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## The AppleCore Newsletter

February 2024



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## President's Message



On February 14 we'll celebrate Valentine's Day, and the next day, Blue Jays pitchers and catchers report to Dunedin to open spring training. Nothing marks the promise and optimism of spring like the start of Spring Training. Past failures fade into the rear view mirror, optimism reigns supreme, the improbable seems probable. This will be our year!

Winter is retreating and the golf season is just around the corner. We're almost through another winter.

As we gear up for the promise of better weather, think about inviting a friend to one of our activities - a Club meeting, pub lunch, walking group, wine tasting, or book club. The more the merrier.

Our Speaker this month is Shelley Babin, and her topic is Hydrogen as a Green Fuel. Ms. Babin spoke to us some time ago about small nuclear reactors. As part of her talk on hydrogen she will give us an update. Most of us grew up in the Atomic Age, and it's interesting to reflect on early thoughts on the use of nuclear power. In 1958, Ford revealed they were working on a nuclear powered car. It was suggested that nuclear electricity would be so cheap that power companies wouldn't even meter it, and one entrepreneur suggested a nuclear golf ball that could never be lost! Some of the same ideas are being floated about hydrogen. (Maybe not the golf ball, but think how far it would fly.) Hydrogen powered motor vehicles are increasingly touted as a solution to climate change. Like you, I'm really intrigued to hear Ms. Babin's thoughts about hydrogen and the future.

See you on the 8th.

Paul Taylor  
President

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## **Upcoming Speaker - February 8**

**Shelley Babin**

**President and Chief Executive Officer – Atura Power**

**"Hydrogen Fuel as Part of the Green Energy Transition"**



Ontario has one of the cleanest electricity grids in the world resulting from the elimination of coal as a source of power generation in 2014. Ontario's clean grid presents a unique opportunity to produce low-carbon hydrogen that can be used as a replacement fuel in high-emitting sectors that are hardest to decarbonize, such as heavy industry and heavy-duty transportation.

The demand for low-carbon hydrogen is increasing across the globe, with many countries, including Canada, enacting policies to support the role of this clean fuel in the energy transition. Electricity demand will similarly increase over the next 2 decades as electrification coupled with economic growth put added strain on the existing grid. All sources of electricity will be needed to support a reliable, cost-effective and sustainable system into the future, including Small Modular Reactors (SMRs).

Shelley will provide an overview of the hydrogen economy and how Atura's hydrogen program is supporting Ontario's pathway to decarbonization. She will also provide an update on OPG's Small Modular Reactor program.

Atura Power is a leader in Canada's energy transition through its safe and reliable operation of Ontario's largest fleet of combined cycle natural gas turbine powerplants, and the development of low-carbon hydrogen production and battery energy storage centres.

Prior to her appointment at Atura Power, Shelley was Ontario Power Generation's (OPG) Chief Legal and Ethics Officer, and led the company's Environment, Social and Governance work. In 2021, under her leadership, OPG's Law Division was named the Energy and Resources Law Department of the Year by the Canadian Law Awards, and Shelley was awarded Tomorrow's Leader by the Canadian General Counsel Awards in 2018. She practised commercial litigation at a large national Bay Street law firm prior

to joining OPG.

Shelley holds her ICD.D designation and sits on the board of Global First Power, a joint venture between OPG and Ultra Safe Nuclear Corporation with a mandate to construct and operate a small modular nuclear reactor in Ontario.

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## Future Speakers

**March 14, 2024**

**Randy Attwood,**

**President of the Earthshine Astronomy and Space Science Organization**

**The Total Solar Eclipse of April 8, 2024**



On Monday, April 8, southern Ontario will experience a rare event - a total eclipse of the Sun. Although not all that rare (total solar eclipses happen every two years or so), they are rarely in our backyard. The last total solar eclipse in the GTA took place in January 1925. The next isn't until 2144. Unfortunately, the path of this eclipse misses the cities of Mississauga and Toronto. It passes just south, crossing over Hamilton, Niagara Falls and then over Lake Ontario. So we will have to travel to see it. What can we expect to see? This talk will cover total solar eclipses in general and what plans one should take for this upcoming eclipse.

J. Randy Attwood is a resident of Mississauga and has been looking up at the night sky for nearly 55 years.

Randy has enjoyed a long relationship with the [Royal Astronomical Society of Canada](#) - Canada's national astronomy organization. He joined over 50 years ago. Recently, he was the Society's Executive Director for five years.

He is the founder and Past-President of the Mississauga Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and a Past President of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada and the Toronto Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of

Canada.

In 2013 he was named as one of the first Fellows of the Society. In 2005 he was awarded the Society's Service Award.

Randy has appeared on CTV, CBC, GLOBAL and the Discovery Channel to provide background information for space exploration and astronomy related stories. He has covered 12 space shuttle launches and landings as a journalist and photographer.

Between 1981 and 1994 he produced and hosted 63 astronomy cable television shows called Astronomy Toronto.

He has travelled to six continents around the world to observe and photograph 12 total eclipses of the sun.

He has written High School Astronomy text book units on astronomy and presented planetarium programming at schools.

Randy Attwood is the President of The Earthshine Astronomy and Space Science Organization, a Mississauga based not for profit charity organization. Earthshine hopes to build and run a public astronomy facility in the Mississauga area.

In 2012, [Asteroid 260235](#) was renamed Asteroid Attwood in his honour.

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**May 9, 2024**

**William Arthur Humber, C.M.**

**Baseball Historian**

**"Canadian Baseball"**



Bill Humber has knocked Canadian sports history out of the park. The first baseball historian and researcher to be both invested into the order of Canada and inducted into the Canadian Baseball Hall of Fame, he has uncovered the origins of our country's deep-rooted, yet largely forgotten history with the game,

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which predates hockey by several decades.

An enthusiastic educator, he founded and has taught the Baseball Spring Training for Fans course for more than 40 years. He has also authored numerous groundbreaking books on sports and is a sought-after speaker and media presenter throughout North America.

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**June 13, 2024**

**Andrew Miller**

**Urbanist, Futurist, and Mobility Specialist**

**"The Cities of Tomorrow"**



What are the principal problems facing cities today, and can technology help to solve them?

Using Internet-enabled technology, sensors and cameras, and cloud computing, advocates believe that new urban systems can transform existing urban areas into "smart cities", thereby lowering housing prices, reducing congestion, eliminating greenhouse gas emissions and more. Critics contend that such approaches are, at best, costly exercises that make urban infrastructure more brittle. At worst, they are attempts to make the personal public, and transform personal data into commodities that enrich private business. Who is right in this debate? What if anything, can technology do to improve our cities? What will cities look like in the future? Andrew Miller will tour these questions and their answers.

From 2018 to 2020 Andrew was the Toronto mobility lead for Sidewalk Labs, the Google smart-city arm. He is a noted speaker. In 2023 alone, Andrew was a panelist

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for the Canadian Automated Vehicles Conference, and a keynote speaker for Intelligent Cities Canada and the annual congress of the Urban Development Institute of Australia. He has provided private briefings on the future of mobility to the senior leadership of General Motors, Transport Canada, and the Advanced Research Institute of Japan (autonomous mobility division). Andrew lives in Lakeview, Mississauga.

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## Upcoming Events

### **Dog Guide Tour - March 12, 2024**



See a presentation by the trainers and the dogs in training at the Lions Foundation of Canada facilities in downtown Oakville.

The tour will include a demonstration of the dog hearing program and a tour of the facility. A question period will follow. The event will take 1 to 2 hours.

Timing is Tuesday, March 12 at 11:00. Signup will be at the Club monthly meeting on February 8. There will be limit of 30 people in total (spouses included).

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Location is the Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guide at 152 Wilson Street in Oakville. There is 2 hour parking on the street.

For further information, go to [dogguides.com](http://dogguides.com).

Club contact is Bill Halliwell at [bill1725@aol.com](mailto:bill1725@aol.com).

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## Beer Tasting - April 25, 2024



Craft Beer Tasting Advance Notice

Pie & Pint Day

Date:

Thursday 25 April 2024 at 12:30

Location:

Silversmith Brewing Company  
75 Horner Avenue  
Etobicoke

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Mark your calendars now, and plan to join fellow Probians for a tasting flight, savoury lunch and fun events.

Watch for more information

Your craft beer tasting team,

David Litner

Marty Wanat

John Mark

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### **Bowling (A NEW Activity) - Wednesdays at 1PM**



Come and join fellow Probians and others in 5 pin team bowling every Wednesday afternoon starting at 1.00 pm at Centre Bowling located in the basement level of:

John Paul II Polish Cultural Centre  
4300 Cawthra Road  
(South of 403)

Bowling runs from September to the end of April. Current costs are \$20.00 yearly initiation and \$15.00 each day for 3 games.

Come and have fun, obtain bragging rights and win prizes.

Please contact John Mark (Activities Coordinator) for enrollment and/or questions.

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## **Past Speaker - January 11, 2024**

**Bryana McLaughlin**

**Senior Coordinator, Capital Projects, Credit Valley Conservation Authority**

**"Serson Creek and the Jim Tovey Lakeview Conservation Area"**



The waterfront between Marie Curtis Park on the east and the developing residential area on the former Lakeview Generating Station lands is being re-shaped into a 26-hectare forest, meadow, and wetland with trails, a teaching amphitheater, and an observation promontory. Construction includes a scale model to ensure a design that protects the shoreline, refurbishing Serson Creek, and planting tens of thousands of trees and native plants. In a presentation with videos and slides, we were given a glimpse of the premier conservation area scheduled for opening in 2025.

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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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### Wine Tasting Group 3 - December 20, 2023

In December, Wine Group 3 enjoyed the festive season, tasting 6 selected wine vintages you may enjoy with your Christmas dinner.

All the regular members were in attendance with interesting stories and lots of laughter. Attending were Reg Perkin, Doug Gilpen, Paul Walters, Neil Padget, Bryce Atkinson, Marty Wanat, and Don Steen.

The wines selected were very close in appearance and taste. Below the wines are listed in order of the groups ratings.

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| 1. France, Morgon Dom Les Charmes Beaujolais    | \$24.95 |
| 2. Chile, Pinot Noir Limited Selection (Montes) | \$15.95 |
| 3. Italy, Primitivo Di Mauduria Mandus          | \$18.95 |
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| 4. Greece, Thalia Red Cabernet Sauvignon-Agiorgit | \$12.00 |
| 5. South Africa, Shiraz Family Wines Shaapveld    | \$14.75 |
| 6. Ontario, The Conspiracy Ripasso Style          | \$16.95 |

A very enjoyable afternoon concluded with Christmas cookies and coffee, with wishes exchanged for a New Year of good health and happiness and of course good wine.

Cheers,  
Jack Doney

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### **Walking Group - January 4, 2024**



On January 4th, a group of 11(+2) headed out on a cold Winter's day for a walk westward from J. C. Saddington Park along the Waterfront Trail, through the Brueckner Rhododendron Gardens, and onwards to Richards Memorial Park. The day was bright and sunny, which lifted the spirits of the walkers after the grey days of the Christmas Holidays. On the return trip an additional two members joined the group. They apparently had started at the wrong end of the walk instructions. To celebrate the first challenge of 2024, several members retired to the Pump House Grille for refreshments. Thanks to Doug B. and Frances for the photos.

Doug Johnston

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### **Pub Lunch - January 15, 2024**



We had another great turnout at the January 15th Pub

Lunch. Everyone enjoyed a great meal, beverage, and a lot of chat. If you haven't tried the Pub Lunch out, give it a try. I am sure you will enjoy getting to know your fellow Probians, and if you are lucky, you may even learn something new.

Robert Martin

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### **Wine Tasting Grup 3 - January 17, 2024**

Winetasting Group 3 was hosted by Doug Gilpin.

Six red wines of different varieties were sampled and are listed below in order of the group's preferences:

Wine, Country	Price	Score
Luigi Bosca Malbec, Argentina	\$19.95	121.5
Seven Falls Merlot, Washington State	\$22.95	120
Irving Spring Hill Shiraz, Australia	\$19.25	115.5
Pound Cake Cabernet Sauvignon, California	\$19.95	115.5
Roux Pere et Fils Pinot Noir, France	\$19.05	107.5
Falasco Valpolicella Ripossa, Italy	\$18.95	104.5

The tasting, attended by the regular members Marty Wanat, Reg Perkin, Jack Doney and the host, enjoyed the pleasure of guests Richard Kitney, Paul Moore, Mike Preston, and Jim Christie.

Doug Gilpin

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### **Walking Group - January 18, 2024**



Eleven members headed out on a cold winter's day, heading eastward from Marie Curtis park. Although several members chose to shorten their walk as it was certainly brisk and invigorating - and cold!, the company and

discussions along the way were great and was enjoyed by all.

Doug Johnson

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### **Supper Club J - January 18, 2024**



Supper club J met for lunch on at the Royal Windsor pub in Oakville. We enjoyed good food, specials, and lots of stimulating conversation in our private room. The price was very reasonable. It was very nice to see Susanne Bray back with us.

Roy Hicks

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### **Dinner Group H - January 24, 2024**



Five members of Group H enjoyed a lunch rather than a dinner at La Scala Ristorante, 2601 Matheson Boulevard. We chose to have a lunch rather than a dinner because of the unpredictable winter weather and the difficulty driving in dark evenings. The attending members were Rod and Sybil McLeod, Denis and Carolyn Bailey, and Craig Tyers. Craig's wife Shirley was absent, hosting a book club. Also unable to join us were Doug and Marilyn Johnston and Bob and Sharon

Topping.

The food was delicious and the service was friendly and efficient. We were seated in a quiet corner of the restaurant that made conversation easy. We had a wide-ranging discussion that included international affairs and foreign travel, particularly to Portugal.

Denis Bailey

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## **Tasting Group 2 - January 25, 2024**



We tasted at the home of Mike Preston. There were nine of us, which include 3 guests: Doug Gilpin, Tony Hart and Marty Wanat. Being our first tasting of the "New Year", the theme was "new releases". We did not score our wines as per past practice as well they were not all red. In order, we sampled a red sparkling, a sauvignon blanc, a pinot noir, a sangiovese, a cabernet sauvignon and finished with a ruby port. We were encouraged to vocalize our opinion on the wine ie. like or not and why as well, would you purchase.

The over all comment was "it was interesting". Still, all were still cheerful and the bottles pretty much empty.

Mike Preston.

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## **Activity Calendar**

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

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## **New Members**

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Paul Taylor (L)  
Kent Newell  
Blair Seckington (New Member, R)



Paul Taylor (L)  
Bruce Shaw (New Member)

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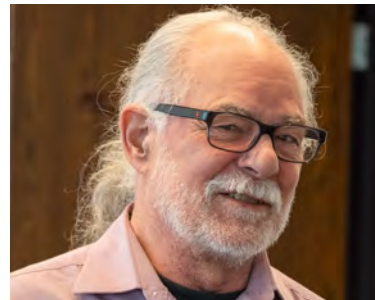
## Applewood Probus Guests



Ed and Frank



Barry with Guest



Lew King

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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.
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- 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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