



# Beaver Valley Probus Club

## The Grapevine for September 2014

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### Club Activities

by Convener Joan Hammond

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- Backroads Cycling
  - Book Club Chapter One
  - Book Club Chapter Two
  - Book Club Chapter Three
  - Birding
  - BVP Computer Group
  - Canoe / Kayak
  - Casual Dining
  - Chess
  - Cooking Together
  - Cue Sports
  - Digital Photography
  - Dining with Flair
  - Euchre
  - Gardening
  - Golf
  - Hiking
  - Marsh Street Painters
  - Nordic Pole Walking
  - Recreational Cycling
  - Scrabble
  - Singles Gourmet
  - Ski Legends
  - Snowshoeing
  - Stitch & Bitch
  - Support Group
  - Table Tennis
  - Wood Carving
- Activity groups are self sustained.  
Participate – Volunteer  
but above all-have fun and enjoy

*“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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### President’s Message



Here comes September!! Have your calendar ready to record all the activities starting up and the summer ones winding down. School buses will be on the roads again, shorter days will reflect the change of season, and election signs are popping up everywhere. We do live in an area though, which can boast about having a most pretty autumn season.

Hope to see many members at our September meeting. It should be an interesting program.

An ad hoc committee from the management team has met to look at our waiver with the purpose of having the waiver signed with your membership renewal. The majority of Probus Clubs use the renewal of membership form for signing of the waiver. This change will be discussed at the management meeting and subsequently communicated to the membership. Hopefully this will simplify the process.

Regards,

*Catharine Pepper*

### Activity Group Update

**SINGLES GOURMET:** Our group had a wonderful BBQ, in June, at Sally Tuck’s lovely country property. Gorgeous views in all directions and terrific company. The summer hiatus is nearing the end...I know, what summer? The new dining list has been delivered to all and hopefully is now entered into the sidebar of the newsletter. Our first meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Sept 28th at 6pm. The two hosts are Joan Liddiard and Sheena Liikson. The theme is QUEBEC cuisine.

*In wine there is wisdom, in beer there is freedom, in water there is bacteria.*

*Gloria Thompson*

### Management Team for 2014-2015

*This month Featuring Barb Thompson Communications and Webmaster*

Barb and her husband, John, moved from Toronto in June 2004 after seeing a property in Grey Highlands which just called to them! At that time, they did not know many people in the area but decided to make the move to the beautiful view and privacy of the farm. They were both consultants and did not need to be downtown Toronto to do their work.

Barb has dabbled in several sports such as tennis, curling, skiing, but mostly she enjoys gardening and walking as well as Pilates/Yoga. She has worked as a Family Practice Nurse for many years and for the last 2 years has been a Board Member of Home Horizon.

Their children are far away in Vancouver and Edmonton so their pets - a dog named Morgan and a cat named Rascal- are their constant companions.

Submitted by *Caroline Bacher*



## 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. **A WAITING LIST HAS BEEN STARTED**  
Sign up sheets will be at the back of the room at our September meeting. Payment by cheque only.

**Municipal Elections** are almost upon us, are you sure that you are registered to vote, and when you have checked and seen that you are, then **make sure that you do vote**, it is not only your right but also your duty to so do

**ANNUAL GOLF EVENT:** We had 64 entrants for golfing at Shelbourne on June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The weather was perfect and the 4-person teams turned in some very good scores.

First place at one over par 72 was the team of Len Plaxton, Al Smith, Leslie Brown and Mary Goldsmith. One stroke behind then was the team of Gordon Baird, Wally Downer, Lois Lockie and Vanda Kilpin. The most honest team shot an 84 but they will not be recognized here.

The so-called skill (or the luckiest shot of their day) events were:

- Ladies closest to the pin: Vicki Kellar
- Men's closest to the pin: Ian Lockie
- Ladies longest drive: Sharyl Peterson
- Men's longest drive: Chuck Reynolds

Golf was followed in the usual way at the 19th hole with good socializing, lunch and prizes.

If you missed it this year consider joining us next spring.



For more pictures [Click here](#)

## King's Wharf Theatre Succeeds Again



Twist and Shout, The British Invasion exceeded our expectations and had the audience calling for an encore!

Forty BVPC members attended the Aug 14<sup>th</sup> performance at the King's Wharf Theatre and were clapping and singing along with the talented cast. Anyone whose youth encompassed the 60s and 70s enjoyed the tributes not only to the Beatles but to everyone from Dusty Springfield, Mick Jagger, and Donovan to the Kinks, Herman's Hermits, the Hollies and many more.

Overheard comments ranged from "I've never seen a better performance" to "I'd go again tomorrow". Some of our group continued the experience with a shared dinner at the Boathouse restaurant on the harbour in Midland.

[Click here](#) for some pictures.

*From the Editor Summer is still lingering but soon Autumn will be with us and all of the activity groups will be in full swing again. Remember that all of the members would like to share in your fun, joys and perhaps?? .so make sure that you submit articles and photos for us to print. David*



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**Natural Laws** each month we include  
One of these snippets



**Law of Probability** - The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

## A Visit to the Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum

I am not sure what I expected when I visited the Sheffield Park Black History and Cultural Museum in Clarksburg, but it wasn't the sudden emotional jolt which brought me to tears as I wandered through the newly renovated barn, containing a visual history of the slave trade: shackles, a neck iron and a diagram of a slave ship carrying hundreds of slaves with only a little space allotted for each human being. I have known about slavery all my life but despite movies, books and articles, the horror of that era did not strike me as it did during my visit to the museum. But the museum is most certainly not all about the slave trade. It enables us to understand a little more clearly the Underground Railroad, the huge challenges the Black people had to survive as they travelled north and the lives they made as pioneers in Ontario.

The museum was first started in Collingwood in 1990 by the now deceased Howard Sheffield. Assisting him were his energetic nieces, Carolynn and Sylvia Wilson as well as their mother, Yvonne Wilson. In 2008 the Wilsons left Collingwood to search for a new home for their museum. For two years they stored many of the artefacts and housed the three huge rocks carved with the names of the Black pioneers and their descendants in the area, the men and women who sailed the Great Lakes and the founders, Ildia and Wilfred Sheffield. Finally the Wilsons were fortunate enough to find and purchase the land that had been a Bible camp of the Church of the Nazarene on Clark Street in Clarksburg. Together with volunteer friends they moved the containers and rocks weighing several tons to their new location and began the arduous task of reconstructing the museum.

When I arrived at the museum, Carolynn Wilson, who along with her sister Sylvia now owns and operates it, gave me a very warm and friendly welcome. She directed me into the first building which is called the African Beginnings Building. The African displays include various types of clothing, an authentic thatched roofed home, masks, jewellery and musical instruments. The historical items of the slave trade are in this building as well as a magnificent quilt depicting the symbols of the Underground Railroad.

As I left this building Sylvia encouraged me to follow a walkway called the Heritage Walk to various other buildings on the grounds. One structure houses the history of many of the Black families in this area. Lining the walls are photos, memorabilia and medals obtained by Black athletes, one of whom is the late Olympic medal winner and recipient of the Order of Canada, Ray Lewis..... *For continuation of this article please [Click here](#)*

*Submitted by Nancy Seppala*



*Carolynn Wilson beside the rock commemorating black pioneer families and descendants of this area*

**The Master Gardener's Corner**      **Things to do in or for your garden in – September**      from *John Hethrington*  
*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.*

### **September:**

- Trim perennials and divide them as needed. Make sure it is a cool cloudy day.
- Fall is the ideal time to divide and plant Iris and Peonies and many other perennials
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs.
- Plant new 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 with root building "Fall Fertilizer" with a low first number (nitrogen) and a high middle number (phosphorus).
- Don't use the lawn fertilizer you have left over from the spring, probably with a high first number (nitrogen). Save it for early next spring.
- Water shrubs, evergreens and trees weekly at least until frost.

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER - TIM BLEVINS** *President Reid's heritage Homes*

Modern Thinking - Timeless Values.



With so much development and building taking place in our area, it seems appropriate for us to have a major developer/builder bring his perspective to us.

Tim Blevins, President of Reid's Heritage Homes, will explain the long, slow and expensive process of creating a new subdivision. First they have to determine if there is an appropriate market for new homes in the area. Then find and buy land at an affordable price, establish a plan of subdivision, obtain approvals, install services and build roads. It will be interesting to hear the details from the builder's perspective. Reid's has 16 current developments throughout the province; including Lora Bay, Collingwood (Silver Glen), and Georgian Meadows in our area.

Reid's Heritage Homes have a great deal to celebrate. The Ontario Home Builders Association declared them the Top New Home Builder for the year 2013. Come to the meeting and find out how they gained this designation. Reid's were chosen as one of only 5 builders in Canada, each of which will build 5 net-zero energy homes. The challenge is to create homes that produce as much energy as they use. Only twenty-five of these homes will be built across the country in four provinces. In business since 1947, Reid's have an A+ rating with the Better Business Bureau. They have been recognized with a Water Conservation & Efficiency award in 2013 for the business sector of Guelph and have been designated one of the Top 50 small to medium employers in Ontario in 2014.

Tim Blevins lives in Cambridge, Ontario, where Reid's head office is located. He has just built a cottage for his family in Grey-Highlands just off Grey Road 40 near the 3<sup>rd</sup> line.



The Quiz this month asks about monsters & memoirs, test your knowledge by [Clicking here](#)

August winner:  
George Baker –who else?

**OCTOBER SPEAKER - KEITH HUNTER, MAGICIAN.**

**THERE WILL BE MAGIC IN THE AIR IN OCTOBER!!**

Keith Hunter lives in Orangeville where he is a member of the Orangeville Probus Club. He comes to us with excellent recommendations.

Keith performs across the country from Charlottetown, PEI, through to the Rocky Mountains of Alberta, where he performs at The Banff Springs Hotel and Chateau Lake Louise. When Keith reached the age of 85, the Association of Magicians discovered that he is the oldest magician in Canada who is still performing and that is a record!

This is not only going to be entertaining, but prove to us that "seeing is not always believing"!

The "on Stage event" is certainly appropriate as we prepare for Halloween with some very unusual "tricks". Come and be entertained.

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

Please do not hesitate to call **Pam Muir** who is the contact for September or any one of the Management team.

*Next months contact is Adrienne Corti*

**The Last Word**

Submitted by Past President Peter Armstrong

*"Whether you think you can or think you can't, you are usually right"*

*Henry Ford*