



# THE NEWSLETTER

The PROBUS Club of Simcoe & District  
Meets second Tuesday of each month at St. James United Church hall



## MEETING NOTICE

**Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018**

**10 a.m., Muriel Bridge Room, St. James United Church, Simcoe.**

**9:30 a.m., Book Exchange, Socializing and Coffee.**



### Guest Speaker

**David Judd,**

**Norfolk Remembers battlefield tour of Europe.**

**(Get a sneak peek at [norfolkremembers.weebly.com](http://norfolkremembers.weebly.com))**

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## **Review of Jan. 9, 2018, meeting**

President **Murray Uren** called the meeting to order at 10 a.m and wished everyone a Happy New Year. **Keith Rumble** led us in our national anthem.

### **PROBUS business**

- Special events: **Dick Pearson** is organizing our visit to Bonnieheath Estate Lavender Farm and Winery .
- Treasurer: **Dave Montross** reported all but two members have paid their dues for 2017-18. Our Christmas lunch cost our club a minimal amount. Our club is in good financial shape.
- House: **Rick Middaugh** reported all is well.
- Newsletter: **David Judd** reported on representing our club at **Toby Barrett's** Christmas social. Toby is available to speak to us.
- Wellness: **Gerry Sheppard** reported that **Al Robinson** is back home from the hospital.

### **Guest Speaker: Victoria M. Young**

Simcoe lawyer **Victoria M. Young** specializes in elder law. She grew up in Brantford where her father, Robert McIntosh, was a respected lawyer. Like her father, Ms. Young believes in giving back to the community. Ms. Young graduated from Carleton University and the University of Moncton. She speaks English, French and Spanish. She began practising law in 1993 and opened her office in Simcoe in 2010.

Ms. Young offers traditional services for residential, commercial and agricultural real estate transactions. She also focuses on elder law, including advocating for rights for seniors and looking after estates and succession planning.

Seniors comprise nearly 20 per cent of Norfolk's population. This number is expected to rise to 26 per cent by 2041. Port Dover and Simcoe are increasingly becoming retirement communities as young people leave for jobs outside Norfolk and seniors move in to take advantage of house prices and a more relaxed way of life.

Ontario estate law recently has become more complicated and expensive. The province demands more paper work to show estates are thoroughly appraised and that taxes are paid. Tip: to avoid red tape, make gifts to your heirs while you're alive. You won't pay tax and neither will they. Write down what you want to happen to your estate. It's the best evidence in case of dispute. Spell out large bequests in your will. For less valuable items, write a list that you can update. Your executor should be competent and someone you trust.

**Dan Pearson** introduced our speaker and **President Murray** thanked her.



**Victoria M. Young**