



# PROBUS CLUB OF WOODSTOCK-OXFORD

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**Next Club Meeting – Tuesday April 8**

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## **Join Us For Our Next Meeting!**

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 8, at the Woodstock Legion, 642 Dundas Street. Plan to join us at 9:30am !

Free Coffee will be provided to everyone at the break !!!.



## **A Message from President Arie Markvoort**

I read today about the origin of April Fools day, and it goes back all the way to the Canterbury Tales by Chaucer in 1392. This is a long time in my opinion for a particular day, especially in our day when events and opinions have a short lifespan, but sometimes long ramifications.

I enjoy this time of the year when new growth emerges. In my place I have grow lights and I start plants and vegetables from seed.

One thing we can count on is Probus and we try to keep our speakers relevant. If you know of a person you think will be a good speaker for our club, please let us know.

Don't forget our trip to Toyota on April 24 See you on April 8.

Arie

## **Membership News from Ken Shrubsall**

The club welcomes new member Don Ross – sponsored by John McDougall

The roster stands at 87 members.

## **Club Photos Reminder**

Bill Weir is taking updated member photos for the directory.  
Wear your finest and see Bill at the break.

## **April Birthdays**

Happy Birthday wishes go to:

Ross Campbell  
Arie Markvort  
Bill Meek  
Keith Thomson

Jerry Klages  
Glen McDonald  
Ken Shrubsall  
Paul Ward

## **Dues and Fees Motion Carried**

From the March 4 Executive Meeting - M/S Bob Axon / Phil Thorne

MOTION: That the club membership fee should be increased by \$5 starting August this year and that the charge for Special Events should include a \$5 participation fee. Some Club events should not include the fee at the discretion of the event organizer.

... CARRIED

## **Our Speakers**

Our April keynote speaker will be Marjorie Du Boer.

She will speak about her experiences volunteering in Kenya with veterinarians without borders as a dairy process advisor to dairy farmers Co-op.

## **Special Events from Rob Bryant**

### **Toyota Cambridge Plant Tour**

I have confirmed April 24th 2025 at 9:30 tour start. **This means we have to be there at least 15 minutes prior to that.** The tour lasts about 90 minutes.

Address is 1055 Fountain St. North Cambridge Ont. N3H 4R7. Contact # is 519-653-1111 Ext 2270.

**First and last names are required 10 days before our tour. Seems, like we can drop names but not replace the name after that time.**

· WE HAVE 34 SIGNED UP NOW AND I FEEL THAT YOU HAVE HAD 2 MONTHS TO SIGN UP AND IF ANY OF THOSE WANT TO ADD A SPOUSE OR FRIEND NOW WILL BE THE TIME. **MAXIMUM IS 48.**

· CUT OFF TIME FOR ATTENDING WILL BE AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING AND I WILL BE SUBMITTING THE NAMES TO TOYOTA.

· WE INTEND TO MEET AT THE ZEHR'S ENTRANCE ON DUNDAS ST. BEGINNING AT 8:00AM .SO THAT FINAL CAR POOLING CAN BE DONE.

LET ME KNOW IF YOU CAN DRIVE AND HOW MANY PASSENGERS.

### REMINDER .....

- Valid ID will be required for each attendee scheduled for the tour. Photo ID, such as a driver's license or passport, will be required for each adult.
- They encourage picture taking in the Experience Centre lobby . However, cell phones, cameras, purses or bags of any kind are not allowed on the tour. They have personal lockers available for us to use to store those items.

### **OTHER THINGS**

We are in the very preliminary planning for a Woodstock City walking presented by Murray Coulter and Dave Hay.

BOB AXON is taking names for Walter's theatre for: "ABBAMANIA". August 22nd or August 29<sup>th</sup>. The showtime is 2:00pm. Tickets are \$65.00 each.



Thanks.... Rob Bryant Cell ....519-494-3621



## The Lighter Side of Life



Today I was in a shoe store that sells only shoes, nothing else. A young girl with a tattoo and green hair walked over to me and asked, "What brings you in today, I looked at her and said, "I'm interested in buying a refrigerator." She didn't quite know how to respond, had that deer in the headlights look.

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.

When people see a cat's litter box they always say, "Oh, have you got a cat" I just say, "No, it's for company!"

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be called in case of an emergency. I think you should write, "An ambulance."

The older you get the tougher it is to lose weight because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends.

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

Aging: Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

Some people try to turn back their "odometers." Not me.  
I want people to know why I look this way.  
I've traveled a long way and a lot of the roads were not paved.

Ah! Being young is beautiful but being old is comfortable.

Lord, keep your arm around my shoulder and your hand over my mouth.  
May you always have:  
Love to share,  
Cash to spare,  
Tires with air,  
And friends who care !!!