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## The AppleCore Newsletter

January 2023



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## President's Message



## **HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

January is the month for taking stock of last year and setting plans for the new year. So let's take a look at Applewood Probus.

## **HIGHLIGHTS ON ACTIVITIES**

It's interesting to note that lockdowns dampened our Activities, but we are turning the corner and participation is growing back quickly. Looking forward:

- Pub Lunch, held on the 3rd Monday, has roared back at its new venue. In December, there were 18 for lunch and an ugly Christmas sweater competition topped off the meeting.
- The annual Valentine's Lunch is scheduled for February 16, at a new venue, Markland Wood GC.
- The Theatre Group just announced their first outing for April: Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at Meadowvale Theatre.
- Bring on the popcorn and jujubes, and we'll see you at the Movies, thanks Ron Linklater.
- Details for these and more Activities are on our website and in the newsletter. Don't hesitate to get involved.

## **ANNUAL BUDGET REVIEW**

The Budget is the financial road map for the club. In the annual budget, we forecasted our membership would drop to 140 and was projected to grow by 10 new members to restore the count to old levels. But after contacting everyone, we ended up at 130 members. The reductions were due to aging, health, moving away, or other interests. The projected revenue shortfall will be offset by the club's current surplus. Also, we continue to trim expenses where feasible.

## **GROWING OUR MEMBERSHIP**

To offset the shortfall in membership, the Management Committee launched initiatives to build back the membership. Action items are:

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- 'Do Your Friend a Favour' campaign ... for members to invite friends and neighbours to the club.
- Building awareness of Applewood Probus at key condos.
- Experimenting with a new Facebook page and FB ads aimed at our demographic.
- Exchanging ideas with other local Probus clubs.

Some initiatives will deliver results in the long run and others with more immediate results. But the fact remains we all have a role to play in growing our membership.

### **VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT**

Volunteering is not 'work', nor something you do once and then claim immunity. Rather, volunteering is an on going activity for sharing your time and talents. It's also about making friends, adding depth and value to your Probus experience, and learning new things. In April, Jim Carmichael's Nominating Committee will be looking for you to fill roles on next year's Management Committee and in the various Activities roles. Don't wait to be asked, let's grow this club together. Send Jim an email letting him know your interests.

### **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

That about wraps up our tour of Applewood Probus as we look forward to another great year at Probus. Wishing you the best for the New Year.

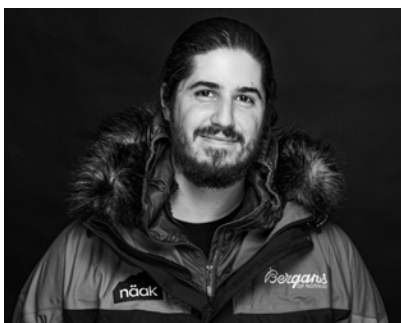


Marcus Miller  
President

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**Upcoming Speaker - January 12**  
**Nickolas Roulx, Royal Canadian Geographical Society**

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The January speaker is Nickolas Roulx, a Royal Canadian Geographical Society explorer-in Residence who journeyed by canoe and other means through Canada from North to south-from the high Arctic to Southern Ontario. This trip will be the focus of his presentation. Nickolas has accumulated years of experience as a canoe expedition Guide. As a Wilderness First Responder, he is continually exploring new northern experiences. Since 2018 he has given more than 60 talks. He focuses on young people utilizing canoe expeditions as a lever for motivation, perseverance, and self-confidence.

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### **Future Speakers - February 9**

#### **Andrew McKinney, Living Your Dreams in Retirement – the writing of a memoir**



The February speaker is Andrew McKinney, author of ***How I Lost My Hair Raising Teenage Girls and the lessons I learned***, Andrew was born in Toronto and grew up in Downsview. At twelve years of age he saw the Disney Movie 'The Absent Minded Professor' and decided to become a scientist. He never wavered from this goal until high school when he discovered a love for writing. After wrestling with his career decision, Andrew enrolled in York University's science program, ultimately earning a Master of Science degree in Biochemistry.

As an executive in the pharmaceutical industry, Andrew learned only too well the pressures of work and family. He and his wife Karen, raised a son, two daughters, a cat and a dog. And despite some difficult years, he cherishes the good times and funny moments that occurred when least expected. By sharing his challenging yet humorous experiences, he hopes to entertain readers who have raised kids and

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provide a roadmap to those beginning to navigate this stage of their lives.

After living with his family in a small town in Ontario for decades, Andrew has been on the run from his daughters ever since publication. Andrew McKinney is a pseudonym.

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## Applewood Probus Upcoming Events

**Valentines Lunch at Markland Wood GC, February 16, 2023**



On Thursday, February 16, you are invited to join the 10th annual Valentines celebration at the Markland Wood GC. We have reserved the spacious Maple Room and we will get underway at 11:30 with cocktails & friendship. A deluxe buffet with Atlantic Salmon, Chicken Supreme and Butternut Squash as featured entrees will be available at 12:35.

If you have not been there before, this is your chance to experience one of the fine golf clubs in the area. Easy to locate off a major street with ample parking. Location is 245 Markland Drive at the corner of Bloor Street.

It is \$150.00 per couple, which includes gratuity and taxes. Alcoholic beverages extra.

**Payment: e-Transfer to [applewoodtreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:applewoodtreasurer@gmail.com) or by cheque only – not before February 6!**

Please email Don Taylor to make your reservation or with any questions.

[dwtaylor10@bell.net](mailto:dwtaylor10@bell.net)

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## **Theatre Group Outing, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Sunday April 23, 2PM - 4PM**

Meadowvale Theater, 6315 Montevideo Rd, Mississauga, ON L5N 4G7

1. Everyone needs to purchase their own tickets. You may sit where you prefer.
2. Angelo Baratta will find and book a venue for a meet up after the show. That will make it a social occasion.
3. Please contact Angelo to let him know how many tickets you have purchased so he can reserve enough places for the meet up afterwards.



“The most phantasmagorical stage musical in the history of everything”, is coming to Meadowvale Theatre. The imaginative story of an eccentric inventor, Caractacus Potts, his enchanting children Jeremy and Jemima, their truly scrumptious friend Truly Scrumptious and their adventures with Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, the magical car as it sets sail and flies the skies. When the evil Baron Bombast hears of the incredible automobile, he and his Baroness will stop at nothing, until they have Chitty for themselves.

The musical is based on a 1968 movie. Ian Fleming (of James Bond fame) wrote the original novel so of course there are spies. A family favourite, sure to delight. Filled with amazing stage spectacle and unforgettable songs, including the Academy Award-Nominated title song, Chitty Chitty Bang Bang is a high-flying fun filled adventure for the entire family.

Audience Rating: Family

Music by: Richard and Robert Sherman

Lyrics by: Richard and Robert Sherman

Book by: Jeremy Sims

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## **Applewood Probus Events**

**Chistmas Lunch at the Glenerin Inn - December 8, 2022**

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It was December 8 when 40 members and guests celebrated Christmas at the historic Glenerin Inn. Good fellowship was celebrated before the lunch was served. After the lunch, John Mark played Santa Claus in picking the winners of the gift certificates and the 50:50 draw where Marcus Miller was the lucky winner. A good occasion for all who were there.  
Kent Newell





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## Activities Update

Enjoyed your last event? Why not share a group picture at [applepro805@gmail.com](mailto:applepro805@gmail.com) and it will be placed here.

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### Book Club - December 7, 2022

#### ***The Apollo Murders*** by Chris Hadfield

There was general agreement that the book had some interesting technical details, particularly regarding space travel, but that it was not a success from the novel writing standpoint. At times, the technical detail was obtrusive. The characters are rather thinly drawn, and they undergo no development. Many aspects of the plot could have been followed further. The ending was a page turner, but melodramatic, with a Keystone Kops sort of feel to it.

The author's note at the end was helpful in providing details about the real people, places, and events in the story.

Rating of the book: 5.7

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### Group 2 Wine Tasting – December 7, 2022



Group 2 met on Wednesday December 7th at Bob Ewart's in Mississauga. We had 6 attendees - Bob Weese, Bob Ewart, Peter

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Crawford, Victor Fornasier, John Bray and Jim Christie (behind the camera).

The tasters were given a list of 6 different meals (Lamb, Turkey, Back Ribs, Duck, Beef and Steak) and then required to try and match the wine being tasted with the meal. The idea was good but the execution... not so good!

In any event it was a lot of fun and at the end handouts were provided for each meal listing 5 separate pairings for each meal which, hopefully, will help out over the Christmas holidays.

Results were as follows:

#	Meal	Wine Pairing	Price	Rated
1	Lamb	San Felice Chianti Classico 2020	\$19.95	4
2	Turkey	Combe Aux Jacques Beaujolais Villiges 2021	\$19.95	5
3	Back Ribs	Josh Cellars Zinfandel 2020	\$19.95	1 / 2
4	Duck	Bread & Butter Pinot Noir 2020	\$19.95	6
5	Beef	Chateau Argadens Bordeaux 2018	\$19.95	3
6	Steak	Perez Cruz Reserva Chile Cabernet Sauvignon 2019	\$15.95	1 / 2

Please note that, as usual, the cheapest wine (\$15.95) Perez Cruz Reserva Chile Cabernet Sauvignon was rated as a tie for the number one ranking.

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### Group 3 Wine Tasting – December 14, 2022

Group 3 met on Wednesday Dec 14, 2022 in the condo of Reg and Alison Perkin at The Fairways on Dixie Road S. Present were Bryce Atkinson, Jack Doney, Doug Gilpin, Neil Paget, Paul Walters, Marty Wanat, and Mike Preston (substituting for Don Steen who was unable to attend due to illness).

Reg had chosen 3 Pinot Noir and 3 Malbec with the advice of the Vitner David at the Dixie/Dundas LCBO. The wines originated from Argentina, France, New Zealand and USA. The big surprise was the last one we tasted, a Pinot Noir from California, which looked more like a Malbec, was the most expensive and scored the highest.

#	Wine	LCBO #	Type	Origin	Price	Scored
1.	Hob Nob	184069	Pinot Noir	France	\$15.05	# 5
2.	Catena	478727	Malbec	Argentina	\$21.95	# 3
3.	Cahors	247544	Malbec	France	\$18.95	# 4
4.	Stoneleigh	54353	Pinot Noir	New Zealand	\$21.00	# 6
5.	Luigi Bosca	452672	Malbec	Argentina	\$17.95	# 2
6.	Meiomi	130138	Pinot Noir	USA	\$23.95	# 1

Reg Perkin, Convenor

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### Walking Group - December 15, 2022



The weather was miserable so we sped into the conservatory to enjoy the flowers on display. Poinsettia is the highlight with many shades and colours. The staff provided information on the varieties of plants and the construction of the floral displays. Weather was still miserable so off to lunch at the Stanfield grill.

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### Book Club - January 4, 2023

#### ***Machines Like Me*** by Ian McEwen

There was general agreement that this was a thought-provoking book, touching on major issues such as humanity, morality, and truth. Introspection is a hallmark of McEwen's books. Is the destruction of the android Adam equivalent to murder? The human characters were not well-developed, and the narrative somewhat choppy. The chapters of re-imagined history, while interesting, tended to detract from the flow of the story. Setting the book in the 1980s did give the opportunity for imagined and

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enjoyable conversations with Turing. Two humans defined the emotional responses of an android: doubtless this gave rise to conflicting responses. The idea of an android being seduced is interesting, as is the idea of the android rebelling against the human "owner". On the other hand, giving a device with artificial intelligence specific rules regarding morality did lead to a very conservative attitude, unlike the human moral approaches arising from moral relativism.

Adam's final haiku:

*Our leaves are falling. Come spring we will renew, But you, alas, fall once.*

Other books, authors mentioned during the meeting:

Sara Seager, ***The smallest lights in the universe: a memoir***

Robert J Sawyer

David Williams, Convenor

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### Activity Calendar

For a calendar showing all scheduled activities, [click here](#)

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## Past Speaker

With the 2022 Christmas Lunch held on December 8th instead of the monthly Probus meeting, there was no guest speaker.

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### **Tips for Building Membership**

Probus, do your friend a favor and ....

- Bring them to a monthly meeting.

- Invite them to a Probus Activity. ie golf, beer tasting, book club, walking, etc
- Post a Probus Poster in your condo bulletin board. (see Tony Hart).
- Email them a copy of our AppleCore Newsletter.
- Send the web URL: [www.applewoodprobusclub.org](http://www.applewoodprobusclub.org)

## Probus Website Submissions

We encourage you to submit a paragraph or two on what your group is up to. Pictures of your activity or event are also welcomed. Submissions should be sent to [applepro805@gmail.com](mailto:applepro805@gmail.com)

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## Any Changes?



### Help Us Keep the Membership List Up to Date

This is a gentle reminder that each member is responsible for keeping our membership list up to date. If you have moved, changed your email address or phone number, then send an email to the Membership Co-ordinator, **Doug Brien** at [membership@applewoodprobusclub.org](mailto:membership@applewoodprobusclub.org). or [click here](#). and Doug will update your record.

Thanks.

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## Probus Activities

To see the recent activities and pictures from our various activity groups click the activity listed below

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