**Bob Watson**

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| Bob started off by telling us that he felt somewhat intimidated by all the “Who Am I” speakers he has heard in the 8 months he has been with Probus. A feeling I am sure we all have felt. He told us of being born and raised in west end Toronto. His father, George, was a RAF pilot who trained in Canada during WWII. George met Bob’s mother, Doris, while training in Dauphin. They were married when George left the RAF and returned to Canada, | E:\2015 NEW MEMBERS\Bob Watson.jpg |

after the war. Bob still visits friends he made while growing up in what was then a brand new subdivision. Bob and his sister also had the good fortune of spending many summers near Coboconk involved in all the activities associated with cottage life. He was well suited for a baby boomer with an appreciation for “Rock and Roll” muscle cars and fast boats.

Bob had a need for speed and in the job market he seemed to gravitate towards sales and selling light bulbs door to door was where he landed. This led to employment with CGE lamp division. By 1975 he was managing a large part of South Western Ontario and over 1 million dollars in sales.

In 1979 he met Anne Sawtell in the CGE office. They were soon married. 1980 saw Bob transferred to Windsor where he became involved in the Leamington greenhouse operations. Working with 400 watt high pressure sodium lamps he was hugely successful in increasing the production of roses. Bob moved to Elora when he and Anne accepted positions in Guelph. His next career move, Bell Canada yellow pages advertising, came in 1983 and lasted for 24 years. In 1986 Bob moved to Glen Morris where they would live for the next 20 years.

In 2006 he took a buyout package from Yellow Pages moved to Woodstock in 2007, where he has the distinct pleasure of belonging to a unique neighborhood.