



Beaver Valley Probus Club

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Current Activities

by Convener Kathie O'Malley

(Details)

Backroads Cycling
Book Club one
Book club two
Book club three
Book club four
Birding
Canoeing and Kayaking
Casual Dining
Cooking Together
Cue Sports
Digital Photography
Dining around town
Dining with Flair
Euchre
Euchre 2
Hiking
Marsh Street painters
Nordic Pole Walking
Pottery
Recreational Cycling
Scrabble
Singles Gourmet
Ski Legends
Snowshoeing
Stitch & Bitch Crafts
Support Group
Travel
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

Joanne Vivona



Poetry instructs us that "the old order changeth, yielding place to new." This is the time to bring in the new slate of officers to replace the old. Working with such a skilled Executive this year has made my

experience as President of Beaver Valley Probus Club outstanding, educational, and always fun.

While I have met many members, there are still some I look forward to knowing better. Someday I may even remember everyone's name. More information about the Annual General Meeting is highlighted further in the Grapevine.

January did not cooperate with enough snowfall to initiate snowshoeing, but by now February will have had us putting on the 'rackets'. While there were some murmurs of disappointment, members adjusted well to the new format for Social Hour. Please check the tables at the back should you wish to sign up or pay for our trips in the spring and fall.

Stratford 2017

Come and enjoy "The School for Scandal" at the Avon Theatre in Stratford on Thursday Oct 12, 2017, 2:00pm matinee. In a society awash in gossip rumours and backbiting, an uncle arrives home in disguise to test the worthiness of his nephews – only to discover that the truth is far from what he expected. This is a fast paced and hilarious comedy by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, which has been called the best English comedy of intrigue. It is directed by Antoni Cimolino. The ticket cost is \$111.00, which includes theatre, bus and lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank. A wait list has been started. Payment by cheque only.

Activity Fair

This year's Activity Fair will be on March 28th at 1:30pm. All existing activity coordinators should contact me to confirm their place at the fair. If any member is thinking of establishing a new group please contact me at kathieomalley@gmail.com to make arrangements for a place at the Fair.

Kathie O'Malley

Book Exchange

As so many people are forgetting to bring their books to the Book Exchange, at the next meeting I will have a signup sheet for those members who wish to receive a reminder a few days before each meeting. The books you wish to exchange should have a copyright date of at least 2005. They should be books that you have really enjoyed reading and be in good condition.

Nancy Hart

Activity Group Updates

TRAVEL: GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP

This group, formed from all the local Probus clubs, is tentatively planning 2 trips next fall, available to the wider membership. One may be a 2 week river cruise (through a Collingwood agent) and the other may be a hiking/biking programme. Then there may be a repeat trip to Ireland in the spring of 2018. After being offered to Probus members only for an initial period, these trips will be open to friends and family. Let's try to support this new endeavour.

Gloria Thompson

SKI LEGENDS: Winter is about half over with lots of good skiing still to come. Things to look forward to:

Ski Days: Feb 16th at Osler

Mar 2nd at Osler

Mar 8th at Alpine

Mar 15th at Georgian Peaks

Legends will provide a \$10 subsidy for each member buying a lift ticket at any of the above ski days, and all Legend members who attend will receive a \$5 coupon towards a snack.

Social Events: Luncheon/Apres Ski is on February 14th at TSC, 2nd Free Breakfast is on March 6th at TSC

For additional information check our website at www.probuskilegends.com

Louise Donegani, Bruce Trimble and Wilf Phillips

DINING AROUND TOWN: We enjoyed a great dinner at Maiolo's in January in Thornbury, and next was February 1 at Sisi's also in Thornbury. If you would like to join the email list, email Barb Edwards or Ann Parsons.

Ann Parsons

HIKING GROUP: Our Hiking Group is looking for new co-ordinator(s). After many years of co-ordinating the Hiking Group, Catharine and Sue have decided to step down from this position. We are looking for new co-ordinator(s) to send out weekly emails to the group as to where we will be hiking. The season is usually from about mid-May to mid-October, depending on the weather. We have a number of Hiking Group members who are willing to lead the hikes, but cannot take over the computer duties. We don't want to see this group fold, so please think about stepping up and taking over the communications side. Sue is willing to help anyone interested in getting set up. It is not difficult!!! Only moderate computer skills are necessary!! If no one volunteers for this position, THE GROUP MAY FOLD! Hope to hear from any interested parties soon.

Sue Boehm

Beaver Valley Probus Club Annual General Meeting

The 2017 AGM of our club will be held starting at 1:30 pm on Tuesday, February 28, 2017. The formal announcement is on the website and can be accessed under "news" on the home page.

There will be a complimentary lunch at 12:45 pm for those who have registered with Stella Zahradnik before February 18th.

The AGM will be followed by a short regular meeting and our speaker Jennifer Caldwell.

Aga Khan Museum

A combined gallery and architectural tour of this museum has been planned for Wed May 31, 2017. The cost is \$46.00 which includes bus, admission and the combined tour. Lunch is not included. Only 33 spots are available. There is a cafe and the Diwan Restaurant on the premises. Reservations are necessary for the Diwan. Please check the web-site www.agakhanmuseum.org for their menu. For those who are interested, a signup sheet will be at our February meeting. I understand that they book up quickly so I need to know numbers early March for our visit.

McMichael Gallery Visit, June 14, 2017

Due to the great response to this visit I have been able to increase the numbers of attendees and increase the bus size from 24 to 33. We will have two tour guides instead of one.

Those who were at the beginning of the waiting list and now confirmed have been notified by email. However we still have a waiting list.

For all those confirmed – the adjusted cost is \$44/person (due to the larger bus).

We will collect cheques at the April and May meetings as neither John nor I will be at the AGM and the Activity Fair. Cheques only, which should be made out to Beaver Valley Probus Club.

A number of people who expressed interest were not at the recent meeting so missed the opportunity to officially sign up. I plan to organize another visit either this fall or next spring. I will keep the “interest sheet” and let everyone know the plan.



Don't miss this rollicking musical masterpiece packed with incredible dance numbers, plenty of laughter, and catchy tunes. The Social Committee has ordered matinee tickets for Thursday, August 10 at Drayton Festival's King's Wharf Theatre in Penetanguishene. Book your \$41 tickets at the next meeting or by calling Vicki Kellar. *Will be sold out soon.*

Our Speaker for February

Jennifer Caldwell – The Evolution of Medical Marijuana

Jennifer is VP, Customer Service at the Peace Naturals Project Inc. She was previously employed by a law firm in Montgomery, Alabama specializing in plaintiff litigation, where she was the in house counsel and specialist in biology and chemistry, working with clients to mediate and provide a better understanding of pharmaceutical research and scientific data.

Formerly, Ms. Caldwell was a secondary math and science teacher with the Simcoe County District School Board. She has a biology degree from the University of Guelph, a B. Ed. Degree from Nipissing University and a specialist certificate in biology from Western University.

In Memoriam

Jack Merwin passed away peacefully at home on January 27th, 2017. He had been a member since 2003.

Beaver Valley Probus Club Membership Report

Vicki & Terry Kellar, Membership Chairs

The Membership Roster for the 2017-2018 year is now closed at **581** members including **63** new members. This is the largest total number of members our Club has ever experienced.

We wish to welcome the following new members (identified by a Red Star sticker on their Probus name badges); please take a moment to welcome them when you meet a new member at Club events.

From the Blue Mountains

Carol McKay
Michaelene O'Malley

From Clarksburg

Katherine Koningen
James & Melita Meiklejohn
Lynda Sager

From Collingwood

Helen Bull
Raeamelia Butt
Jean Morton
Anna & Tom Sawicki

From Flesherton

Paul & Irene Tessier

From Owen Sound

Grace Walker & Dan Ellis

From Meaford

Audrey Allen & Brian Glass
Nancy & Bryan Allendorf
Cor Boogerman
Christine & Richard Brochu
Wendy Bunt
Sharon Challis
Carole Frey
David & Sonja Glass
Colleen Gruenwald
Lotte Hedges
Mark & Carol-Anne Palmer
Cynthia Sampson
Karen Thompson & Harvey
Aitchison

From Thornbury

Diane Anderson
Paul & Nancy Clements
Allan Crowe
John Drewry

Mae Farmer
Francine Ferguson
Jennifer Grant
Al & Rose Hagerman
Marilynn Hoggard
Pauleen & John Home
Maureen Hussey
Maureen Kelly
Jean Leishman
Alfons Loibl
Ruth MacCallum
Willa Marcus
Robert & Diane Marshall
Helen Puodziunas
Denise & Gerry Rand
Carol Rand & Michael
Stephenson
Diane & Ojars Tuters
Linda Zanetti

Grapevine Team

Editor

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Opportunities for you!

Distribution

Barb Thompson

Website Maintenance

Barb Thompson

Cheryl Besley

Technical Advisor

Mike Seagram

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.

The March contact is Phyllis Thomas

Carol Hethrington, coordinator

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Howard Kitchen

In the end, hard work is the true, enduring characteristic of successful people.

Jean Cocteau