



## **Probis Club of Kingsway-Islington ANNUAL REPORT 2023-2024**

### **Management Committee**

President - Lorraine Nowina

Past President - Debra Owens

1st Vice President – Victor Fornasier

2nd Vice President - Nancy McFadden

Social Convenor - Heather Bacon

Secretary - Kelly McDougald

Clubs Coordinator - Tim Sulisz

Treasurer - Sharon Taylor

Membership - Montserrat Petrie

Newspaper Editor – Sharon Taylor (pro tem)

Events Coordinator - Mary Mulligan

Technology Coordinator - Tim Sulisz (pro tem)

Associate Webmasters - Robert and Gloria James

Member at Large - Jodi Smith

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## **Recap of the Year**

It was another successful year for the Probus Club of Kingsway-Islington Probus!

## **Treasurer's Report**

For the year ended September 30, 2024, Revenue exceeded Expense by \$1,349.00. Revenue had been budgeted to exceed Expense by \$514.00. The major variance between actual and budget was the actual Interest Revenue from GICs was \$1,113.00 whereas budgeted Interest Revenue was \$400.00.

The Surplus as of September 30, 2024 was \$25,240.00 Both the results from operations and the Surplus are approximately in line with the financial guidelines of Probus Canada to operate on a break-even basis and to keep a Surplus of one year's operating expense.

## **Club's Report**

During the last Probus year, we continued to expand upon our goal of providing Fellowship, Friendship and Fun through our Clubs program. We started the year with 10 Probus Clubs and were able to successfully revive 3 inactive Clubs: Pickleball, the Lunch Club, and the Investment Club. We continued with our initiative to integrate the website with the newsletter so that with a single click of the mouse, our members could view information about our Clubs and the blogs produced about wines that were tasted, books that we read, walks that we took, and speakers that visited our Club.

## **Membership Chair's Report**

Membership results are as follows: At present we have 255 paid members. We are finalizing another few. The Mail strike has complicated things, but we are getting there. The Waiting list currently has 131 names. Quite a drop from the 174 we had not that long ago. We took 31 people from the waiting list to add to the club's membership. The Waiting list also has been updated with new people wanting to join the Kingsway Probus.

## **Newsletter**

By simplifying processes, online access to our current and previous newsletters has also gained in popularity; all of our newsletters from October 2019 to November 2024 have one-click availability from the Newsletter webpage.

## Events

We had a busy year. There were many exciting trips. We started in January, when we went to the Bata Museum. A number of us had not been in many years and were very pleased with how beautiful it was.

We continued in March on a Cheese Trail to several cheese shops. We also went to the Ingersoll Cheese and Agricultural Museum which was very interesting. In April we saw “Jersey Boys” at the Hamilton Family Theatre, Cambridge, a fun show with Frankie Vallie and the Four Seasons. We saw “Something Rotten” at Stratford. What an amazing play, fabulous singing and dancing. And of course, we saw “My Fair Lady” in Niagara on the Lake. A great show. We went to the races at Woodbine in June. We used to go every year and of course, with Covid, we cancelled it. It was a fun day. In July we went on a Georgian Bay Boat Cruise. There was a major storm in Toronto, but we enjoyed a day of sunshine on the water! In September we went to St. George Apple Harvest Festival. It was a beautiful day.

We also had a number of well-attended events at the Lambton Golf and Country Club: Christmas Lunch (87 members); February Lambton Lunch (29 members); and June BBQ (79 members).

## Speakers for 2023-2024

There were 9 excellent speakers last year, including one at the Christmas lunch:  
**October, 2023:** Anita Lal, MD, D-ABP, FCAP – Forensic Pathologist, Ontario Government

**November, 2023:** Tim Carroll, Artistic Director of The Shaw Festival – The Shaw Festival in the 21st Century

**December, 2023:** Diana P. Trepkov, Forensic Artist – Faces of the Franklin Expedition

**January, 2024:** Dr. David Chandross, (M.Sc., M.Ed., Ph.D.) – Artificial Intelligence and the Future of Mankind

**February, 2024:** Neil Crone, I’m not a real person but I play one on TV

**March, 2024:** Marco Ricciardi, Cyber Scams and Phishing Schemes Designed to Dupe Seniors

**April, 2024:** Lee Fairclough and Dr. Sanjeev Sockalingam from CAMH speaking on mental health issues.

**May, 2024:** Steve Urszenyi, From Paramedic to Published Author: A Journey along the Bumpy Road of Writing.

**Sept. 2024:** Julien LeBourdais, A Stanley Cup, Prime Ministers, and John Lennon – a Photojournalist’s Odyssey