



PROBUS CLUB OF WOODSTOCK-OXFORD

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We meet every month on 2nd Tuesday at 9:45 A.M. at Quality Hotel - Woodstock

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BREAKING NEWS: JULY 9TH PROBUS SPEAKER

**Don Downing talking about our future trip to
JET AIRCRAFT MUSEUM**

President's Message: Dave King

Well it seems this wet cold spring is going to hang on till summer comes! It was nice to have Michael Prewer (a probus member from Salisbury England) join us and bring his "Who Am I". I would like to thank VP Jerry Klages for our last Newsletter and Bob for the June edition. Your Admin team would like to acknowledge the huge contributions of two members Bob McTavish and Ken Shrubsall with a THANK YOU included later in this newsletter. We also thank Dave Palmer as Leader of the WHO AM I presenters - making five positions open for next year's executive including 2nd VP, Treasurer, Who am I, Archives & newsletter editor. If you or someone you know would be interested in joining the board, give their name to the Jerry, Dave or Bill. Dave King



NEXT MEETING TUES.

June 11 9:45 am

June 11 Karen Chatfield (Osteoporosis
Canada) + **SCIENCE CLUB**
8:30 am

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A tribute to **KEN SHRUSALL AND BOB McTAVISH**

Two long-time members are officially retiring from our management team and have left a legacy that is hard to replace. Both men have contributed over ten years to the financial, social and record-keeping successes of our club.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP & EXCELLENCE

KEN and BOB

**From all of your many friends in the
Woodstock Men's PROBUS Club**



Who Am I? Presenter: JOHN BELL (condensed version)

“I have been a pretty LUCKY GUY”

“I was raised in a loving family, taught the value of hard work, and encouraged to respect others and to get a good education.” John was lucky to have had a loving wife for 54 years, prior to her passing due to cancer, and to have 3 healthy and successful children, who are married and raising 6 wonderful grandchildren. He had a long, happy career in the computer industry (IBM) through turbulent years of change and getting an MBA !

After losing his 1st wife, he found another great life partner in Ginny, whom he lives and travels with today.

Son of a banker Dad, John told us about his youth and formative years in Montreal, where his parents worked hard during the Great Depression! Jobs were scarce but he earned spending money helping a milkman, delivering papers and many other jobs. Cars were important to him, even though his first driving lesson ended by going into a ditch. Boating and driving across the USA are great memories of his teens as well as attending the U of T studying Civil Engineering, and later Electrical Engineering.

In retirement John feels that he continues to be lucky with a new wife & travelling to the California desert. Ginny and John chose Woodstock and they continue to travel for winters to the California desert. They have fallen in love with the “Friendly City” and the many friends that they feel LUCKY to share.

The FULL version is available on the Probus Website

www.woodstockprobus.ca

June 's WHO AM I presenter is Richard Fanning

Special Events News - June to Oct. '19

Science CLUB NEWS

Special thanks to Tony Paladino for his unique presentation about the drainage plow that made he and others famous after Timberland.

Al Driedger presented an opinion on Keystone Species.

We are now meeting every month at 8:30am . Join US

**June Topic with Power point – by Al Driedger
Truths and Mistruths of Genetically Modified
Food + The dramatic discovery that changed
Everything in genetics!**

JULY 16 - Jet Aircraft Museum

The Probus Club outing to the **Jet Aircraft Museum** in London takes place Tuesday, July 16 at a cost of \$7.50 per participant. We will carpool from the Cowan Park parking lot at 9:30 a.m.

After the tour, lunch will take place at Trissa's Restaurant on Hwy #2 just east of the airport followed by coffee at Timmies in Thamesford. There are 3 openings left so contact tony.sheldon809@gmail.com or register at the regular monthly meetings.

The "Red Knight" is their signature jet and has been restored and still flies. This should be a magnificent day!



Sign up for the Woodstock Walking/ History Tour

June 12 at 10:00 am Meet at the museum side door \$10.00 for donations

SPECIAL EVENTS NEWS 1. A tour of the Jet Aircraft Museum in London Ont. Cost will be \$7.50 - see above!

2. Our **First Historical Walk is June 12.** The

Woodstock Men's Probus Club is inviting members to be part of a guided walk of about 75 minutes duration to view and hear

about some of our historical buildings. Probus members Murray Coulter. Dave Hay & Peter Harrison will be the guides for the tour of our precious Woodstock heritage sites.

Wednesday *June 12 , 2019* Starting from the Museum at 10:00 am sharp. 30 men will be able to participate on this first walk.

A \$10 charge for each participant. Signup - June 11th at Probus

Or contact Rob Bryant at robclydebryant@execulink.com

3. Summer Social - August 21 (rain date August 22)

Location is the Meek Family Heritage Farm (east of Sweaburg)

\$30 pp Signups begin at the June meeting \$30

We need a Newsletter Editor and a Treasurer

A future president as 2nd VP and an Archivist

Please contact Dave King, Phil Thorne or Bob Axon

Members News ...

MEN Under repair after serious illnesses

Glen McDonald, Brian Armstrong,

Brian Banush, Richard Orton

Guests Michael Prewer, Salisbury Probus Club, UK Distant relative of Tolpuddle martyrs, Thomas and John Standfield, (buried in London, Ontario). As a child, raised on a farm in Dorset, England. A graduate Mechanical Engineer; early career spanned Marine, Electrical and Machine - Tool engineering. In 1960s, being development engineer for the first CNC Machine Tools made in Europe. Subsequent 20 years - managerial career culminated in being Head of Membership for the Society of Motor Manufacturers & Traders, (UK trade body - motor manufacturers and importers). Final 10 years; teaching Science to young adults. I loved the warm welcome I received!

Membership numbers on the roll - are 122

June Birthdays Robert Ball Brian Banush Don Downing Peter Ewing

Doug Goodbun Bill Hardy Doug Reeves Brian Schlegel Dunc Sinclair

Pork Farming in Ontario

May Guest Speaker: John de Bruyn (summary)

John is an Oxford County farmer that runs several successful pork production operations as well as being the Vice-Chair of the provincial organization called Ontario



Pork Producers. When John de Bruyn's five children showed up in April at the OCFA, he knew something was up. Shown above, the Salford swine farmer was named the first official inductee to the newly formed Agricultural Hall of Fame.

John presented two slide shows - one was the quality control and health initiatives that make Ontario Pork Producers among the best in the world.

A second slide show gave us an personal look at his two locations for the care and growth of a perfect herd of pigs.

John and his wife Deb operate a **a 750 sow** farrow-to-finish hog operation in Oxford County. The farm includes a farrow to wean barn that provides weaners to several finishing barns at different locations. The farm manufactures all its feed as well as operating the trucks to deliver hogs to market. The farm employs 5 full time people with the children helping out on weekends to get the work done.

Future Speakers

June 11 Science Club 8:30 am Al Driedger

Genetically Modified Foods - How things have Changed

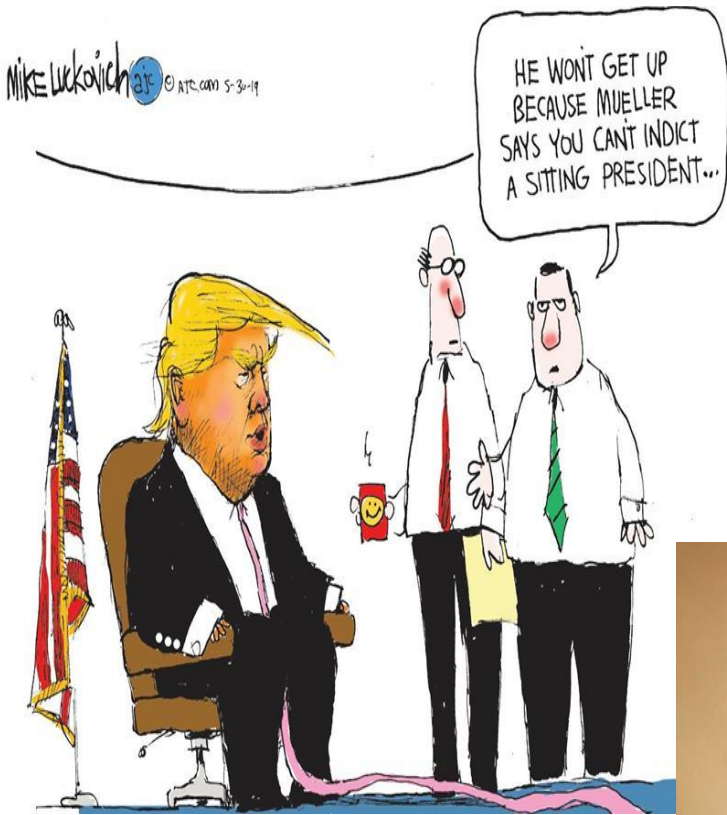
Main Speaker 10:30 am Karen Chatfield (Osteoporosis Canada)

July 12 History Walk 10am begins at the Museum

More Future Speakers

Medical Cannabis Cannabis uses and legislation

Always Leave Them Laughing



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Life is filled with tough choices...

Milk and/or Oreos?



“See what I mean? Why does she call me when she won't let me get a word in edgewise?”