BOLTON AND DISTRICT PROBUS NEWSLETTER

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get Connected, **Stay** Connected.

This is a milestone year—three decades of

"Fellowship, Friendship and Fun."

I hope that we will see most of our members on Thursday May 14th at the Albion Bolton Community Centre. Our celebrations for the 30th Anniversary will begin at 10:00 as usual. It will be hard to remember all the people who have been working hard to make this a day to celebrate, but Deb and her team, Nathan, Larry, Ruth and Ron stand out.

We do need a few more volunteers for the day. If Fionna has not emailed you, and you are able to help with set up and clean up etc, kindly email: rotaryfionna@outlook.com or text/ phone 416-706-7074

The 30th Anniversary committee are doing a super job of planning this event and are looking for memorabilia and photos. Do you know of any former members who might appreciate knowing about the event? Looking forward to the 14th,

Graham Ferguson, President www.boltonprobus.ca gferguson222@outlook.com

April Speaker Barbara Robinson, M.A.Sc., P.Eng

Well, what a treat we had this month— a deep dive into the glamorous, high-flying world of **sewers**. Truly, Probus knows how to spoil its members.

We learned more about pipes, drains, and things-you-definitely-don't-want-to-meet-in-the-dark than any of us expected when we got out of bed. Our speaker bravely guided us through the underground world where, apparently, *everything we flush actually goes somewhere*. Who knew.

Unfortunately, there were several disappointed members who were expecting the "Sewer Lady" (now promoted to Queen) to be talking about needles and thread. Highlights, however, included:

- Discovering that the sewer system is basically the Circulatory System of Civilization, except with fewer hearts and more… well, you know.
- Learning that "fatbergs" are real, and not, as some of us assumed, a 1970s rock band.
- Realising that the phrase "combined sewer overflow" is not nearly as fun as it sounds.
- And of course, the shocking revelation that wipes labelled "flushable" are about as flushable as a brick.

There was also a moment of collective reflection when we were shown just how old some of the pipes are. Several members were heard whispering, "Well, at least *I'm* holding up better than that."

By the end, we all left with a new appreciation for the unsung heroes who keep everything flowing smoothly beneath our feet — and a renewed commitment to never, ever pour bacon grease down the sink again.

All in all, a cracking good talk. Informative, eye-opening, and just the right amount of "I didn't need to know that, but I'm glad I do."

"Leakage" is rainwater, groundwater and drinking water leaking into the sewer"





Barbara talking to Steve Paiken of TVO:

https://www.tvo.org/video/the-sewer-lady-on-how-to-avoid-flooding

The Events and Social Committee are led by Grace Allison

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April– ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS REQUIRING SIGN UP

Do join us for some social time, make new friends or enjoy time with longstanding ones.

Remember to look at the information table and sign up for the socials which interest you.

Activities requiring sign-up at the April 9th meeting Check your calendar….

Monday Night Movie May 13th 4:30 movie 6:30 dinner

Kitchen Capers: (Friday) May 17 9 am – 1 pm

Monday Night Movie: April 27 4:30 movie 6:30 dinner

Caledon Concert Band: (Sunday): May 3 Villa Caledon Inn lunch 12 pm Concert 2 pm

Neil Diamond and Tom Jones: (Thursday) May 21 Gibson Centre Alliston 5 pm Dinner 7:30 Show

Monday Night at the Movies https://www.theatreorangeville.ca/

There will be sign up sheets at the meetings for MNM in Orangeville.

Monday Night Movies. Orangeville Galaxy Theatre

$10 cash at door. Movie at 4:30. Dinner at 6:30

The films are usually excellent, and we socialise over a bite to eat afterwards.

Book Club Number 1

The Wednesday after the probus meeting … ie the third Wednesday of the month at the library. Run by Evelene Chapman and Micky Gravenish

April15/May 20/June17

Readamendations Book Club

For information: Tina Daalderop daalderopmt@gmail.com

Provisional dates: 24th March/21st April/26th May

Please contact the convenors if interested as space is limited.

The Speakers Committee - if you have any ideas…

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Ruth Hunt organises our lunch venue and social.

Look at: https://www.probuscanada.ca/

We will not be going to a restaurant for lunch in May

We are hoping for a good turnout of members in May.

We would however appreciate knowing if you are bringing a guest for catering and layout purposes. Contact **rotaryfionna@outlook.com or text/ phone 416-706-7074**

- Guests or members who have not renewed their membership ($45) will be very welcome, but will be charged $5:00

  (There are a few exceptions for specially invited former members and guests).