



PROBUS Club of Cambridge Newsletter

December 22, 2023

We had our second Annual Christmas Gala December 9th. I believe we had a record attendance with over 160. We had a few last-minute cancellations with reasons ranging from heart bypass surgery to colds and flu.

We are reminded each day by the media that COVID is still around. The PROBUS club seems to have adjusted to living with it. For each person their actions may differ. For example, some people wear masks, some do not shake hands and even some just stay home.



Richard Shanks and his Activities Committee deserve a big thank you for their efforts for organizing the Gala event.

Live acoustic music was provided by Juneyt, a local musician, during registration and again while the meal was served.

We had two formal door prizes:

Two tickets for an upcoming Leaf game - won by Ron Howey

A certificate for golf for four at the Country Club - won by Bob Steinberg

The food and the service provided by the Galt Country Club were both excellent.

Following the meal, Juneyt was joined by two of his friends. The trio goes by "The Turk and The Hobbits". They had agreed to take requests. This turned out to be a brilliant idea, judging by the participation level of the audience and the enjoyment the musicians were getting from the spontaneity. They entertained us with Christmas songs and songs familiar to the age demographic in the room.

Unfortunately, the day came to a screeching halt when Bob Sanders' wife, Alison, suffered a fall and hit a table on the way down. She and Bob had to spend 12 hours at the hospital before being dismissed with the diagnosis of a cracked rib. As anyone who has suffered a similar injury knows, there is pain but otherwise she was unharmed.

Also, Ross Brethet decided to re-enact his soap box derby days and had a tumble in the parking lot on his way home. Two kind souls helped him back into his chair. He reports feeling sore the next day but had no serious injuries.

The Activity Committee have been planning a mix of regular monthly events, traditional annual activities and specific events for 2023. Information on next year's activities are already described on our website and a list of activities with links to the website are provided later in this Newsletter.

The first new activity is on January 29th when a group of us will enjoy a production of "Five Women Wearing The Same Dress" by our own Cambridge Community Players.

Peter Hunton who is leading this activity has already attended an early rehearsal. The show is billed as a comedy, with a lot of good laughs and also has its serious side. You will not want to miss it.

Following the performance, we will have the opportunity to join the cast and crew in the Green Room. You might want to join the group for dinner too.

I would like to thank all of the members for their continued support, and I wish all of you and your families a healthy, happy and safe holiday season.

. . . 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.



Christmas Gala



Good food, good venue and great fellowship, who could ask for more.

Want to see more pictures? They are currently on our website.



Juneyt



Our January 25 speaker will be Colleen James

Colleen James will speak to us on the topic "Challenging our Assumptions"

She is a professor at Conestoga College's school of business while running local equity and inclusion consulting firm Divonify, which she founded in 2015.

Colleen is a former board president for Focus for Ethnic Women and has served as a member of the mayor's equity task force. In 2020, James moderated the Region of Waterloo's anti-racism town hall meetings.

She was also recently elected as a Regional Councillor for the Region of Waterloo.

Born and raised in Kitchener, inclusion advocate and educator Colleen James has experienced the good, the bad and the ugly parts of Waterloo Region.

The community doesn't look the same as it once was when her family immigrated to Canada from the Caribbean in the 1970s. But there's still a long way to go. James is at the forefront of that push, spearheading local efforts to make the region a more welcoming place for others, including her young daughter.

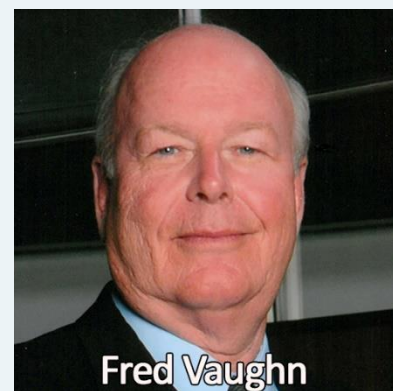


January Vignette

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.

Fred Vaughn will share his background and past experiences with us when he presents his vignette at our January meeting.

. . . Mike Jeans, Vignette Chair



Activities

The Activity Committee has been busy planning 2023 activities and information is now on our website. Below is a list of activities and you can click on the name to go directly to the activity description in our website. Or better still, just go to our website and explore the activities.

Events:

[Cambridge Community Players – “Five Women Wearing The Same Dress”](#)

[Cambridge Community Players – “Clarence Greco Owns a Volvo”](#)

[Guided Tour of Central Presbyterian Church](#)

[Whiskey Tasting](#)

[Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum](#)

[Galt Mural Tour and Lunch](#)

[Cambridge Archives Tour and Lunch](#)

Monthly Activities:

[Computer Club \(NEW\)](#)

[Billiards Club](#)

[Trivia](#)

[Bridge](#)

Annual Events:

[Golf Tournament](#)

[Toronto Blue Jays Game](#)

[Billiards Tournament](#)

Trivia Contest

On December 21st we had 40 questions that were Christmas related.

We always have good conversation with additional background stories on many of the questions.

Several participants had scores in the 20's. Paul Tunks was the winner with 27.

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

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

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