



THE PROBUS CLUB OF OAKVILLE

Established in 1988, The Fifth Probud Club in Canada



December 2015



The President's Message

Unfortunately, Bill Hamel and Allen Histed who both joined the club in 1996, passed away in October 2015. Bill attended the President's Dinner where he was presented with a very well deserved Life Member Award for his past services to the Club; although, sadly, medical problems kept him away from recent meetings. In 1988, together with John Graham, Al successfully founded the Probud Club of Oakville resulting in a club of 57 charter members.



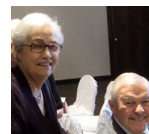
In October we had our great gambling event with a trip to the thoroughbred horse races at Woodbine, although I am not aware of any of our group who made a fortune! This was followed in November with a visit to the Oakville Theater for the Performing Arts for the always popular Toronto All Star - Big Band. This year the concert celebrated the 100th birthday of Frank Sinatra. Also in November we had a tour of the Amica Retirement Centre, which included a lunch. As the end of the year approached we held our Christmas Luncheon at the Atrium on December 10 for members and their partners. This provided attendees with the opportunity to sit back, relax, socialize and above all have fun.

I would like to take advantage of this opportunity, and in future Newsletters, to identify some of the behind the scenes members whose invaluable efforts contribute to the success of the Club. Therefore, at this time, on behalf of members I thank Harold Eriendson our Club Auditor for many years, for all his hard work during this time.

I wish all Probud members and their partners a very merry Christmas with family and friends and a prosperous and healthy 2016.

Robin Davison

Oakville Probud Christmas Luncheon at the Atrium December 10, 2015



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Merry Christmas

Upcoming Activities

February 7th - Drury Lane Theatrical Productions- Old Time Musical

Sunday February 7th at 2:00 PM

There will only be 24 tickets available for this event

See Jim Smith at the activities table at the January meeting

The cost will be \$24 each

February 14th - Valentine Day's Luncheon

The Glen Abbey Golf Course - 11:00 AM Sunday Feb 14th.

There is only one more opportunity to sign up and pay for this event and that is the January meeting. See Brian Taylor at the activities table. The cost is \$42 each

March 20th - "Mamma Mia" at the Dunfield Theatre in Cambridge

This is a first class production at the new Dunfield Theatre.

Details will be available at the January meeting.

Upcoming Speakers

January 21st- Dr. John Chattoe

Our own John Chattoe will talk about Research into Virtual and Augmented Reality.

February 18th - Ted Barris

The Great Escape of WWII

March 17th- Sean Livingston

Sean will talk about WWII exploits and the corvette named for Oakville.

April 21st- Dr. Ross Prince

Dr. Prince will discuss prostate issues.

Our October Speaker



In October, our speaker was Bruce Christie.

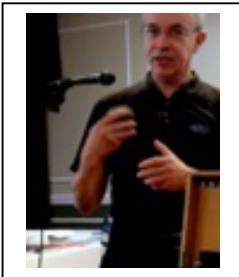
Bruce is a Probus member from Mississauga and came to talk about his climbing of Mt. Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, Africa, a climb of 16,000 feet. This challenge attracts 15,000 climbers per year and less than half make it to the top. Bruce was very complete in his talk and not only gave tips on what to pack for the trek, but where to buy it, costs etc. Bruce

was not shy as to how the climb affected him including that fact that he had to be carried from the top on a stretcher by four of the helpers. This was a most interesting talk and he obviously enjoyed reliving the experience.

Our October Profiler

There was no profiler this month.

Our November Speaker

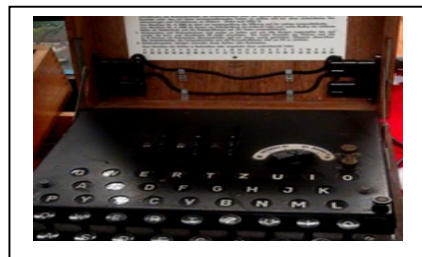
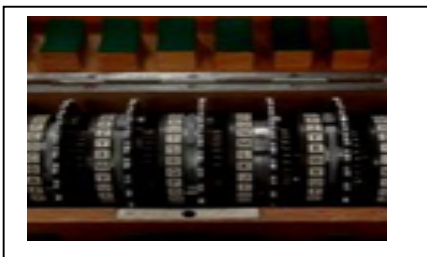


Our speaker in November was Richard Brisson who spoke about the history of the Enigma Machine and the impact it had on World War II.

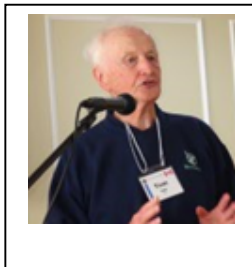
Richard worked with Canada's Communication Security Establishment (CSEC) from 1980 until his retirement. Few Canadians are aware of CSEC but it is similar to the famous NSA in the USA only a bit smaller.

Richard specialized in various fields of Mathematics and Computer Science and did spend time with the NSA.

Richard has been collecting vintage cryptographic and clandestine artifacts for 25 years and his collection has been shown in museums in Canada and the United States. He has found some of the machines on EBay and in places throughout Europe and the Scandinavian countries.



Our November Profiler



The profiler this month was Tom Hall who spoke about his early days in England and his move to Canada to pursue a career in the Refractory business. Tom's first day of school was memorable as on that day, Britain declared war on Germany. Tom received his Diploma in Ceramics and came to Canada to work for Canadian Refractories Ltd. in Quebec. He stayed in the business with different companies as they consolidated and retired as Director of Marketing for Rubrico Canada.

New Members

In October, we welcomed two new members as shown below with Gunter Lutz in the background. On the left, we have new member Tom Pugsley and on the right, Russ Buckland. Gunther Lutz and Robin Davison welcomed them into the club and presented them with their name tags and Probus Pins.



In November, we again welcomed two new members to the club. Left to right in the photo is new member Bob Lee, Gunther Lutz Membership Chair and new member Andreas Franke.



Reviews and Items of Interest



BRIDGE OF SPIES

This espionage thriller could well be the best picture of the year. The story, based on true events, took place in 1957, during the height of the cold war. The FBI captured Rudolph Abel, a soviet spy. In order to uphold the Constitution, he had to have a trial and a lawyer.

James Donovan, played by Tom Hanks, an ordinary insurance lawyer, is assigned the thankless task. The spy was correctly found guilty.

Donovan convinced the authorities to sentence Abel to prison rather than execution. He argued that Abel could become a valuable bargaining chip for a possible prisoner exchange. At that time, the CIA was conducting spying flights over Russia using the top secret U-2 spy plane. One was shot down and the pilot, Gary Powers, was captured. Both Abel and Powers knew of important secret intelligence but as yet had not revealed anything. The CIA asked Donovan to negotiate a trade, but with no official backing. The negotiation and trade would take place in East Berlin. The Berlin wall was being built at that time and it was a cold, dark, sad city. At one point a group of young thugs robbed him of his overcoat in freezing cold weather. A trade was negotiated and the very tense exchange was made on a bridge separating East and West Berlin. The film is a bit lengthy, but I enjoyed every minute of it.

Reviewed by: Harold Erlendson

Sign over a Gynecologist's Office:
"Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

On a Septic Tank Truck:
"Yesterday's Meals on Wheels"

On a Plumber's truck:
"We repair what your husband fixed."

At a Tire Shop in Auckland :
"Invite us to your next blowout."

On a Maternity Room door:
"Push. Push. Push."

Outside a Muffler Shop:
"No appointment necessary. We hear you coming"

In a Restaurant window:
"Don't stand there and be hungry; come on in and get fed up."

In a Podiatrist's office:
"Time wounds all heels."

At an Optometrist's Office:
"If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place."

On another Plumber's truck:
"Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber."

On an Electrician's truck:
"Let us remove your shorts."

At a Car Dealership:
"The best way to get back on your feet - miss a car payment."

In a Veterinarian's waiting room:
"Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!"

In the front yard of a Funeral Home:
"Drive carefully. We'll wait."



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**Meetings take place 10 am on
the third**

Thursday of each Month

At the Quality Suites

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