



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Be a Friend. Bring a Friend.

Our next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 in the Lions Den, P&H Centre at 10:00 a.m.

Our next Management Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday October 2, at 9:30 a.m.

See our newsletters on the national website:
www.probus.org/5ontario.htm

September meeting

The meeting was very well attended, approximately 130, filling up all seats available. Lynda Taylor-Basilij, presiding chair at the meeting, asked members to introduce their guests. They were Ruth Lenne, Kathy McBride, Marion Brown, Marg Gerdler, Sheila Lavigne, Alison Coates, Denise Hobler, Jack Lavigne, Diane and Michael Schurman, Deborah Busby, Doug Poram, Shirley Litt, Betty Ann Kuntz, and Marg Poste.





Brenda Booth lets friend Ginnie Smith know that she just won \$117 !!



We are here to greet you. - Jeanne Kucan and Wendy McDougall

Guest speaker Dennis O'Sullivan was introduced by Alan Fisher. We especially appreciated his presence since he and a friend had driven through some dense fog this morning from Hamilton. His background is reporter for the "Hamilton Spectator", radio talk show host for numerous Hamilton radio stations, the Children's Centre of Hamilton, the Association of Retired People in Hamilton and the Big Brothers Association.

His knowledge of automobiles began at a young age as he learned how to siphon gas from other people's cars and learned not to smoke after siphoning. He learned too that girls did not particularly like kissing him after he had siphoned gas.

His first job was as a "grease monkey" or, more professionally, as a car mechanic. He has an inside knowledge of how auto repair shops and second hand car dealerships make a profit off unsuspecting clients.

Dennis pointed out that the work market has a need of tradespeople. There is a definite shortage of workers nowadays, and fewer jobs for the academically trained professionals. Remember too that to acquire a university diploma, many students carry a heavy debt into their future unlike those who apprentice to learn a trade.

Dennis spoke of the history of advances made in the manufacture of automobiles, beginning with the first steam driven cars that roared along at 2 ½ miles per hour to Daimler Benz' first cars of the modern age. Working in an auto body repair shop in Hamilton, Dennis suffered damage to his lungs due to cyanide poisoning from the rust and dust in car motors.

He then moved into working with car insurance companies, adjustors, and consulting services. He became more and more aware of the many ways thieves can take your car. Be wary of anybody with a small hand held computer who is near you when you use your keyless entry to unlock your car doors. They can read radio waves emitted by your keyless device and from some keys. Once inside your car, they can within 5 minutes operate the pushbutton starter in the car thanks to information pick up by the computer.

Many scams are used to steal cars, steal the VIN number from used cars, steal ownership papers from a used car, and use that information and apply it to a stolen vehicle.

Another scam is to burn your leased car just before the lease expires. In this way, you avoid paying heavy charges for having exceeded a set number of kilometers allowed. By the way, do not close the doors of your car before you start the fire. Another method used to steal a car is the fact that car repair shops can re-produce the keys to your car, sell those keys, and bingo, your car disappears.

Scams and overcharging occur at repair shops, especially when you cannot identify the source of the problem with your car. If your complaint is too general, it could cost time and money just trying to discover the source of the problem. He has handled concerns raised by senior citizens regarding repairs to their cars. In one case, the customer was charged for a new motor for their old Plymouth. He checked it out and discovered that all the auto repair shop had done was to steam clean the old engine, add some oil, and what do you know, the owner soon had major problems with the car again and a huge repair bill. Dennis approached the company and threatened to expose them to Revenue Canada and demand an auditing of their books. The company quickly refunded \$3,600 to the older couple.

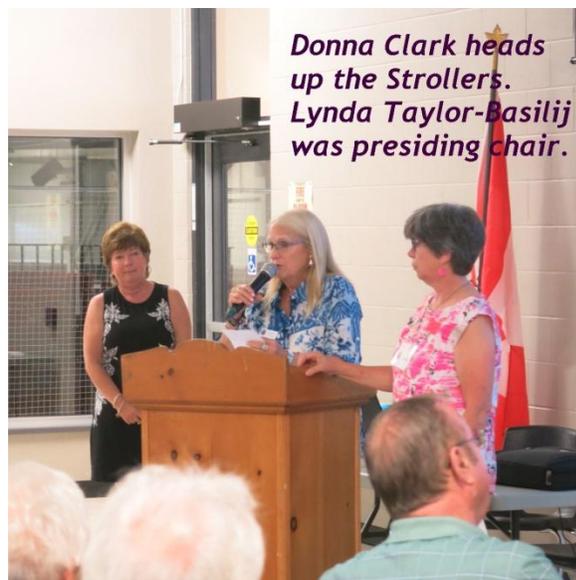
He proposed that car manufacturers must create a keyless door entry system that does not emit radio waves in order to stop these easy thefts. Many stolen cars end up in Poland, Bulgaria, and Iraq where they command a much higher price than here.

Before buying a used car, use a service called "Car Facts" where you can obtain a history of car damages and repairs. If, however, the repairs are done in Quebec, the information is often not available.

Try not to lose your programmable key or keyless entry system. These are hi-tech devices and can cost you \$400 to \$500 for a replacement. So there was lots to think about in Dennis' presentation. It was all well received by the audience.



Bill Roseborough thanked our guest speaker, Dennis O'Sullivan



Donna Clark heads up the Strollers. Lynda Taylor-Basilij was presiding chair.

Did You Know?

- If you would like a garden, check out Hanover's Community Garden Beds. They are wheel chair accessible and tools are provided. The cost is only \$25 per year. Contact heather@harc.ca or phone 519-364-5100.
- Want to do some square dancing? Join the Hanover Happy Twirlers. They meet every Tuesday evening at Holy Family School.
- Operation Christmas Child is designed to allow you to send Christmas gifts in a shoe box to children aged 2 to 14. Susan Sakal and Joel and Rose Coté can provide you with a shoe box and info at our meetings.
- See the art of local artists at the home of member Bev Morgan on September 28, 29 and 30. It's all part of the Autumn Leaves Studio Tour, in Grey and Bruce counties.

Group activities

- Susan Leidel spoke about the many group activities available to our members.
- There are a number of activity groups that currently do not have coordinators – they include Board Games, Hiking, Pole Walking, and Cross Country Skiing. Please consider stepping up to be a co-ordinator for these activities.
- Donna Clark spoke about the Strolling group and an upcoming walk around Durham.
- Marg Wettlaufer encouraged prospective travellers to consider their "Reflections of Italy" which will take place next spring.
- Dan Hobler gave us all an open invitation to join one of the largest of our groups, the Wine Tasting Group. Several outings are being planned.

Coming events

Author John Gardiner - On October 3 at 2 pm, John Gardiner will be visiting Hanover Library and reading from his book "Memories for Sale". Get together with us at the library for afternoon tea and reminiscing about Hanover as it was in the 1950's and '60's. Mr. Gardiner will also be sharing a short film made about his tour of Ontario promoting his book as well. This is a free event but donations are always welcome.

Bruce Grey Film Society - BGF's fall schedule is as follows :
Sunday, Oct. 14 - The Wife
Sunday, Oct. 28 - The Bookshop

Tickets available at the box office of the Paramount Theatre
Box office opens at 1.00 p.m. Show time is at 1.30 p.m.
\$10.00/ person - www.bgfs.ca for all information

Art Beneath the Autumn Sky gala event - Join us at the library on Saturday, October 13th for the social event of the season: our second Art Show Gala. We last did one in 2016, and it was a wonderful event, with everyone in their finery, enjoying drinks and hors d'oeuvres while viewing the works of local artists. It was so much fun that we are doing it again this year!

This is a partnership event with Saugeen Artists Guild. We transform the library & Community Hall into an art show, with wine, cheese, beer, cider, hors d'oeuvres, silent auction, etc. Tickets include two drinks and unlimited nibbles. Tickets are on sale now at the library for \$35 each, or \$30 if you buy more than one. Get together with family and friends to make it an unforgettable evening! You'll see (and be able to purchase) new works by some of our extremely talented local artists - do all your Christmas shopping in one place. This year we have over 25 artists participating, including some young artists from Launchpad. Tickets can be purchased at the Hanover Public Library or you can see Susan Sakal.

Yuletide Luncheon (turkey dinner) – tickets will be available for purchase at our October and November meetings – cost not yet known.

A reminder to members to “lug a mug” to meetings - help reduce our use of paper cups!

Join us in October to hear Hanover Fire Chief Jeff Dentinger, speaking on fire safety for seniors

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