



Beaver Valley Probus Club

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Current Activities

By Convener Viv Alper

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Book Club Chapter one
Book Club Chapter Two
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
Scrabble
Singles Gourmet
Ski Legends
Snowshoeing
Stitch & Bitch
Table Tennis
Travel
Wood Carving

On behalf of all the Target Shooting Group members, I wanted to say a sincere 'thank you, goodbye and all best wishes' to Al & Sharon Black. they will be missed.

I also wanted to 'say' a BIG thank you to all the Activity Coordinators. I will no longer be Convener after the AGM and just wanted to say what a great group they are for all the work they do to keep our Club vibrant.

"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".

President's Message

This will be my last newsletter as President of the Beaver Valley Probus Club. It has been a good year and I've certainly appreciated everyone's support, especially the Board's, in making this a positive experience. Our Club continues to grow. We now have 574 members with 49 new members. Our membership is capped at 600 so we are getting close to maximum.

Excellent speakers continue to be a major draw, which was clearly illustrated at our January meeting, where people braved the terrible weather to hear Ryan Mundle speak about the "Nancy "and her key role in the War of 1812. We have had many positive comments on the quality of our speakers, which is reflected directly by the high attendance at our meetings.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following retiring members of our management team: Viv Alper, Activities Convener; Bev Wright, Co-secretary and Ron Hartlen, Director at Large. Their support has been very much appreciated. I particularly want to thank all of the volunteers who help co-ordinate the various Club activities. Without your support, none of this would be happening. A special thanks to Al and Sharon Black for their many contributions to the Club since its inception 13 years ago.

Some of the year's more memorable activities were our Summer Picnic and Bocce tournament at Rice's Pond. The annual golf tournament was a great success, as was the golf putting event at Georgian Manor. The planned theatre events were well attended along with all the garden tours and other summer events. In September, we had the Car Tour which was a great deal of fun. Special mention must go to our very successful Christmas Brunch at the Georgian Bay Club. Many thanks to our Social Director, Stella, who planned and helped, organize many of these events, which were made possible by our volunteers who gave so much of their time.

A reminder to our new members, our Activity Fair in March, will give you a real introduction to what's going on in the Club, make sure to attend.

In closing, this has been a good year and I want to thank you again for your ongoing support. We will see you at the AGM on February 25th.

Peter Armstrong

Annual General Meeting

A reminder that our AGM is being held on Tuesday February 25th and you are urged to attend this important meeting in the clubs year.

A complimentary lunch will be provided for those who have registered.

We plan to serve lunch at 12:45pm.

To register please contact Stella Zahradnik by email or phone.

The cut off date for registration is Feb 18th.

Upcoming Club Events

Come and enjoy **Crazy For You**, the New Gershwin Musical, at the Festival Theatre in Stratford on Wed Oct 8, 2014, 2:00 pm.

Sent to Deadrock, Nevada, to foreclose on a derelict theatre, banker Bobby Child falls for its owner's daughter, Polly Baker. Can he reconcile the demands of duty and love – and his own dreams of dancing. "I Got Rhythm", "Nice Work if You Can Get it", and "Someone to Watch Over Me" are just some of the gems in this dynamic musical's dazzling score.

Ticket cost is \$112.00 which includes theatre, bus and lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank.

Sign up sheets will be at the back of the room at our February 25th meeting.

Payment by cheque only.

Activity Group Update

DINING AROUND TOWN: On February 12 2014 we will have a pub night at Pipers in Thornbury. The evening starts at 6:00 pm for cocktails and then members can order from the Pipers Dinner Menu. On March 12 we will be going for Chinese at the Crystal Buffet in Collingwood. We invite members to include any visiting family members or friends. On April 9 we are back in Thornbury at the Grills and Greens. Details for this event have not been finalized to date.

We are still looking for new co-ordinators to take over this activity starting in the fall of 2014

Phyllis Thomas / Joan Uglow

SINGLES GOURMET: We enjoyed fine Italian cuisine at our last lunch on Jan 26th. Our next event is Feb 23rd at 1pm. The hosts are Joan Liddiard and Ruth Beerli. The theme is north Africa..... I hear there are some changes for Feb. which are being dealt with.

My science magazine is reporting that brown rice has a huge affinity for mercury, a very serious neurotoxin.... And that organic baby food sweetened with "brown rice sugar" tested with high levels. What next?

Gloria

SKI LEGENDS: Upcoming events: Ski Days; Alpine Ski Club, Thursday February 13th, Osler Ski Club. Wednesday February 19th, and Georgian Peaks, Tuesday March 11th. You will be given a rebate on the ski day to count towards your tow ticket if the cost is over \$45.00, you will also be given money or a coupon to be used towards coffee and a muffin at each area.

Last major event of the season is the Lunch and Apres Ski at TSC on Wednesday, February 26th. Music will be supplied the Regal Jazz Band, ski in the morning and dance in the afternoon. Buy your ticket soon if you haven't already. Ski Legends Representatives are;

Louise Donegani, Bob Muir, Wilf Phillips

Support Group

Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period?

Please do not hesitate to call **Louise Lamont** who is the contact for February or any one of the Management team.

March's contact is Phyllis Thomas

YOU NEVER KNOW

You never know when someone
may catch a dream from you.

You never know when a little word,
Or something you may do
may open up a window

Of the mind that seeks the light.

The way you live may not matter at all,
But you never know – it might.

And just in case it could be

That another's life through you,

Might possibly change for the better

With a broader, brighter view,

It seems it might be worth a try

At pointing the way to the right

Of course, it may not matter at all,

But then again, it might..

Submitted by Doreen Lamont

New Website coming soon

With the resignation of Al and Sharon Black, our longtime website managers, it has become necessary to have a website that is easily managed by volunteers who may not be terribly website savvy.

The new website is presently in the development stage and should be ready for use by the end of this month. It will have a totally new look and be easy to navigate.

The February Grapevine is being distributed this month only in hard copy form as the new website will not be ready in time.

You will all receive an email notification when the new website is ready for general use by the club.

Your communications team: Barb Thompson, David Morgan, Terry Kellar

COFFEE CO ORDINATOR POSITION AVAILABLE

Everyone attending the monthly meeting loves socializing at the coffee urns. There's a pressing need for a co ordinator to organize volunteers to set up and clear up the refreshments that please the members.

For further information, contact Joanne Vivona who has been enjoying this position for the past year.

February humour

Submitted by Murray Lamont

A priest, a doctor, and an engineer were waiting one morning for a particularly slow group of golfers on the next hole.

The engineer fumed, "What's with those guys? We must have been waiting for fifteen minutes!" The doctor chimed in, "I don't know, but I've never seen such inept golf!" The priest said, "Here comes the greens-keeper. Let's have a word with him."

He said, "Hello George, What's wrong with that group ahead of us? They're rather slow, aren't they?" The greens-keeper replied, "Oh, yes. That's a group of blind firemen. They lost their sight saving our clubhouse from a fire last year, so we always let them play for free anytime!"

The group fell silent for a moment. The priest said, "That's so sad. I think I will say a special prayer for them tonight." The doctor said, "Good idea. I'm going to contact my ophthalmologist colleague and see if there's anything she can do for them." The engineer said, "Why can't they play at night?"

Things to do for or in your garden in – February

from the Master Gardener

- Start propagating stem cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, etc.
- Plant slow germinating seeds like impatiens, peppers, eggplants, etc.
- As the weather warms, start pruning shade and fruit trees, if you can get to them through the snow. Leave trees that "bleed" like maples and birch until after they have leaves.
- Visit local nursery greenhouses to smell the coming spring. Garden Gallery just west of Barrie on Hwy 91 on the way to Angus.
- Check dates for annual garden shows like Successful Gardening Show Feb 21-24 International Centre on Airport Road and Canada Blooms Mar 14 – 23 at the Direct Energy Centre. Go to Candablooms.com

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, 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

FOR SALE

Titano Accordion \$275

In mint condition. 120 bass.
Suitable for ladies & young folks



Contact George Wolf

FOR SALE

Fireplace Poker Set

Antique [60+years old]
Handmade \$45.00



Contact George Wolf

FOR SALE

Children's bunk bed

Metal frame, in excellent condition



\$50.00

Contact David Morgan

The February Quiz

As this is a print edition the quiz is published here in full for your enjoyment.

Crime in fiction: How much do you know about these fictional felonies and the storybook sleuths attempting to sniff them out?

- In American crime writer Harlan Coben's *Shelter*, Mickey narrates the story but who is the first person to speak?
1. His girlfriend, Ashley 2. The bat lady. 3. Mrs Owens, his PE teacher 4. His uncle Myron
- Dorothy L. Sayers called Wilkie Collins' *The Moonstone* "probably the very finest detective story ever written". Who steals the eponymous jewel and why?
1. Franklin Blake, sleepwalking after being drugged. 2. Rachel Verinder, to elope with her sweetheart.
3. Three Indian jugglers, to return the jewel to its rightful home. 4. Sergeant Cuff, so he can take a holiday.
- Which famous "Golden Age" crime writer invented the Belgian amateur detective Hercule Poirot?
1. Edgar Allan Poe. 2. Dorothy L. Sayers. 3. Arthur Conan Doyle. 4. Agatha Christie
- In the *Adventure of the Speckled Band*, which creature does Sherlock Holmes discover was behind the death of Julia Stoner?
1. A cheetah. 2. A tarantula. 3. A swamp adder 4. A baboon
- In Tanya Byrne's revenge thriller *Heart Shaped Bruise*, what is the name of Emily's therapist?
1. Doctor Watson. 2. Doctor Crippen. 3. Doctor Gilyard. 4. Doctor Koll
- What is the name of Joe's dog, his companion as he tries to find out who killed his mum in a hit-and-run, in Sam Hepburn's *Chasing the Dark*?
1. Oz. 2. Bo. 3. Toto. 4. Ox
- In Christopher Edge's historical crime story *Twelve Minutes to Midnight*, what is the name of the magazine written by Penelope Tredwell?
1. The Strand. 2. Forget-Me-Not. 3. The Penny Perfect. 4. The Penny Dreadful
- In what novel by Charles Dickens does Inspector Bucket, the first ever detective in British fiction, make an appearance?
1. The Mystery of Edwin Drood. 2. Bleak House. 3. The Old Curiosity Shop. 4. Oliver Twist
- What is Isabella's aunt's profession in Carol Plum-Ucci's *The Body of Christopher Creed*, featuring a high school disappearance?
1. Psychic. 2. Nurse. 3. Policewoman. 4. Teacher
- In James Patterson's *Confessions: The Private School Murders*, what is New York City jail otherwise known as?
1. The Cage. 2. The Cemetery. 3. The Catacombs. 4. The Tombs.

E-mail your answers to the Editor. [morgan_david@rogers.com] January's quiz drew several entries but sadly no winners

Newspaper Team

Editor

David Morgan

Reporter

This position still vacant

Distribution

Barb Thompson

Website Maintenance

Position vacant

Technical Advisor

Terry Kellar

Look forward to seeing you at our AGM meeting
at the Community Centre
February 25th
Starting with Lunch at 12.45pm

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Vicki Kellar

The Eskimos had fifty-two names for snow because it was important to them:
there ought to be as many for love.

Margaret Atwood (*born Nov. 18, 1939*) is a Canadian poet, novelist, literary critic, essayist, and environmental activist.

Read more at:

<http://www.brainyquote.com/quotes/quotes/m/margaretat387475.html#3WeRpSBzJqLj7L6.99>