



# THE PROBUS CLUB OF FENELON FALLS

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## MESSAGE FROM

### PRESIDENT STEVE STRANGWAY & VICE PRESIDENT CARL RENNICK



A belated Happy Canada Day to each of you and your families! Carl and I hope you had a wonderful long weekend as we kick off the summer holidays for our families and the children/grandchildren enjoy their new found freedom that summer brings.

It was wonderful to see so many of our members at our first in person general meeting in June. I believe we can look forward to seeing an even larger turn out in July as we hear from Jon Thurston about his Paralympic experience this past year. We will continue to space out the seating and take all the possible steps to provide a safe and comfortable environment for our members. We look forward to Jon's presentation.

Please be sure to see Diane's SEA report as many of our social activities are returning and there will be lots of opportunities to get together with other Club members for a variety of activities and events. I would like to thank Diane and the members of the SEA Committee for the time and effort they have put forth in getting these activities/events up and going for us

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## NEXT MEETING

**Tuesday July 19<sup>th</sup>**  
9:30 AM - 11:30 AM  
Fenelon Falls  
Community Centre  
27 Veterans Way  
Fenelon Falls

# MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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again. As we start to participate in these social activities again, I would just like to mention how much we appreciate our members paying for these events through e-transfers as we are trying to get away from cheques and cash. E-transfers are much preferable for both Diane and Christi with respect to the record keeping aspect related to the social activities.

Congratulations to Carl Rennick on the Accessibility Award he was presented with from the City of Kawartha Lakes this past month. Please see below for all the exciting details. I would also like to congratulate the Bobcaygeon PROBUS Club on holding their inaugural meeting in June. It was a pleasure to present them with their Charter as the PROBUS Club of Fenelon Falls was the sponsoring Club. We wish them all the best as they proceed with their Club activities.

All the best for a wonderful summer and we hope to see you on July 19<sup>th</sup> at our next General Meeting.

Steve Strangway  
President

Carl Rennick  
Vice President

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**Speaker: Muriel Jones**

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## IN MEMORIAM



We were saddened to hear of the passing of the following Member:

### **Denise Moeser**

She has gone from our sight,  
But not from our memory.

She has gone from our touch,  
But her presence will not depart.

She has gone from our hearing,  
But not from our heart.

# ACCESSIBILITY IN THE COMMUNITY

I am very pleased to let our members know that Carl Rennick was just recently presented with the City of Kawartha Lakes Award for Outstanding Contribution to Improving Accessibility by an Individual. Carl has been instrumental in growing wheelchair curling in Canada since 2006. Carl read about Jon Thurston's injury and encouraged him to try the sport. At our July meeting, come and hear about Jon's success at the recent Paralympics thanks in part to Carl's efforts. Carl also spearheaded the Give It a Go Program at the Bobcaygeon Curling Club for curlers with physical disabilities.

On behalf of all our PROBUS Club members I want to congratulate Carl on this special recognition from the City of Kawartha Lakes.

Steve Strangway  
President



Carl Rennick receiving award from City of Kawartha Lakes Councillor, Doug Elmslie.



**Our July 19<sup>th</sup> guest speaker will be Jon Thurston.**

**“First Time Paralympian in the Sport of Wheelchair Curling”**

Jon was introduced to the sport of Wheelchair Curling in 2012 by Carl Rennick.



According to our By-laws each year the financial records of the PROBUS Club of Fenelon Falls must be reviewed by someone with experience in

maintaining and reviewing financial accounting records and transactions and I would like to extend my sincere appreciation and thanks to Paige Bastin for taking on this task the last two years!

Now we are asking for someone else to lend a hand. What is involved?? We use Quickbooks Online for our accounting needs, we have credit card statements and 2 bank accounts. There are not a lot of transactions for this fiscal year since we are just starting with meetings and activities again. Due to the short timeframe between our financial year end a two step process might be a good option this year - review from October 1, 2021 through to July 31, 2021 leaving August and September for review in the two weeks after September 30, 2022.

If you are interested in helping out please let me know as soon as possible. I am happy to meet with whoever would like to take on this task and maybe we would be able to have the reviews done in a short time.

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## I<sup>ST</sup> IN-PERSON GENERAL MEETING IN 28 MONTHS

Event  
Registration



# General Meeting



Morning Coffee



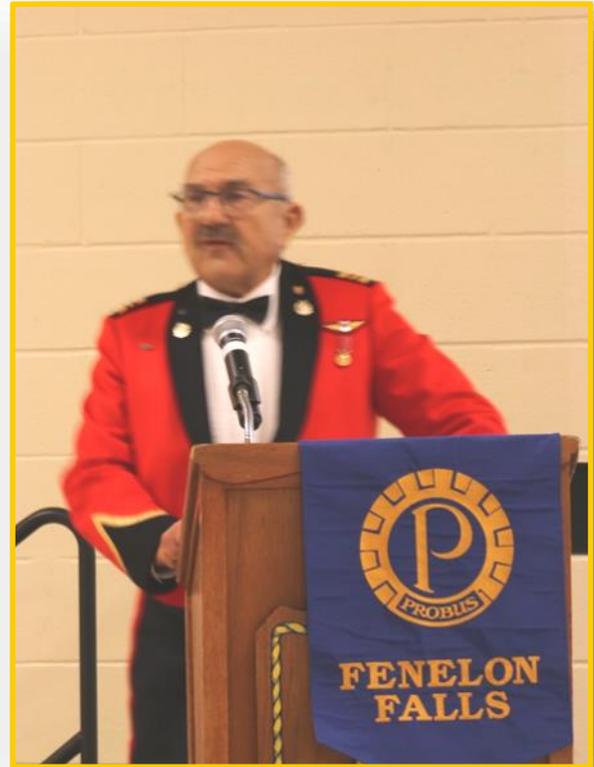
# SPEAKER COMMITTEE REPORT

Muriel Jones, Speaker Chair

One of our very own PROBUS members, Captain (retired) Sandy Antal, stepped in with less than 24 hours notice to speak about **“Tecumseh, the breaking of the Great Wampum Belt.”** It was so appropriate because Tuesday June 21 was National Indigenous Peoples Day. His presentation was meticulously researched and documented. The book upon which his presentation was based has been reprinted 3 times and took 30 years of research, in the US, Canada and the UK. His presentation was a comprehensive account of the native operations in support of the British, on the Detroit River frontier during the War of 1812.

His presentation started very dramatically with Sandy in his red dress uniform, brandishing an old bayonet. His presentation took us even farther back to 1759 when the easy going French fur traders were replaced by the much more demanding British, who had a huge need for beaver pelts and traded through the Hudson’s Bay Company and the North West Company.

As Sandy spoke, detail after detail, battle after battle, broken promise after broken promise, we could see the pattern “Abandonment”/”Common Interest”. In reality there was never a “common” interest. It was the interest of the white men being served and the



aboriginal people being abandoned, betrayed. Tecumseh was the embodiment of this betrayal. Tecumseh was entirely committed to his own people and to the sovereign state of his people. Tecumseh could speak fluent English and was perceived as a “statesman”. He died at the battle of Moraviantown (now Thamesville Ontario) on October 5, 1813. He died “stateless”, not belonging in Ohio, not in Upper Canada, not in Kentucky. He died surrounded by only a remaining 500 Shawnee. Brock, whom Tecumseh called “our Father”, had promised to get back the native lands but in betrayal, Brock ceded all of Michigan to Britain. Tecumseh’s vision of aboriginal unity was abandoned.

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It is this continued pattern, i.e. “(common) interest/abandonment” which has continued up to our own 20<sup>th</sup> century, that has led to the glue sniffing native children, the unclean water, the alcoholic parents. For example, Stephen Harper publicly declared that if there had been

no native support there would have been no Canada. Result? Medals were given, empty support. The Wyandott people, who were claiming their territory of Point Pelee, were given 100 acres of land to the north of Point Pelee and an empty Legion as a community centre.

As Steve Strangway said in his thank you, “We still have a lot to learn....”

Dana Bachman

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## PRETTY IN PINK

Jan Edwards

I was recently exploring the sights of Salzburg when I noticed a very attractive vision dressed in pink walking on very high, very pink, stiletto heeled shoes around a cobbled stone square. She walked on those heels on those cobblestones with all the confidence of a model on a runway and I was in awe.

A little later seated in another square enjoying lunch I saw the vision again seated a few tables over. The apparition was dressed head to toe in pink (with matching pink hair) but.... the stilettos were black! What happened to the pink pair, did the cobblestones get the better of those pink spikes and a change was necessary? I could so relate, I remember snapping the heel of a favourite pair of metallic blue stilettos way back when, so I had to go and ask and perhaps commiserate.

So here is a photo of the vision and me, what do you think of those legs and what else do you think?



**PS** See the bottom of Page 15.

# SOCIAL EVENTS & ACTIVITIES REPORT

Diane Grunwell, Social Events & Activities Chair

I can't believe we are already into July ... where has the time gone?!! I hope the month ahead is a good one for everyone and you have lots of time to enjoy the wonderful outdoors. Please remember to submit your photos so you can reflect on this lovely warm weather come December! LOL

I thought for sure we would have received lots of photos from members born in June, especially given the description of these babies being "social butterflies, charismatic, talented, and good looking"! But we only received one photo and this person certainly met that description – and it was from our wonderful Membership Chair, **Mary Tomlinson**! Congratulations Mary on being our June Birthday Winner!!

Were you born in July? Some interesting facts I found about July-born babies are that they are very optimistic, charming, generous, family oriented and have a curiosity for learning new things. If you are one of these people, please send us your photo this month and you may be the next Birthday Winner!

Our Academy Award Winners for the month of June are **Brian Markle** for Most Creative, **Maria Bennett** for Best Visual Effects and Best Picture goes to **Ann Slack** (Manford Slack). These people will each receive a \$10 Tim Horton's Gift Card which will be presented at the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you were a previous 2022 award winner, you may pick up your Gift

Card at the next meeting you attend.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at The Locker at the Falls prior to the Broadway Show at The Grove Theatre on June 10<sup>th</sup>. This month we have the Appy Garden Party at the home of Jen & Bob Bryant, Leisa Way's Rock 'n Roll is Here to Stay at Globus Theatre and a Golf Social at Sheffield Greens. Lots to do for those who like to get involved so be sure to register and get out and have fun with other members!

In closing, I would like to congratulate all our June winners and thank everyone who submitted photos. I hope you can get out and enjoy the nice weather this month and remember to email photos to [gordon.grunwell@rogers.com](mailto:gordon.grunwell@rogers.com).

See you soon!

Diane Grunwell

## JUNE BIRTHDAY



Mary Tomlinson  
– All smiles on her birthday!

# JUNE PROBUS ACADEMY AWARD WINNERS



Most Creative goes to **Brian Markle** – You light up my life in Mittenwald, Bavaria.



Best Visual Effects goes to **Maria Bennett** – Looking over the bay in Dubrovnik, Croatia .



# QUEEN'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION



Dana Bachman, Geri Graham, and Rosemarie Macey.



Rosemarie Macey  
- Queen Elizabeth.

## COMING EVENTS

### ROCK 'n ROLL IS HERE TO STAY

Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup>

Globus Theatre @ the LAB

6 p.m. Dinner & Show

TWO TICKETS LEFT

Contact [diane.grunwell@outlook.com](mailto:diane.grunwell@outlook.com)

### APRES GM LUNCHEON

Tuesday, July 19<sup>th</sup>

Ziraldo's Restaurant, Fenelon Falls

Sign up at meeting

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### GOLF SOCIAL

Thursday, July 21<sup>st</sup>

Sheffield Greens Golf Course

2 p.m. Tee-off

Green Fees, Cart & Dinner for \$47

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### THE 39 STEPS

Friday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

Dinner & The Grove Theatre

A fast-paced whodunit for anyone who loves the magic of theatre!

Full details coming soon!!

Contact [diane.grunwell@outlook.com](mailto:diane.grunwell@outlook.com)

## BROADWAY THROUGH THE AGES AT THE GROVE THEATRE & DINNER AT THE LOCKER - JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>



Bob Bailey, Pat Kurtz & Betty Berenz.



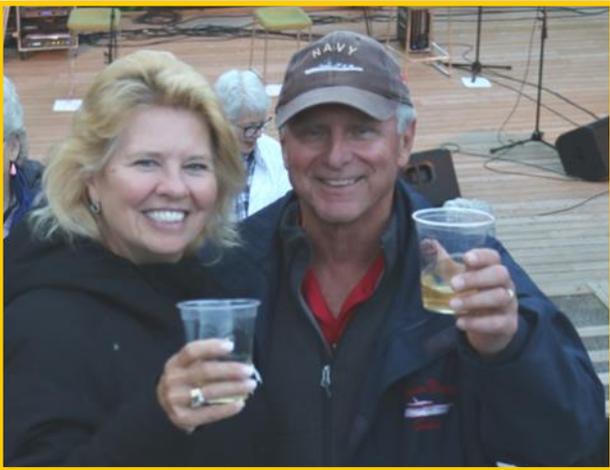
Norm Howard waving to the man with the camera!



Paige & Ed Bastin.



Eric Care & John Matthews.



Karen & Bruce Jepson.



Joan Somerville & Betty Berenz.



Sharon Howard & friends .



Ruthie Kerrivan, Mary Tomlinson & Diane Grunwell.



Bill & Debbie Huke with Diane Grunwell.



Donna & John Matthews  
and Paige & Ed Bastin.



Val Burton,  
Marie Riley &  
Norma MacEachern.



Don & Kathleen Holbrook, Sandy Antal,  
Ron & Marilas McInnes, and Jane Antal .



Hans B., Linda Evans, Norm Howard &  
Mary Tomlinson.



Glenys Kerr, Joan Somerville,  
Natashya & Gary Gibson.



Betty Berenz, Pat Kurtz and Bob Bailey .

# FENELON FALLS SECONDARY SCHOOL REUNION

Heather LeCraw

## The Grade 13 Grads of 1970 held our Class Reunion after 52 Years!

Over the weekend of June 10-12, 60 people gathered in Fenelon Falls to celebrate 52 years since our graduation from Grade 13. Events included a round of golf at Sturgeon Point Golf Club, a bicycle ride and a walk on the rail trail, 8-ball (billiard) tournament at the Legion, Meet & Greet social evening at the Fenelon Falls Brewery, a Banquet with live music at the Legion and a Goodbye Breakfast at Signature Restaurant.



There was ample free time for the attendees to shop and dine, explore the local attractions, and enjoy the new downtown area and waterfront – so much has changed! Some extended their stay to visit family and friends who live in the area.

We had special limited-edition T-shirts printed, and a slideshow with photos from high school days. The slideshow was a real

accomplishment, as it was compiled by the daughter of one of our planning committee members (Philomena Childs); and her daughter lives in Australia! We emailed photos to her, and she put it all together, complete with music. It was all done via the Internet. Our live entertainment on Saturday night was provided by Bruce Baier, Nancy Sales, Bob Graham and Wayne Willson. They started making music together in high school but had lost touch after 1970. The reunion changed that, and they have rediscovered their musical talent as “BNB Music”.

For four years we had been anticipating this event, looking forward to reconnecting with our former classmates and friends. Thanks to modern technology (email and social media) we were able to track down all but a handful of the class and hold regular planning meetings over Zoom beginning in 2018. This homecoming was originally planned for 2020 – 50 years since our graduation from Fenelon Falls Secondary School. Then due to Covid, as with many events world-wide, it was postponed not once, but twice. Our planning committee never wavered, and interest remained high!

In the intervening years since 1970 there have been changes! Grade 13 doesn't even exist anymore in our school system – morphing into OAC, and then gone altogether. When our class entered grade 9 in 1965 the school was called Fenelon Falls District High School, and it was much smaller than the building we see today.

Many former classmates had not seen each other since 1970; attendees travelled great distances from across Canada: Yukon, B.C, Alberta and all over Ontario, to reconvene in Fenelon Falls. Judging by the comments we heard during and after the weekend, it

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was a resounding success!

Reunions. What's the big deal? Have you ever attended a class reunion? For some, it's a dreaded date to avoid at all costs; for others, it's a highly anticipated event stirring up good memories and excitement about reconnecting with friends from the past. Google "why attend a class reunion" and see the common responses that come up:

- To reconnect with friends
- To satisfy curiosity about what became of so-and-so
- To reminisce about old times, shared experiences

- To party with people our own age, and rock to music from decades ago
- To celebrate successes and changes
- To share with a spouse or partner where we came from, and who was part of our formative years
- To honour and remember those who have passed
- To make new memories

I suspect our Class of 1970 mates identify with most of the reasons on the list. One thing is certain - after 4 years of planning, the weekend of June 10-12 now has a place in our personal history as an extraordinary and truly memorable occasion!

Heather LeCraw



The Group of 7 – planning committee members being recognized at the Saturday banquet: John McLaughlin, Archie Cameron, Heather LeCraw, Philomena Childs, June McMillan, Bernice Rutherford, Keith Finley.

## PINK PS from Page 8



"My Pretty in Pink did turn out to be a man, did you guess that? But, contrary to what you might have been thinking, he is a man happily married to a woman. They own a marketing company in

Germany and he was dressed up touring around promoting fashion. He spoke almost perfect English, much better than my German for sure, and was very friendly and interesting. He was having fun doing this and certainly looked and walked like a fashionable, if a little out there, woman."

Jan Edwards

## THE LAST PAGE

### THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR WRITING!

When the lockdowns started and we ended in-person social events and activities, there was suddenly a dearth of material for the Newsletter. It was decided to solicit stories and articles from our very creative PROBUS members. I know Diane Grunwell reached out personally to a number of members to encourage them to submit articles and stories. It is amazing how effective Diane was in providing a pat on the back administered hard enough and low enough to get results. Diane also assisted with some editing help as well to many. Other PROBUS Clubs have been amazed at the number of stories and anecdotes which appeared in our Newsletter pages. Thanks, Diane, for helping it to happen and thanks to **ALL OF YOU** for sharing your stories and anecdotes. Although we won't have as much space, we are still looking for your stories. To those who tried writing for the first time, keep at it!

Tony Nelson, Newsletter Editor.

### FROM GUEST TO MEMBER

If you have people who are interested in our Club and possibly joining, please forward their **Name, Complete Address, Phone Number and E-Mail Address** to Mary Tomlinson, Membership Chair at [marytomlinson1314@gmail.com](mailto:marytomlinson1314@gmail.com) and she will add them to the list. People on our Wait List receive a copy of our monthly Newsletter so that they can stay in touch with our activities.

### KEEP IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PROBUS CLUB

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### NEWSLETTER

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