



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
Romeos
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



This will be my last newsletter article as President of the Beaver Valley Probus Club.

I have enjoyed my year and appreciate the support I have received from the Management Team, which has made my tenure a very rewarding experience.

Our Club continues to grow. Our membership has now reached its maximum of 600 and we already have names on a waiting list of people who wish to join our Club in 2019.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the following Management Team members who are retiring:

Caroline Bacher and Marg Eldergill, co-secretaries, who miraculously kept track of the Management meeting discussions, and turned out meticulous minutes.

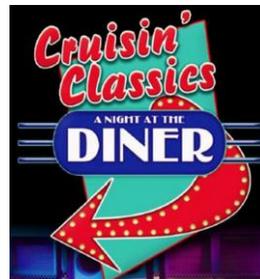
Mike Seagram was an able part of the team that sets up the sound and visual system at each meeting.

Harvey Wormald - Speaker's Chair, obtained, introduced and thanked a wonderful and interesting variety of speakers for our monthly meetings.

The backbone of our Club is all the Activity Groups in which we can participate. A big 'thank you' to all the coordinators and volunteers, who make these groups possible.

Our Social Director, Stella Zahradnik, with the assistance of many volunteers, brings our Club a fantastic variety of events throughout the year. We all sincerely appreciate the dedication and work of all these members that makes these events happen.

Our Club is fortunate to have a very strong incoming team that will continue the tradition of providing all of us with fantastic opportunities to enjoy our retirement years in this wonderful playground of Canada.



A Rock'n'Roll musical celebration featuring classic hits of the Baby Boomer Era
Chuck is the owner of a struggling diner who must grapple with the possibility of selling his beloved haunt. As he relives the moments and music of a simpler time, from the early rockin' sounds of Bill Haley to the beautiful ballads of Brenda Lee, the voice of an entire generation is revealed. A hit parade of timeless tunes from the 50s and 60s are on the menu.

Entertaining and energetic, this joyous jive down memory lane will tickle your funny bone and touch your heart with its classic tunes and retro style.

**Join us for Cruisin' Classics at the King's Wharf Theatre on
Wed. Aug 1st 2PM Group Rate \$41pp**

Tickets will be available at the next meeting or by calling Vicki Kellar

Activity Group Updates

GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP: 4 trips are being presented this year to enable members to travel together and encourage inter-club friendships.

1. Ireland, 15 days, 04 May 2018. Contact Gloria 705 429 9455
2. Danube river cruise, 21 Sept, 15 days, Amsterdam to Budapest. Contact Doug at 705 293-0930
3. Danube River cruise, 23 Oct, 15 days, Budapest to Amsterdam. Contact Doug 705-293-0930
4. Croatia, boat and bike tour, 16 Sept. Contact Doug at 705-293-0930

Gloria Thompson

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

SOCIAL EVENTS: Après Ski, March 7th at Alpine Ski Club

SKI DAYS: Osler Ski Club, February 15th, and March 1st

Alpine Ski Club, March 7th

Georgian Peaks, March 14th

SKI TRIP: there is still room on the Quebec City Trip, from March 18th to 23rd, skiing at Mont Ste. Anne and Le Massif and staying in Quebec City.

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

Louise Donegani, Bruce Trimbee and Wilf Phillips

DINING AROUND TOWN: We will have a great Pub Night at Bridges, on Wednesday, February 7th.

If you wish to join us at our next venue, notify Ann Parsons or Barb Edwards.

Ann Parsons and Barb Edwards

ROMEOS: The Romeos had their first lunch together Jan. 22 and established a few rules. We will meet once a month for lunch, meeting at different pubs and restaurants in Thornbury and Meaford. It was thought by some that we may not meet in July and August. However, we may revisit that plan. Remember that Romeos stands for Retired Old Men Eating Out. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Bill McMurray.

Bill McMurray

Our Speaker on February 27th



Ron Hartlen

“Governments’ Save-the-Planet Policies: looking back, looking around and looking ahead.”

Ron, a BV Probus member, maintains an ongoing watch on emerging electricity- and energy -planning developments driven by Government. Having spoken to us previously on the fact-based realities of Ontario’s rush to install wind turbines, Ron will provide an updated and broadened skeptic’s perspective, including the direction in which the current Federal Government appears to be taking us.

In Memoriam

Ron Healy passed away on Dec. 30, 2017. Ron and his wife Dorothy were long time community leaders and members of our Club since 2006.

After many years of coordinating the Probus Support Group I will be stepping down as of the AGM. I am very pleased to announce that our new coordinator will be Lynn Corrigan, a long-time member of our Probus Club and the Support Group. Lynn is experienced in grief counselling and I know she will be an excellent leader!

Please know that the Support Group is always available to help out members during a difficult time; just check the Grapevine to find out the monthly contact. February’s contact will be Louise Lamont; for March it will be Phyllis Thomas.

Carol Hethrington, coordinator

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of Members of the Beaver Valley Probus Club will be held at the Beaver Valley Community Centre, Victoria and Alfred Streets, Thornbury at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, the 27th day of February, 2018 for the following purposes:

1. To receive the report of the President
2. To receive the Financial Statements of the Club for the period ending January 31st, 2018
3. To elect a slate of officers
4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof

Prior to the meeting, a complimentary lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m. for those members who have notified the Social Committee prior to February 18th that they wish to attend.

The following is the slate of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee for election as officers for the ensuing year:

Pat Wright	President
Marion Stewart	Vice President
Susan Bois, Maureen Kelly	Co-Secretaries
Jim Scott	Treasurer

John Dick, as outgoing President, becomes Past President and is automatically appointed *ex-officio* member of the Management Committee for the ensuing year.

BVPC Membership Report *Vicki & Terry Kellar, Membership Chairs*

The membership for the 2018-2019 year is now closed at **600** members including **66** new members. This is the largest total number of members our Club has ever experienced and we are at our maximum level. It is encouraging that we still have 86 of our founding members from 2001.

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

From Clarksburg

June Dalton & Art Shellnutt
Rob & Maureen Munden
Elizabeth Parker
Anne Marie Stoneham
Sheila & William Wilcox

From Ravenna

Grace Stepniak

From Owen Sound

Paul & Bridget Bonnici

From Meaford

Susan Bigland-Witton
Brenda Degilio
Sylvia Eaton
Linda Gobbo
Alex & Barbara Hector
Gerry & Kathy Murphy
Marlene O'Connor
Brenda Rudolf
Allan & Bunny Smith
Joan Williams

From Thornbury

Mary Angus
Barbara Blair
Douglas Cowan & Elizabeth Irwin
Beverly & Marcel Forget
Nora Glass
Cathy Kaplansky-Gold & Frank Gold
Wayne & Nancy Griffin
Sallie & Barry Kedwell
Vesna & Rick Leclair
Bruce Taylor & Jane Matthews
George & Sandy McMaster
Thomas & Yvonne Paech
Marlene Penttila
Sue & Gar Pink
Kirk & Sue Polson
Kay & Mikael Schaltz
Eva & Bernie Smith
Rob & Alison Vandenberg
John & Simone Van der Ster
Flora Wendling
Sandra Whitehead & Martin Rosen

From Collingwood

Olga Forrester

From Flesherton

Donna Murray

From Feversham

Brian & Gwen Mullin

Stratford 2018

Come and enjoy "The Comedy of Errors" by William Shakespeare, at the Studio Theatre in Stratford on Thursday Oct 11, 2018, 2:00pm matinee. "Separated in infancy, two pairs of twins are now in the same city, each unaware of the presence of their long-lost counterparts. Hilarity mounts as the look-alikes are repeatedly mistaken for each other – till unexpected reunions bring happy endings for all." The cost is \$120, 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 meeting. PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY please.

Stella Zahradnik

The Master Gardener's Corner

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, call 519-599-5846.

Things to do for or in your garden in - February

- With 2 January freeze/thaws so far this winter, mound up all the available snow and any new snow that falls, around tender plants like roses. It is the freeze/thaw that kills plants, not just the cold.
- Start planning your garden projects for 2018. Make a list, so you will know what you did not get done when you looked at it in November. A garden is never finished!
- Start propagating stem cuttings of geraniums, fuchsias, etc. by the end of the month.
- Plant slow germinating seeds inside, like impatiens, peppers, eggplants, etc.
- As the weather warms, start pruning shade trees, fruit trees and shrubs, 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. Stop by the Garden Gallery just west of Barrie on Hwy 91 on the way to Angus and inhale.
- Check the dates for annual garden shows like the 18th annual Stratford Gardening Festival Mar 1 – 4, 2018 at the Stratford Rotary Complex, and Canada Blooms Mar 9 – 18, 2018 at the Enercare Centre at the CNE, again co-hosting with the National Home Show. Go to www.canadablooms.com

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Book and DVD Exchange

Bring a book to the February meeting and exchange it for another.

As of now we will no longer have DVDs for exchange – I think too many people are watching Netflix!

Nancy Hart

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Joanne Vivona

*We learn something every day, and often it's what we learned
yesterday is wrong*

C.J. Jung