



Beaver Valley Probus Club

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Current Activities

by Convener Joan Hammond

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- Backroads Cycling
 - Birding
 - Book Club Chapter One
 - Book Club Chapter Two
 - Book Club Chapter Three
 - Book Club Chapter Four
 - 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
 - Travel Group
 - 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".

President's Message



April is always a month of renewal as warmer weather continues to approach, grass turns greener and plants & flowers poke above ground after a very cold and snowy winter. It is a busy time as many warm weather activity groups come to life and many special events take place over the next few months. The Activity Fair in March attracted many members out to enjoy the fun and fellowship with old friends and to welcome new members into about 25 Activity Groups. Thank you to Joan Hammond (Convener) of the Activity Fair and her helpers for their organizational skills, time and talent and to Vice President Joanne Vivona for coordinating the refreshments.

If you were unable to attend or wish you had signed up for an activity, you will find the contact information for each group at the front of your membership roster. If you have not obtained a roster (one per household please), they are available at the Membership Table at our monthly meetings from Terry and Vicki Kellar. New member registration in the Activity Groups is essential to the continued success of all activities. Volunteers are always needed, welcome and appreciated. I urge you to get involved.

Activity Cards were distributed at the fair and you are asked to fill them out and carry them to all events, loose in your pocket in case of an emergency for contact information. Cards will also be available at the membership desk at the April meeting.

Our Social Convener, Stella Zahradnik, reports that the two Observatory Tours in May are full. Looking further ahead there is a Golf Tournament and perhaps a group tour of The SS Keewatin in June, a picnic and also a trip to King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene in July as well as other events scheduled in the fall. Keep in touch with what is happening through announcements at monthly meetings, The Grapevine Newsletter or the BVP website.

I look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on Tuesday April 28th. Dr. John Anderson will speak on Climate Change as it affects our area.

Howard Kitchen

ANNUAL GOLF EVENT – Monday, June 22, 2015

LOCATION: Shelburne Golf and Country Club

FORMAT: Shotgun 18 hole, team best ball

TEAMS: Organizers make up mixed teams based on golfing experience. All skill levels welcome.

TIME: 8:15am: Check-in and Goodies. 9:00am: Tee-off

COST: \$68.00 --- Includes morning coffee and muffins, power cart, lunch and prizes

Contact Bob Smithson or Garry Lamont

Payment by cheque made out to Beaver Valley Probus



Upcoming Club Events

Come and enjoy **Carousel**, a Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, at the **Avon Theatre in Stratford**
Wednesday Oct 7, 2015, 2:00pm.

Far ahead of its time in confronting the issues at the heart of a troubled relationship, this wrenching musical drama features a luscious score that includes "You'll Never Walk Alone", "If I Loved You" and "June is Bustin Out all Over". Ticket cost is \$114.00 which includes theatre, bus and lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank.

A waiting list has been started. PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY. Stella Zahradnik

Once Again at the King's Wharf Theatre Penetanguishene

From the creators of last year's sensation, *Twist and Shout: The British Invasion*, comes another production in the perennially popular *Legends* series of tribute shows that will put a snap in your fingers and a song in your heart. **Legends ... of Rock 'n' Roll** relives the incredible discography from the 1950s through 1970s that forever changed the landscape of modern music. Such influential acts as Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, The Beach Boys, Elton John, ABBA, and Simon & Garfunkel are celebrated in this tribute to musical pioneers.

Our Probus Social Committee has arranged for 40 tickets at a group rate of \$37.50 on
Thurs. July 30 for the 2 PM matinee at King's Wharf.

The tickets are currently sold out however more may become available so add your name to the wait list by contacting Vicki Kellar

Activity Group Update

SINGLES GOURMET: Welcome back to the snowbirds. We missed you. The group now meets at 6pm for our themed dining. The hosts for the Seafood themed dinner on April 26th are Judy Kilpatrick and Ann Bardeel. I saw a banner the other day I liked, "SAVE THE PLANET-THE ONLY ONE THAT HAS CHOCOLATE"
Gloria Thompson

TRAVEL: Thanks to everyone at the Activity Fair who registered their "bucket list" of travel destinations. The number one was Portugal and its Islands. This is a very interesting program. Many people said they had their travel plans set up already for the immediate future.... so this trip may be scheduled for April 2016. The 2nd on the list was Ireland and the close 3rd was Iceland. The 4th was Vietnam, which has become very popular, along with Cambodia and perhaps an added Laos. Thanks to all who stopped and showed so much interest.
Peter and Gloria

SKI LEGENDS: Another winter is winding down with lots of snow still on the ski hills. Probus Ski Legends started their season with a Wine and Cheese at Skiis and Biikes in early December and ended it with a ski trip to Sun Peaks, British Columbia. In between we had six ski days at five private clubs, ski trips to Whistler, Aspen/Snowmass and Lake Tahoe, a free breakfast and a Dinner Dance in January, and an Apres Ski in February. All in all it was a very busy ski season. The ski gods were not kind to the west this year - all their snow seemed to end up in Boston and Halifax. Collingwood had great snow from late December until April, if only we had a little more vertical. Please check our web page www.probuskilegends.ca from time to time, and we will see you in the fall when you can sign up for next ski season.
Lynda Fay

Firefighters at the harbour

Submitted by *Michael Arkless*

I think quite a few members are interested in sailing and water activities so perhaps this is relevant?

Gillian and I were in the Thornbury harbour on Monday evening at around 7.30, and watched the Blue Mountain Fire Brigade (volunteers and full time employees) practising their rescue drill, for ice fishermen and the like who fall through the ice. It was pretty cold but they worked at this for well over an hour, with lighting stands to illuminate the ice, and a number of fire appliances in attendance. They all took turns walking out onto the frozen harbour with the sled (which doubles as a boat in the event that they also fall through the ice) and then being pulled back to the shore. The team meet each week to practice drills so that they are well prepared for real emergencies. *For more pictures [Click here](#)*



You think English is easy??

I think a retired English teacher was bored...THIS IS GREAT!

Homographs are words? Or are they heteronyms?

[Click here](#)

The Probus Activity Fair 2015 was well attended. As usual the coordinators for the individual groups did a great job. Thank you to them for all their efforts. They are the people that make things happen.

I want to thank Katie O'Malley and Penny Womald (new member) for helping me set up the fair as well as my husband John for all his help. Both Katie and Penny approached me and asked if they could help in anyway. It required only an hour and a half of their time but was so appreciated.

Thanks to Catharine Pepper for handing out our new Probus ID cards. If you missed getting one, they will be at the Membership Desk at the next few monthly meetings. It is your responsibility to get one, fill it out and carry it with you.

This club relies exclusively on volunteers. We don't have enough of you. Please contact the coordinator of the group you are interested in and please volunteer.

Dining around Town needs a coordinator or it will be discontinued. Hiking needs help or it will also be discontinued. What a shame in an area known for it's great trails.

We have a couple of new groups Travel and Tennis (doubles). We also had four new group suggestions. I will be contacting the people who made the suggestions and see if these groups could be viable.

For those who didn't attend the fair please sign up for all the activities you wish to participate in this year. Please e-mail or contact the coordinator responsible for the activity. The e-mail addresses and phone numbers of the coordinators is in the 2015 Beaver Valley Probus directory. If you do not have a directory they will be at the Membership desk at the April Probus meeting.

Joan Hammond. *Activities Convenor*

For pictures of the fair [Click here](#)

The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in or for your garden in – April 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.

- Make sure you have done everything you were supposed to do in March.
- If you still have snow on the ground or if the ground is still frozen, spread 19-19-19 general purpose fertilizer over the snow on all your flower beds and shrub borders before the snow disappears. It will melt down into the ground as the snow goes away. Now available at the Co-Op in Markdale, about \$20 a 25 kg bag.
- Remove rose protection: Prune and apply dormant oil spray before the buds break.
- Apply dormant oil spray to shrubs like euonymus that may have suffered from scale last year.
- Treat birch trees against leaf miner, if you can find the pesticide to do it. Try the USA.
- Organize your compost pile. Start a new one with the top foot from last year's pile.
- As the weather warms and the ground dries, prune back perennials and ornamental grasses to 3" from the ground. Put dead material on your new compost pile.
- Once the garden beds are dry enough, prepare them for planting. Remove any weeds still there from last fall. Dig in compost, or manure, or other organic material.
- Prepare your vegetable garden and plant seed of cool-weather vegetables like peas, spinach, lettuce, onions, beets and frost resistant annuals like larkspur, sweet peas and calendulas.
- Rake your lawn vigorously to remove thatch, repair damage with weed-free topsoil and seed bare spots.
- Fertilize your lawn with SLOW-release fertilizer. It costs more, but it's worth it.
- Apply crabgrass pre-emergence herbicide to your lawn, if required.
- If spring ever comes, plant trees, shrubs, perennials and biennials in your garden. No need to wait until May 24th. That's for annuals and it may be the first week in June this year.
- Plant frost-resistant pansies for a little spring colour.
- Start mowing your lawn only as needed.
- Check out local garden shows.

Our Speaker for April Dr. John Anderson BSc, MSc, PhD

Climate Change

Around the world and on the Bruce

Dr Anderson's presentation will cover the effects of human induced climate change, which has been described as the greatest challenge facing human civilization. How will climate change affect the world?

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US LIVING HERE?

Dr. Anderson's presentation includes a full climate data point for this area going back 135 years. His findings will surprise those who think climate change is only affecting (harming) OTHER parts of the world.

HEAR SUGGESTIONS FOR CONCRETE ACTIONS WE CAN TAKE TO HELP TURN THIS AROUND.

Dr. Anderson was heard speaking on CBC radio by club members who highly recommended him to speak to the Beaver Valley Probus Club. Don't miss hearing this informative presentation!!



The Quiz this month tests your knowledge of among other things pseudonyms; it really is not difficult, I promise not to tell anyone if you get incorrect answers, so why not give it a try by

[Clicking here](#)

March winners are Zoe Knox, Bruce Leigh & Jennifer Baker

Bambi & Thumper really do exist



[Click here](#) to find out

THE BLT (Bear, Lion and Tiger)



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Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Tuesday April 28th starting with fellowship at 1.00-1.30pm

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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 **Mary Armstrong** who is the contact for April or any one of the Management team.

Next months contact is Mary Anne Lawrie.

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Catharine Pepper

The first day of spring is one thing and the first spring day is another. The difference between them is sometimes as great as a month.

(Fisherman's Luck, Chpt.5)