

The PROBUS Club of Cambridge

Our Strength is Fellowship, Our Success is Participation

Who are
we?



How did
our club
begin?

Our roots?

Why?

Canada PROBUS Club Number 1

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Who are we?

Management

The club has a management committee which is elected on an annual basis. This committee meets monthly to move the club forward and make the club interesting to you.



Things we do

- We enjoy excellent presentations by individuals who are very able in presenting their expertise, knowledge and experiences to us.
- We get to know each other and to make many new friends that we would otherwise not have had the opportunity to meet.
- We participate in group activities within the club such as our special interest clubs
- We go on interesting field trips. These trips are open to our spouses as well. They are great outings.
- We celebrate special events as a club. Veterans Day and Christmas Dinner We enjoy lunches together. Known as the lunch bunch.
- We golf.

Simply put we are friends which enjoy a healthy dose of fellowship! We learn a lot and laugh a lot. There is an abundance of great stories to be shared when a good group of

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people get together.

This is a men's only club but there are other PROBUS clubs that are women's only or mixed. As an example, there are two women's PROBUS clubs active in our community.

Things we don't do

- We don't raise money to donate to charitable causes. Our dues are simply to cover the cost of running the club. Fund raising is not our aim.
- We do not do anything that would be harmful to the good of the club.
- We are non-sectarian so we do not discuss religion.
- We are non-political so we do not discuss politics.

Early PROBUS history in the United Kingdom

In **1965** The need for fellowship starts a morning coffee group. Fred Carnhill, a recent retiree and member of Welwyn Garden City Rotary club in England started having morning coffee with some fellow retired professionals and business friends.

From this Fred decided to form a luncheon group.

Fred Carnhill and the president of the local Rotary club arranged the first meeting of the luncheon group and 45 men attended. They called themselves the Campus Club. The concept takes hold.

The Rotary District takes up the idea resulting in Rotary International, Britain and Ireland to publish a leaflet to encourage other Rotary clubs to sponsor similar clubs.

It's all in the name

Three business men called James Raper, Harold Blanchard , and Edward Mockett who were nearing retirement recognized their need for fellowship after they retired.

Harold Blanchard, a member of the Caterham Rotary Club and the chairman of its Vocational Service Committee presents the idea to the club.

The members of the Caterham Rotary Club's Vocational Service Committee decide

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to organize a monthly lunch for retired professional and businessmen 60 years and older.

The inaugural luncheon of the first PROBUS Club in the United Kingdom was on **March 2, 1966**. The Caterham Rotary Club President took the chair until the new club could form its own rules and committee.

In **May 1966**, a committee headed by Harold Blanchard which also included James Raper was formed and the name PROBUS was suggested for the clubs by taking the first three letters from the words Professional and Business. It also had the advantage that it was a Latin word from which the word Probity was derived. Probity means adherence to the highest principals, uprightness.

The movement grew and several new clubs were formed in the United Kingdom.

In **1974**, PROBUS spreads to New Zealand.

In **1976**, PROBUS spreads to Australia.

In **1987**, PROBUS spreads to Canada.

PROBUS history in Canada

In **1981**, during a trip to Australia and New Zealand, John Reynolds Morris saw first-hand the enjoyment people were having through PROBUS Membership. He was determined to introduce PROBUS to Canada.



- John Reynolds Morris
- Rotarian since 1946
- Past District Governor of Rotary International 1976-1977 covering Southwest Ontario and New York State
- Founder of PROBUS in Canada
- First President of PROBUS Centre-Canada
- President Emeritus of PROBUS

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While there, John Morris received documents and booklets including instructions on how to form a PROBUS Club from friends he met during this trip. He rewrote them so that they would apply to Canadian clubs.

During his tenure as Rotary Past District Governor John Morris visited many Rotary Clubs in which he promoted the formation of PROBUS clubs.

In **January, 1987** John Morris visited the Galt (Cambridge) Rotary Club. Bert Grapes who was also at this meeting had also visited New Zealand and had learned a great deal about PROBUS.

In **February 1987** the Galt (Cambridge) Rotary Club created a Galt PROBUS Committee with the intent of forming a local PROBUS Club. The committee consisted of Bert Grapes, Peter Graham, Martin Stinton, Bert Boone, Herb Ward, and Norm Steele.



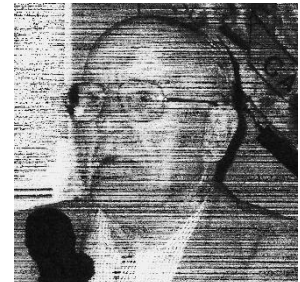
Bert Grapes



Peter Graham



Martin Stinton



Bert Boone

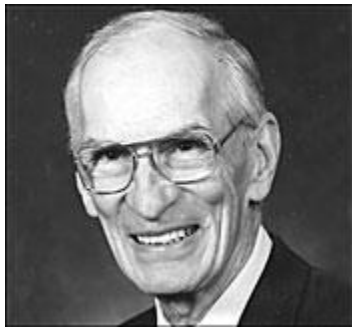
This committee canvassed Cambridge to find out those citizens who might be interested in forming a club. An information letter was mailed to local business and professional men inviting them to meet with the committee on **February 23, 1987**.

Of this Galt PROBUS Committee created by the Galt (Cambridge) Rotary Club we have Peter Graham and Dr. Bert Grapes as founding members and they are cherished members of this club today. Through the enthusiasm of our founding fathers we enjoy a great club and owe them a big debt of gratitude.

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In **March 1987** approximately 50 men met with the committee and enthusiastically Organized a PROBUS Club Steering Committee.

This resulted in the formation of The PROBUS Club of Cambridge, becoming the first PROBUS Club in Canada, on **March 17, 1987** with Bert Klinkhammer as its President.



Bert Klinkhammer

- Rotarian who attended one of the speaking engagements by John Morris
- Instrumental in forming the first PROBUS Club in Canada in collaboration with the Galt (Cambridge) Rotary Club
- Served for four years as the convener of PROBUS Clubs in Ontario
- Worked with Bernard Crooks to incorporate PROBUS Centre-Canada
- Served as the first Chairman of the Board for PROBUS Centre-Canada
- Worked with John Morris in procuring liability insurance for PROBUS clubs

1987 charter members of the club still active in 2016



Bill Black



John Neu

PROBUS month is celebrated in March by all PROBUS clubs in Canada because the first club in Canada started in March 1987

We are that club!

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PROBUS Clubs in Canada

Province	total/prov.	Combined clubs	Mens clubs	Womens clubs
Newfoundland	1	1		
Nova Scotia	4	4		
Prince Edward Island	2		1	1
New Brunswick	6	2	2	2
Ontario	170	102	32	36
Manitoba	1	1		
Saskatchewan	3	3		
Alberta	6	5	1	
British Columbia	44	35	6	3
Total clubs in Canada	237	153	42	42

Membership Total: 32,432

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We have an official PROBUS Song

THE PROBUS SONG George Main

THE PROBUS SONG 2.

1. Now that our youth has long since passed
2. Life does not end at six - ty five

Life is less ur - gent, not so fast. We've time to sit and
We aim to show we're still a - live. We'll prove that we've not

think at last, How best to serve our lives,
lost our drive, Or our will to serve.

Join us at PRO-BUS, meet with your friends, Re - lax and be hap - py as
Join us at PRO-BUS the time will speed by, Re - vive your am - bi - tions and

Na - ture in - tends, with such good com - pan - ions your life - style ex - tends
reach for the sky, you may not suc - ceed but at least you can try.

PRO - BUS the club for you.



We have an official logo

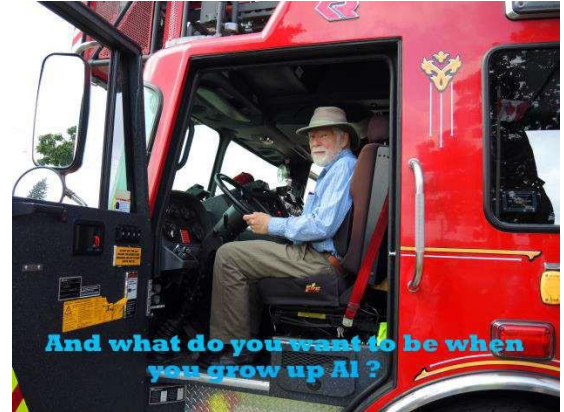
John Morris protected the PROBUS logo by successfully acquiring a trademark in 1988.

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We enjoy our excursions



Probus Visits the Fire Department



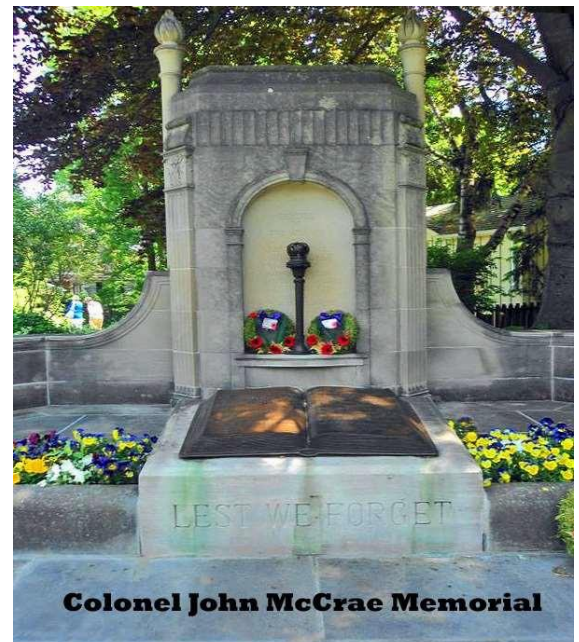
And what do you want to be when you grow up Al?



Probus visit to CKOC TV



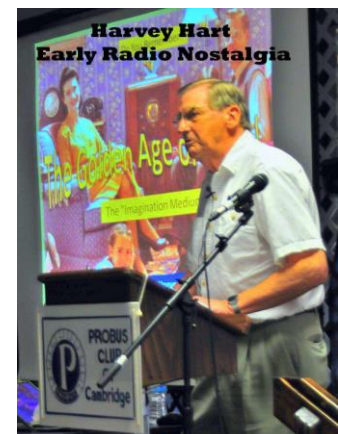
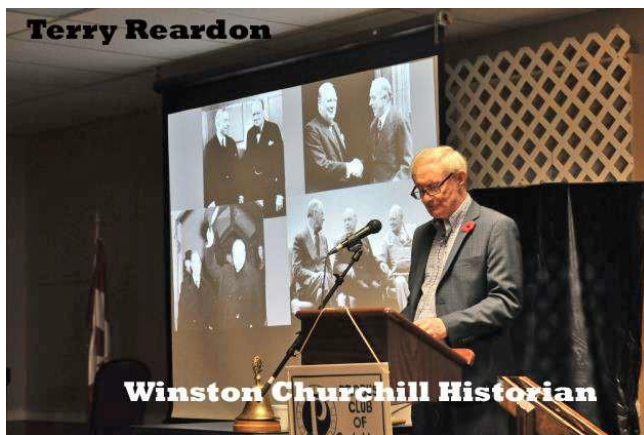
Probus enjoys Blazing Fiddles



Colonel John McCrae Memorial

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We enjoy our guest speakers

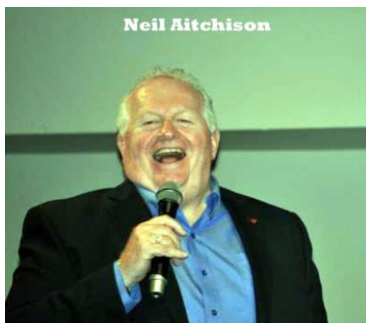


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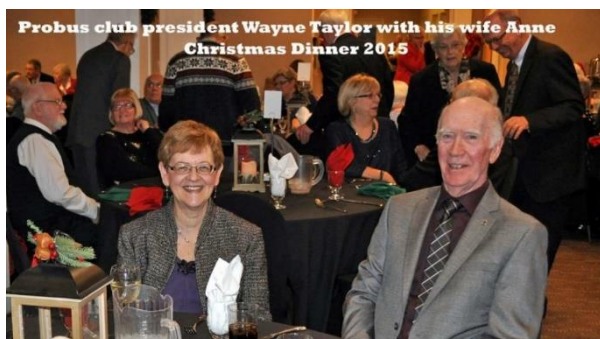
We treasure our veterans



We enjoy special events



We enjoy a great sense of humor,
we always enjoy a good laugh



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Who are we?

- We may be the teacher you had in school.
- We may have been the proprietor of the store you shopped at.
- We may have been your doctor.
- We may be the pilot who flew the plane you travelled on.
- We may be the veteran that fought for you.
- We may be the person who goes to your church and sits in the pew across the aisle.
- We may be the farmer that grew your food.
- We are your friends and your neighbors.

This presentation gives many examples of Why we became members of the PROBUS Club.

**If you are considering joining the club,
the real question you need to ask yourself is:**

Why Not?

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