



Beaver Valley Probus Club The Grapevine

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Current Activities

by Viv Alper

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- Backroads Cycling
- Book Club Chapter One
- Book Club Chapter Too
- Book Club Chapter Three
- Canasta
- Casual Dining
- Computer
- Cooking Together
- Cue Sports
- Digital Photography
- Dining About Town
- Euchre
- Euchre 2
- Gourmet (not really)
- Marsh Street Painters
- Nordic Pole Walking
- Recreational Cycling
- Scrabble
- Singles Gourmet
- Spanish Conversation
- Stitch & Bitch
- Table Tennis
- Travel
- Wood Carving

Summer sabbaticals are over!
Winter is just around the corner.
Perhaps it is a good time to join
another activity group. It is a
great way to meet more of our
interesting Probus members and
to treat ourselves to a new
activity.

"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probus Club are organized for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members. Individuals who participate do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety".

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Journey of Remembrance

By Paul Egan

Paul shares with us his story of a very special journey he made to honour his uncle, Private S.M. Egan, who fought during WWI and lost his life defending our freedom [click here](#).



This month's snapshot, by Herb Quickert, takes on a new twist. It offers us a look into the past, into a period of time that changed lives forever. It is presented in such a very personal way that compels the reader to understand how life was influenced by the events of the time... [read on ...](#)

Activity Group Diary

Nancy Jackson and Mary Lou Morgan lead our Marsh Street Painters activity group. This group has a good number of men and women who seem to be really enjoying themselves. To learn what makes this group so successful [click here](#).



Bits and Pieces of our Rich Local History

This article, researched by Murray Lamont, is about early military history of our area. It includes photos of Cenotaphs in Ravenna, Thornbury and Meaford..... [click here](#).

Road Trip to Henria Holsteins

What an interesting trip this turned out to be! One doesn't realize all the planning and organizing that goes into dairy farming these days, the amount of mechanization involved and the part computers play in the operation. Vicki Kellar kindly prepared a summary of this event ... [read more ...](#)

Just a little Reminder

January 31, 2013 is the deadline for renewals.

Thank you to all members who have already submitted their renewals – it does spread the work for our Membership Coordinators ...[details](#).

Upcoming Club Events

Dec 4 - Holiday Brunch – see note on next page.

Looking forward to the 2013 Theatre Season!

On Aug. 14, 2013 - *Johnny and June, a Tribute*, will be playing at King's Wharf Theatre in Penetang. For ticket information contact Vicki Kellar, check the Social table at the next meeting or for the details [click here....](#)

President's Message

by Vicki Kellar

Our 4th Grandchild arrived yesterday (Oct. 27th) and one can't help but reflect on the cycle of life, the changing seasons we all experience. What will the future hold for these little ones?

BTW: she is a healthy 8lbs 3ozs and was born at home with a midwife, a doula, plus our son (the father) in attendance.

The world is changing at a faster pace than ever before and I reflect on the science fiction novels I've read: who liked Isaac Asimov or Robert Heinlein the best? Or perhaps you preferred Doug Adams' "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Universe". Whatever your author preferences, they all show a different view of the future of our world (and the Universe). '1984' has passed but the predictions are still there, and in some cases proven true (government or internet surveillance?). Will we have robot maids or own an airship (the Jetsons)? Either seems unlikely now in our lifetime but maybe not in those of the next generations.

We can also look to history to predict that some major changes could occur. The empires of the past have all grown and experienced demise. From Alexander the Great to the Romans and the British Empire the examples are there; so may the dominance of North America.

I believe that we can all take a stand on something we believe in and positively affect the future. Lilly Tomlin said "I always wondered why somebody doesn't do something about that. Then I realized I was somebody." Whether it's the environment and the protection of our resources, assisting those in need or remembering each vote counts, we can be involved with decisions that affect our life and the future of our country and our families. Maybe we need to step up to the challenges and not leave it all to others or our children to fight the battles or take a stand.

I must be feeling philosophical, credit that to the new baby...



Regards, Vicki

"MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK"

(YES, I'm talking to You ☺)

In the next few newsletters we will be highlighting some of the volunteer activities of our Beaver Valley Probus Club. We're thinking that if you get to know about some of our Club functions you'll want to participate, learn something new and get to know some of your fellow members. Yes, we're all busy but whether you just joined the club, or have been here from the beginning 12 years ago, it may just be your turn.

The Management Team doesn't know everyone in the Club so we need members to nominate others or better still volunteer yourselves to step into some of our very interesting roles. So please take some time to read about each highlighted role and seriously consider helping out yourself or maybe by putting together a committee of friends.

Winston Churchill said "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give"

Thinking of You...Vicki

Quick Tips

From our Stitch & Bitch Crafts Group

Submitted by Seija Wolf

People who knit and/or crochet often run into this problem. They have a new pattern magazine with metric size needles and hooks and they only own old US or UK size equipment, or vice versa. Click on pictures below for easy conversion guides to solve your dilemma.



Cool Websites

Playa Cofi Jukebox

Submitted by Sharon Black

Listen to songs from the golden years of popular music. Select what you desire, whether it is the oldies, jazz, classical, dance, show tunes, instrumentals, etc. You can choose the genre your interested in from 1950 on. It's a great place to reminisce musically.

<http://www.tropicalglen.com/>



The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden in November

Taken from the Master Gardener Calendar by
John Hethrington,
Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario

- The first snow has arrived, but was short lived. It's not too late for a few last-minute pre-winter tasks in the garden.
- Try potting up some spring bulbs for chilling outside and then bringing the pots inside in February for forcing spring blooms to cheer you up this winter.
- Start winterizing procedures for plants, hill up your roses and tender perennials as the ground starts to freeze, prune the roses in the spring, drain the hoses and clean up the tools for winter.
- It's not too late to plant those spring bulbs you forgot about in your garage. You can plant them until the ground freezes hard. Profit from late season sales of spring bulbs. Be rewarded in April.
- Protect young trees and shrubs from rodents with spiral plastic wraps. Pull mulch back 4" from tree and shrub trunks.
- Even with all the rains we have had, give your evergreens and young trees a good watering before the ground freezes hard.
- Sever tree and shrub roots from invading your garden beds by digging deeply along the edge of the bed with a sharp spade.
- Remember to add fuel stabilizer to the gas in your power equipment and run it for 5 minutes. Then drain the gas tank.
- Stock up on wood for the fireplace.

Wanted - Editor for the Grapevine

What does this job consist of?

Using articles submitted, prepare the Grapevine and the associated detailed pages and forward these to the webmaster to upload to the website. For a description of what you need to be able to do ... [click here](#).

What is not required?

- You do not need to be able to create web pages as this is the responsibility of the webmaster.
- You do not need to type up the articles as input should be already typed and sent to you by e-mail.

What is in it for you?

- A chance to get involved in a meaningful way that both benefits and is appreciated by our members.
- Provides the opportunity to continue to learn and keep your brain active and healthy.
- This task can be easily fit into your busy schedule and is interesting filler on those bad weather days.

What support is available to you?

Training and technical advice is available from both the Webmaster and the Technical Advisor.

Who to contact for more information?

Sharon Black

Support Group

Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period? Please don't hesitate to call:

Carol Hethrington (November)

Doreen Bowins (December)



Holiday Brunch

Tuesday, December 4th 2012
at Alpine Ski Club

Tickets are now on sale.

Member's cost is \$27.00 and Guest's cost is \$37.00.
(Guest tickets on sale starts November 12th 2012).

We have an exciting menu planned with live musical entertainment, and prizes including two renewal memberships to Probus. The festivities open at 11:00 a.m. and brunch will be served at 12:00 p.m. The bar will be available from 11:00 a.m.

Tickets will be available at the November meeting. Preferred seating can be arranged.

For tickets or more information,
please call Stella Zahradnik or Catharine Pepper.

Activity Group Update

In October, 19 members of **Cooking Together** celebrated apple season by meeting in 3 kitchens to make and consume a Camembert/apple appetizer, a Spinach/apple salad, a Curried turkey/apple casserole and a dessert. The Flip Apple Dessert consisted of apple slices in muffin tins, covered with puff pastry and then flipped after baking (easier than it sounds) - topped with whipped cream or ice cream. Once again, we had a fun and filling time.

October **Gourmet (not really!)** saw 33 members eating at four houses (8 or 9 at each). Since the hostess sets the menu, all four were different (and good we hear). The weather was so warm; one group had appetizers on the deck! The biggest chuckle of the night occurred when the wine one guest brought poured very slowly, and turned out to be maple syrup – stored in a wine bottle and inadvertently put in their wine rack.

A new interest group has started--**Table Tennis**. We play Monday afternoons at 2 pm at John Borden's house and Wednesday afternoons at Peter and Joan Roberts's. It's great exercise and lots of fun--even hilarious at times. You are welcome to come Mondays or Wednesdays or both days.

On October 10, 18 members enjoyed an evening of dining at Maiolo's by the Bay in Thornbury which included Salad, Pasta, Salmon or Steak and Tiramisu. On November 14 our next Dining Around Town will be at The Huron Club, located at 94 Pine Street in Collingwood. Cocktails at 6:00 pm with Dinner at 6:30 pm. If you signed up at the October Meeting you will be receiving a reminder email, if you did not sign up and wish to attend please contact Phyllis Thomas. For details of the menu, cost and meeting time ... [click here](#).

The upcoming event for **Ski Legends** is Skiis and Biikes Open House, on December 4th, 7:00pm to 9:00pm. Come out and enjoy some good food and wine, visit with old and new ski buddies, do some Christmas shopping (20% discount that evening), sign up for a season full of activities, such as ski trips, ski days, and a number of other social events. This event is open to Ski Legends members and is free.

Speaker

Dr. Bruce McFarlane will be speaking on the Health Recovery Program through Tai Chi. As part of his presentation, a short Tai Chi demonstration will be provided by up to 10 local members.

A short bio:

- Graduated, BA, United College, Winnipeg, 1965. MD, University of Manitoba, 1969; CCFP 1981; subsequent FCFP
- Family and emerge physician. Have practiced both in Markdale, NWT and the high Arctic
- Father of 4; 2 grandchildren. Lived near Kolapore since 1970
- 19 year member of the Taoist Tai Chi Society, a registered charity and not for profit organization dedicated to making the health benefits of Taoist Tai Chi available to all who are interested
- Director, Health Recovery Program, International Centre of Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi, near Orangeville



The Last Word - Submitted by John Berrington

Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future.

John F Kennedy; died November 22, 1963

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Theme Songs from Our Past
Can you name the
Television Shows?

*The draw for our annual
winner will be made at
our November meeting*

Look forward to seeing you at our
next meeting
Month November 27th
starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30