



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

John Dick



A great strength of our Club from its very beginning in 2001 has been the willingness of members to suggest activities outside our normal Club gatherings that enhance our enjoyment of being retired. The suggestions range from theater outings, tours of local businesses, to trips to places where special activities can be enjoyed.

Often these activities are coordinated by one of the Activity Groups within our Club but sometimes individual members develop the idea, gather the names of those interested, and make all the arrangements.

Not all our members may know that our Club has liability insurance, through Probus Canada, to protect our directors and activity organisers during Club activities. Certain protocols have to be followed to ensure compliance with this insurance.

If the "special" activity is being coordinated by one of the Club's Activity Groups, then the Activity Convener, Kathie O'Malley, should be informed so she can have it recorded in the Management meeting minutes.

When individual members are proposing a "special" activity, then the idea should be presented to the Club's Social Convener, Stella Zahradnik for presentation to the Management committee to ensure that the activity falls within our Club's guidelines and that it is recorded in the minutes as a Club activity.

If the Convener cannot be contacted, then a call to anyone on the Management team will ensure the idea is presented at the next meeting.

I want to thank all Club members who have suggested ideas for making our organisation so great and to remind everyone of the simple, but necessary, steps required to make sure we are meeting our Club and insurance requirements.

Christmas Luncheon

KEEP THIS DATE IN MIND: Tuesday, December 5th, 2017

Our annual Christmas luncheon will take place at the same venue, Lora Bay, but with a different menu. There will be more information to come in the November Grapevine. Have your cheque handy at the November meeting.

Activity Group Updates

GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP: Our trips for 2018 are being filled nicely....

1. Ireland 04 May 2018 for 15 days-call Gloria for info.
2. River cruise 21 Sept 2018 Amsterdam to Budapest -call Doug at 705 293-0930
3. River cruise 23 Oct 2018, Budapest to Amsterdam -call Doug at 705 293-0930
4. A cycle,boat, and bus tour of Croatia Sept 2018 is being finalized.-Call Doug at 705 293 0930.

Gloria Thompson

HIKING GROUP: Hiking in the Woods, the Hills and the Caves

Our Hiking Group has enjoyed some wonderful hikes this summer, in gorgeous locations offering a range of difficulty levels to keep things interesting.

On September 13 thirteen members of the hiking group, led by Vicki Kellar, conquered a 'difficult hike' on a Bruce Trail side trail. The Nottawasaga Lookout route, west of Duntroon, proved to be a challenge, especially for those with shorter legs, however the standing rock and crevice caves made it all worthwhile. Check out the pictures on our Web site at: <http://beavervalleyprobus.com/photos.cfm>

The group followed it up with a stop at the restored historic Frank's Lime Kiln and then rewarded themselves with lunch and Creemore beer at Mylar and Loreta's restaurant in Singhampton.

This past week Michaelene O'Malley led us on a lovely, considerably gentler hike through the Loree Forest.

Cynthia Sampson and Vicki Kellar

SKI LEGENDS: Winter is coming and Ski Legends is getting ready for another season. We are a Ski and Social Club, and for a complete list of activities offered you should go to www.probuskilegends.ca. If you check out our website and want to join, simply download, print, and mail the completed form to the address provided on the form.

The first two events of the season are: 1. Skiis and Biikes Wine and Cheese, Wednesday, December 6th: you will get a discount on most purchases that evening and a chance to meet many other members. 2. Breakfast at TSC, Tuesday, January 9th. Both events are free and are for members only. You can join Ski Legends at event # 1.

Louise Donegani, Bruce Trimbee and Wilf Phillips

DINING AROUND TOWN: We started off the season with a great dinner at Georgian Bay Golf Club September 6th and then at the Sizzlin Restaurant October 4th. If interested in joining this group, contact Ann Parsons or Barb Edwards at the next Probus meeting.

Ann Parsons

Our Speaker on October 24



Our guest speaker is Iona Tough, past chair of Southern Georgian Bay Habitat for Humanity, retired school teacher and resident of Collingwood. Much of Iona's career has been dedicated to education and welfare of children. Iona continues her community work as a board member and chair of various charity organizations.

Mini Putt & Lunch

The fifth Annual Mini Putt & Lunch was a great day. The weather was perfect, the greens were fast and the competition fierce. 23 ladies and 17 gentlemen enjoyed the golf and a superb lunch at the Georgian Bay Hotel. The winning team, FOUR IS MORE, was Jan Reid (capt), Diane Chambers, Jane Lahtinen and Richard Brochu. Richard Brochu also took honours with lowest score with Vicki and Terry Kellar tied for second place and Peter Zahradnik third.

Harvey Wormald

Book and DVD Exchange

Bring the books you enjoyed reading this summer to the Book Exchange, at the September Probus meeting, and exchange them for more good books to read.

You can also exchange DVDs. Please remember that books and DVDs should be good condition and current.

Nancy Hart

Summer Events

Oct 20th turned out to be a bright sunny day in nice contrast to the foggy start to the day. Stella led 25 BVPC members on a nice late summer ride on the **Credit Valley Explorer** scenic rail tour. Leaving the Orangeville station we headed south through the beautiful Credit Valley with views of the Credit River, historic mill and falls, a beautiful provincial park plus a few golf courses. Lunch was tasty and we all enjoyed the service and some even tried the wine. The weather, good lunch and scenic views combined for another successful Club event.

Earlier in the summer there was another very interesting expedition when some members took a bus ride down to Toronto and toured the amazing **Aga Khan museum**. Again the lunch was marvellous, the location truly unique and our only concern was that we needed more time! Thanks again Stella for all your organizing successes.

Barb Thompson organized a tour of the **McMichael Gallery** in Kleinburg. The interior and exterior displays were awesome. The participants walked in the footprints of Tom Thompson and revelled in the works of the Group of Seven and a variety of First Nations artists. Lunch in the atrium was enjoyed by all.

The **Thornbury Cidery** tour was another tour and taste for the Club. Hopefully the plans develop and the cidery continues to provide a great experience for locals and guests.

In August forty two theatre lovers trekked over to Penetanguishene and the King's Wharf theatre for the irresistible Musical Parable, **Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**. By turns dazzling, explosive, and electrifying it was truly a technicolor triumph! And once again many of the group enjoyed dinner at the Boathouse Eatery on the dock in Midland. BVPC members do enjoy the socializing after our events. Check out the pictures on our web site.



Vicki Kellar

A Brief History of Our Support Group – Part Two

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 14 members of the group, plus ex officio members John Dick (current Probus President) and Kathy O'Malley (current Activities Convenor). We are always looking for new people to spell our regulars in case of untoward events. We also encourage members to use the equipment available at our local Baptist church, including wheel chairs, walkers, etc., as well as the various services provided by Beaver Valley Outreach (drivers, shopping, etc.).

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 Hethrington

Membership Renewal Time



Yes, it's that time again and very shortly you will receive your renewal form in the mail (a nice fall orange coloured page) and hopefully you can send it back immediately to the Membership Directors.

Please note that it is due by December 1 and we do want you to renew!

The form and cheque can be mailed or alternatively brought to the October or November meeting. Please remember to sign the Waiver portion. The Post Office is requesting that rural addresses include not just the RR # but also the Fire number and Road Name in order to improve efficiency and provide better service for rural delivery. Please ensure this information, if applicable, is on your renewal form.

Looking forward to another great year of Beaver Valley Probus activities.

Membership Directors Vicki & Terry Kellar

The Master Gardener's Corner

October 2018

- After a cool, wet summer and 2 weeks of summer in September, it's time to trim perennials and divide them as needed. Make sure it is a cool cloudy day.
- There is an annual argument as to whether you should cut back your perennials, grasses, etc., in the fall, or leave them long for "winter interest". Up here, most perennials are covered by 2 feet of snow, so you can't see them anyway. Since Spring Clean-Up can be daunting and there may be wet weather, a late spring and then instant summer, this year, I am opting for a BIG FALL CLEAN-UP to get a jump on spring 2018.
- Buy and plant spring flowering bulbs. Your efforts now will bring big dividends in April and May.
- Place chicken wire just under the surface of the soil over any tulip bulbs you plant. The squirrels will hate you. Daffs should not need this protection.
- Plant perennials and evergreens.
- Bring in house plants when the evenings start to cool down. Give them a thorough spray first with insecticidal soap so that there are no unwanted hitchhikers coming into your home.
- Fertilize lawns with low "first" number and "high" last number formulae.
- Water shrubs, evergreens and trees weekly and deeply at least until frost.

In Memoriam

Ingrid Quickert passed away on September 26. Along with her husband Herb, she was a founding member of our club. She was very active in several Activity Groups, including Recreational Cycling.

Suzanne Wanamaker passed away on Saturday, September 30th, following complications from surgery. Suzanne and her husband Moe were founding members of our club.

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Opportunities for you!

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Support Group

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

Please do not hesitate to call **Lynn Corrigan** who is the contact for October or any one of the Management team.

The November contact is Mary Dillon.

Carol Hethrington, coordinator

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Joanne Vivona

None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm

Ralph Waldo Emerson