Volunteer drivers needed

We are looking for more drivers who could bring members to our meetings.

Please call me.

. . . Bob McBlain 519-621-9149



The Activities Committee is looking for suggestions

We are looking to set up additional activities. If you have any suggestions for small activities (local daytrips) and would welcome your suggestions.

Please contact anyone on the Activities Committee or myself.

. . . Richard Shanks, 416-931-4306

Christmas Gala with Juneyt and friends

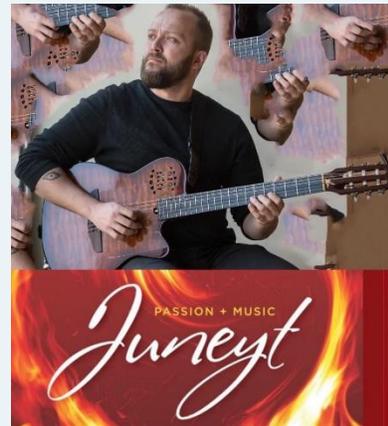
Our Christmas Gala will be December 9th at the Galt Country Club.

If you have not yet registered, you have until next meeting on November 30 to register for the event. Also, there will be no cancellation refunds after November 30.

This event is open to all members and a guest. Enjoy a meal (turkey, salmon or vegan), dessert and coffee/tea. Cash bar available.

Juneyt will provide background music during lunch and he will be joined by two of his musician friends to entertain us after lunch.

Click on the Christmas Gala button to see additional information and to register for this event.



[Christmas Gala](#)

Billiards

You can still join the November 18th tournament. Come at 1 pm for the tournament or at 12 noon for a quick lunch before the tournament starts.

No need to register in advance, just come! If you have questions, contact:

. . . Bob Crawford, 519-621-1902

Also, if you would like to join the Billiards group (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. To join the billiards group, click on the "Billiards Group" button.



[Tournament](#)

[Billiards Group](#)

Trivia Contest

Online Trivia resumed on October 19th.

This week there were forty questions on general Trivia.

Dennis Souder with Larry Markow second and Mike Jeans third..

Everyone is welcome to join. If you are not already registered for this event, click on the "Trivia Group" button on the right to obtain notifications and the ZOOM link.

Please contact me for assistance registering or with any questions.

. . . Mark Maloney, 519-241-0349



Trivia Group

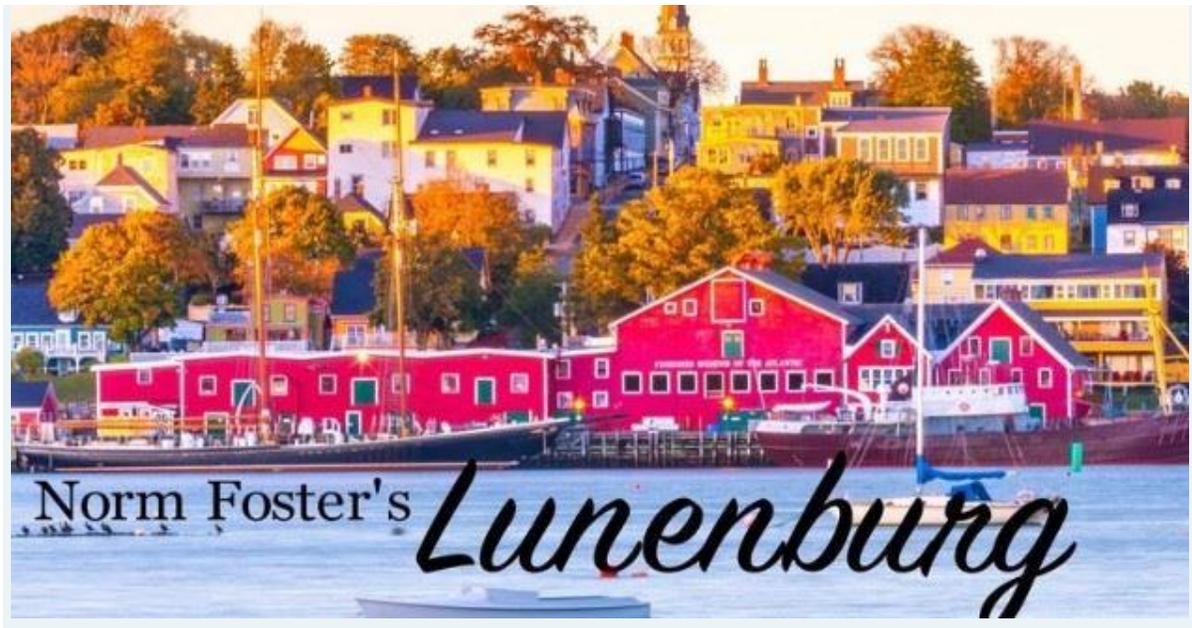
Cambridge Community Players are presenting: LUNENBURG

November 4, 2022 – November 13, 2022

Directed by: Sherri Miller

In Lunenburg by Norm Foster, Iris has inherited a house from her recently deceased husband. Trouble is, she didn't know the house existed. She and her close friend Natalie travel to the town of Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, to have a look at her new property. When next-door neighbour Charlie comes over to meet the gals, the result is a series of world-changing surprises, heart-warming personal transformations and a hilarious romantic adventure.

[Buy Tickets](#)



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