



# THE NEWSLETTER



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

## MEETING NOTICE

**Tuesday, Oct. 8, 2019**

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

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

### Guest Speaker

**Gary White**

**Sight and Sound with Powerful Chemistry.**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~



### Review of Sept. 10, 2019, meeting

President **Murray Uren** called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. **Brian Cook** led the singing of our national anthem. **President Murray** welcomed visitors **Doug Sedgwick** and **Tom Vandertuin**.

### PROBUS business

- Program: **Dan Pearson** reported speakers are arranged for October and November. December will be our Christmas luncheon. Dan wishes to step down as program co-ordinator. He is willing to help his successor.
- Treasurer: **Dave Montross** reported on our annual financial statement. Our club begins the 2019-20 financial year with a net balance of about \$400. Dave is collecting \$45 membership fees.
- Special events: **Dick Pearson** continues to explore an information session on a county waste water treatment plant.
- Newsletter: **David Judd** said it appears the seven members who get their newsletters by mail did not receive the September newsletter.
- House: **Rick Middaugh** is serving coffee in larger cups.
- Wellness: **Gerald Sheppard** had no reports of illness.
- Other business: **President Murray** said the current executive members, except Dan Pearson, have agreed to continue for another year.

## **Guest Speaker: Constable Ed Sanchuk**

Scams are everywhere. Seniors are especially vulnerable. So stay alert and use common sense to avoid being taken in. OPP Const. Ed Sanchuk told us several tips to keep us and our money safe.

### **Scams are not a victimless crime. Some scams to watch out for:**

- The romance scam that asks you to send money to a would-be suitor;
- The fake call from Revenue Canada threatening arrest unless you wire money immediately;
- Recorded phone calls that ask you to press 1 on your phone to get more information;
- The phone call saying something is wrong with your computer and you need to pay to fix it;
- The middle-of-the-night phone call from someone pretending to be a grandchild needing money to get out of an emergency;
- And the “bank inspector” who asks you to withdraw money from your account to test the honesty of a teller.

### **Some tips to protect your money:**

- Never give anyone access to your financial information;
- Shred any mail with your address on it, especially credit card applications;
- Don't leave your wallet in your car;
- Don't carry your Social Insurance Number Card in your wallet. You hardly ever need it;
- Photo copy the fronts and backs of all the cards in your wallet. You'll need the information if your wallet is lost or stolen;
- Get a free credit report each year. See who has been checking your credit;
- Don't sign your credit cards on the back. That stops thieves from forging your signature. Write “see photo ID.”
- Don't put your name and address on cheques. Just put your initials. If thieves get your chequebook, they won't know what name to sign.
- Don't give your PIN to anyone. If you do, you're responsible if the person makes withdrawals without your permission;
- Don't post on Facebook that you're on vacation. That's advertising that no one is at your home;
- Be careful about posting online photos, especially of children. Once a photo is on the Internet, it cannot be recalled. The wrong people might figure out where children live;
- Don't buy goods or services from people who come uninvited to your door;
- Don't buy TVs, stereos, etc. sold from the back of trucks in parking lots;
- Don't leave your insurance and ownership in your car for thieves to steal. Carry photocopies with you;



**Const. Ed Sanchuk**

