



Beaver Valley Probus Club

The Grapevine

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Current Activities

by Viv Alper

Activities Convener
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Dining About Town
Euchre
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Nordic Pole Walking
Recreational Cycling
Scrabble
Singles Gourmet
Stitch & Bitch
Table Tennis
Target Shooting
Travel

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President's Message

Here we are again in September and the start of our beautiful fall, "Tis the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". How true this is when we see Nature's bounty of fresh local produce in our markets. This is especially true in our area with this year's heavy crop of apples. Mother Nature is certainly trying to make up for the shortfall of last year's harvest.

Our Probus Club also swings into high gear with all the regular activities plus "Putt and Lunch" September 12th and the Car Rally on September 25th, all great ways to celebrate the start of our Fall season.

The September speaker, Dr Karen Euler, a local GP, will give us a presentation on Medical Missions in Tanzania. This should prove to be a most interesting talk with lots of questions afterwards.

Welcome back, we look forward to seeing you all in the months ahead.

Peter Armstrong

Activity Groups Update

Computer Group: The Computer Group will meet on Tuesday, September 10 at 1 p.m. at the L.E. Shore Library, Thornbury.

Euchre 2: The Euchre 2 enjoyed another fun & relaxing evening of cards on Aug. 28th. Meryl and Claire were very relaxed in the photographs [click here](#).

Hiking Group: Jim and Eileen Scott led our Hiking Group back into the woods at the Sligo Side Trail. To see the photographs [click here](#).

Dining Around Town: Welcome to the fall and the new 2013-2014 season [October – June] for Dining Around Town. On October 9 we will kick off the season at Simplicity Bistro in Thornbury. Details will be available at the September Probus Meeting. On November 13 we plan to make arrangements to dine at the Huron Club in Collingwood. Joan and Phyllis would also like to announce that this will be their last season as coordinators for Dining Around Town. We hope that some others will pick up this activity as it is very popular for those who enjoy an evening of dining with friends. We would be pleased to assist the new coordinators during the transition. Joan Uglow - Phyllis Thomas

Singles Gourmet: Ladies and gents....the list for our dinners is done and distributed. It is available under the "activities" on the Web site. The Sept 29th [Sunday at 6pm] theme is appropriate **locavore**. The tomatoes are abundant. The apples are doing well. The fields are full of local food.

Our two hosts are Bev Jahn and Stella Blackie. Remarkable, this section started in 2006 and is still going strong.

[For the uninitiated, a locavore is a person interested in eating food that is locally produced]

"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".

Upcoming Club Events

Details

October 1 Fiddler on the Roof at the Festival Theatre in Stratford – check the details as a waiting list has been started - contact Stella Zahradnik



For new/used items for sale look at these links.

For a bicycle [click here](#)

For a house [click here](#)

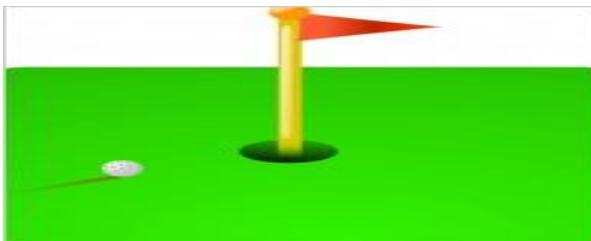
Message Board

CAR TOUR on September 25th

Join fellow Probus members on the fun Car Tour, Wednesday afternoon, Sept 25. Entry fee is \$20 per car.

The tour will use car rally techniques but speed is not important. Each leg will include questions that will help you to verify that you are on the right track.

The route is approximately 80 kms and should take about 2 ½ hours. There is a limit of 20 cars (4 in each car) and 17 cars have now been filled. Contact Bob or Gayle Smithson if you wish to enter a foursome. Bring your own refreshments to enjoy at our final destination.



Putt and Lunch just a reminder golfers!!!

Thursday the 12th of September is the date for our Putt and Lunch at the Georgian Manor. Starting at 11am for details call Ron Hartlen or Bev Wright

Cool Websites

Submitted by David Morgan

During the invasion of Iraq the National museum and library were ransacked by looters, the library has now been rebuilt but the museum is still a work in progress. However the following interactive web site shows what a remarkable collection was / is stored there;

Link for the Iraqi National Museum shows the civilization of Iraq from 6 thousand years

<http://www.virtualmuseumiraq.cnr.it/homeENG.htm>

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hetherington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners, call John.

September:

- Trim perennials and divide them as needed. Make sure it is a cool cloudy day.
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Plant perennials and evergreens.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. Give a thorough spray first with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- Fertilize lawns.
- Water shrubs, evergreens and trees weekly at least until frost.

John Hetherington

A Brief History of Our Support Group

Our records show that the Beaver Valley Probus Support Group has been active since 2002. In that first year, member generosity led to two deliveries of frozen entrees, a donation to the Cancer Society and, several times, the delivery of flowers to members! Since then, the policy and procedure has been established to provide sympathy and encouragement cards, with the promise that members are only a phone call away.

Support Group volunteer contacts are given a briefcase with a binder containing the protocol for the group (particularly with regard to confidentiality), a record sheet to list the date and basic particulars of an incident, postage stamps, and Probus greeting cards. We have blank blue cards with the Probus logo, which are also suitable as thank you notes to speakers, etc. A few years ago, at the suggestion of Wilma O'Brien, we also had lovely floral greeting cards made, again with the Probus logo, which in some instances are more appropriate. Lately, Support Group contacts have been exchanging the briefcase at the monthly Probus meetings.

Generally, incidents include accident, illness, surgery, and the death of a member or family member. A compilation of these was made in early 2010, with totals of 15, 46, 49 and 66 respectively over the previous 8 years. The numbers increased in the later years, which can be directly attributed to better reporting each month to our Support Group contacts. They have now leveled out at between 20 and 25 incidents a year, or an average of 2 or 3 cards per month, so even with our huge membership we are obviously a very healthy, happy club!

Volunteers are encouraged to use their own judgment with regard to cards that they send, including the purchase of individual cards that might be more fitting to the circumstance. The Support Group has an annual budget of \$100, and volunteers are reimbursed for any expenses incurred (stamps, cards, etc.) To date, the group has never even come close to needing the entire annual amount budgeted!

Currently, there are 11 members of the group, plus one spare. We are always looking for new people and right now would love to have a new volunteer for the month of November. Of interest, we also have therapy dogs and professional grief counselors available among our own members, which, to the best of my knowledge, have not yet been used.

In the early years, the group tried to have at least two volunteer contacts for each month listed in the Newsletter. Lately, as we have come to know one another better, it has been shown that one volunteer contact is enough, particularly in keeping track of the briefcase with the reports and supplies! However, it is still very important that ALL Probus members keep their "ears to the ground" and when appropriate keep the monthly Support Group contacts informed about those of us who need sympathy and encouragement – they are always listed in *The Grapevine*!

Carol J. Hethrington

Support Group

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

September: Pam Muir

October:

or any one on the Management Team

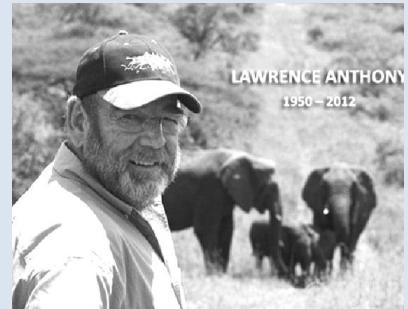
The Elephant Whisperer

Lawrence Anthony, a legend in South Africa and author of three books including the bestseller *The Elephant Whisperer*, bravely rescued wildlife and rehabilitated elephants all over the globe from human atrocities, including the courageous rescue of Baghdad Zoo animals during the US invasion in 2003.

On March 7, 2012 Lawrence Anthony died. He is remembered and missed by his wife, 2 sons, 2 grandsons and numerous elephants.

Two days after his passing, the wild elephants showed up at his home led by two large matriarchs. Separate wild herds arrived in droves to say goodbye to their beloved man-friend. A total of 20 elephants had patiently walked over 12 miles to get to his home in South Africa.

For the full story & photographs [click here](#)



SEPTEMBER SPEAKER

Our guest speaker for September 24th is Doctor Karin Euler a local GP, with a presentation on Medical Missions to Ukerewe Tanzania.

Dr. Euler has been a family physician since 1992, first in Guelph, Ontario and since 2007 in Clarksburg as a member of the group practice there.

She received her Doctor of Medicine from the University of Western Ontario in 1991. As a medical student she worked in Angola for three months. She now travels to Tanzania every fall as part of the Canadian African Community Health Alliance, to lead medical missions for the people of the island of Ukerewe located in the south east corner of Lake Victoria. Travelling out to different villages every day, treating on average 600 patients at every stop.



submitted by the editor

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to test your general science
knowledge

For a chance to win ???

Two members submitted correct
answers to the August quiz

For a complete list of all winners
to date who are entered into the
draw [Click here](#)

OCTOBER SPEAKERS FOR THE BEAVER VALLEY BRUCE TRAIL CLUB



Jack Morgan



Joelle Martin



Stew Hilts

Jack is a long time volunteer with the Beaver Valley BT Club and is presently the Club's Land Securement Secretariat representative. He lives in Meaford

Joelle is Past President and Activities Director of the Beaver Valley BT Club. She is a long time volunteer and at one time or another has held most of the executive level positions in the club, including that of Bruce Trail Board Director. Joelle lives in Meaford.

Stew is the Beaver Valley BT Club's Land Steward Director and a retired Professor Emeritus from the University of Guelph. He is also President of the Grey Highlands Probus Club. Stew lives at Hutchison's Corners.

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Look forward to seeing you at our next
meeting, at the Community Centre

September 24th

starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30

The Last Word

submitted by Vicki Kellar

"Life isn't about finding yourself. Life is about creating yourself."

— [George Bernard Shaw](#) Ireland, 1856-1950