



Beaver Valley Probus Club

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Current Activities

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Backroads Cycling
Book Club one
Book club two
Book club three
Book club four
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

Pat Wright



Probus Clubs are organizations for men and women who have retired and want to maintain a social network with others of similar interests. Today there are over 4000 clubs with a total membership of over 300,000. In March and April, clubs across the country have planned events - like our Activity Fair - to highlight and celebrate the many activities provided to our members.

I was away for the March Activity Fair celebrating my grandson's 5th birthday in Denver. I hope everyone enjoyed the Fair and had a chance to sign up for many of our activities. If you were unable to attend the fair, but would like to join a group, just call or email the group's coordinators. The coordinators for each group are listed in the front of the membership list.

The Management Board has extended an invitation to our Regional Director, Bob MacNair, to attend the April meeting and speak briefly on the history of Probus clubs.

Casual Dining

Casual Dining is for Probus members who enjoy food preparation, visiting other like-minded members' homes, and participating in the social interaction that occurs around a table fuelled by a good meal.

Guests, after consulting with the hosts, bring a food item to complement the main dish that has been prepared by the host. Hosts have an easy time; guests bring the serving utensil for the dish they have prepared, their own beverage, plates, cutlery, and glasses. These they rinse at evening's end and take back home. Hosts provide coffee and tea.

The Casual Dining Group meets the second Thursday of each month (December excepted). In July we shift into super-casual mode and have a potluck for everyone in Meaford's Memorial Park. In August another potluck is held in Bayview Park, Thornbury.

The coordinators keep records of who has been where and who has hosted when. As much as possible, participants will be with new tablemates each month.

If you have questions about anything, call or email Marge and Dave Allin.

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. There are still a few spots left! 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: Last month was my annual summary as I thought the season was almost over. I'm glad I was wrong, because there has been a lot of great skiing since then, with more still to come. I think all skiers in the area should take a moment and reflect on how good the conditions have been and thank the snow makers, the groomers, the people who decide when to spend money to make snow, and any other entity you think helped. If you missed out on a ski trip you wanted to take, you should consider checking our website (www.probuskilegends.ca) throughout the summer and fall, and sign up as soon as you can to avoid missing out again next season.

Louise Donegani, Bruce Trimbee and Wilf Phillips

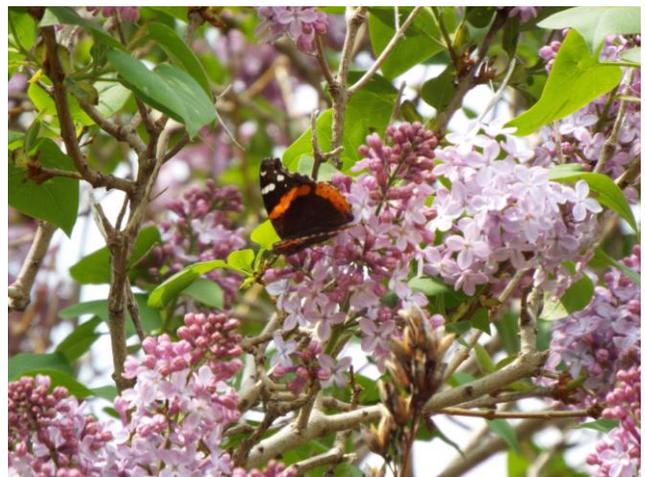
DINING AROUND TOWN: We are anticipating a great evening at the Harbour Street Fish Bar in the Cranberry Mews on April 4th

Ann Parsons and Barb Edwards

HIKING: Winter is particularly tenacious this year, but spring **will** eventually prevail, which means we hikers will soon be getting back out on the trails. Our hikes cover a wide variety of terrains and difficulty levels ranging from relatively strenuous to really quite gentle, so you can decide which ones work for you. We're always hoping to welcome new trekkers (especially if you're willing to take on the role of leader on some of our hikes!!) and would be happy to add you to our emailing list for notification of upcoming events. Please let us know at probusbyhiking@outlook.com, or feel free to call Cynthia Sampson if you would like more information. Come join our friendly group in exploring our beautiful trails and woodlands!

Cynthia Sampson

Spring is Coming!



Theatre Outing – Come from Away

24 tickets have been booked to see this show at the Royal Alexandra Theatre in Toronto on Wednesday Oct 24, 2018, 1:30pm matinee. The cost per person is \$146, which includes the production and the bus. Please note that people who signed up earlier for this at our AGM must sign up again **to confirm their tickets. CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE.** New sign up sheets will be at our April meeting.

Stella Zahradnik

Aga Khan Museum Visit

A combined gallery and architectural tour of this museum has been planned for Wed May 30, 2018. The cost per person is \$58.25 which includes bus, admission and the combined tour. Lunch is not included. Only 24 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. Please note that people who signed up earlier for this at our AGM must sign up again **to confirm their tickets. CHEQUES ONLY PLEASE.** New sign up sheets will be at our April meeting.

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Our Speakers on April 24th

Sara and Leah Denbok

At the age of three, Sara Denbok was found wandering the crowded streets of Kolkata, India. Since it was known that Saint Teresa (formerly Mother Teresa) never turned any children away, Sara was taken to her orphanage.



. There she was raised until the age of five, when she was adopted by a family in Stayner, Ontario. She is the author of *Saved--By Mother Teresa*.

Inspired, in part, by her mother's story, Leah has, for the past three years, been travelling to cities throughout North America, photographing and interviewing people experiencing homelessness. She is the author of *Nowhere to Call Home--Photographs and Stories of the Homeless*. In the past year, this work has won Leah international recognition.

Joker's Corner

Former US President George W Bush gets out of his helicopter in front of the White House carrying a baby pig under each arm. The marine guard snaps to attention, salutes and says, "Nice pigs, sir." Indignant, Dubya replies, "These are not pigs, these are Texan Razorback Hogs. I got one for Vice President Cheney, and I got one for Defence Secretary Rumsfeld." The marine snaps to attention again, salutes and says: "Nice trade, sir."

A man flying in a hot air balloon realises he is lost. He reduces his altitude, spots a man in a field down below and shouts, "Excuse me, can you tell me where I am?" The man replies, "Yes, you're in a hot air balloon, about 30 feet above this field." "You must be an engineer," says the balloonist. "I am. How did you know?" says the man. "Everything you told me is technically correct, but it's of no use to anyone." The man below says, "You must be in management." "I am. But how did you know?" says the balloonist. "You don't know where you are, or where you're going, but you expect me to be able to help. You're in the same position you were when we met, but now it's my fault."

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 in your garden in – April 2018

- **Make sure you have done everything you were supposed to do on the March List.**
- Do stretch and bend exercises before you start in the garden. I find skiing muscles have nothing to do with gardening muscles. Take it easy. There are a lot of gardening days before the ski season comes again.
- I hope you had a chance to spread 19-19-19 general purpose fertilizer over the snow on all your flower beds and shrub borders before the snow disappeared. It will have melted down into the ground as the snow went away. The snow will definitely be gone this April. You can still spread the triple 19 as long as it does not get on to the emerging plants, as it may burn them.
- 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. Shred if possible. Put dead material on your new compost pile.
- Prepare garden beds for planting. Dig in compost, and/or manure, and/or other organic material. Remove any weeds from last fall. Having cleaned up the beds, ADD 3" TO 4" OF MULCH to control weeds this summer.
- Remove rose protection: For Hybrid Teas, Prune to 6" or 8" 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. Do it before the buds break.
- Treat birch trees against leaf miner, if you can find the pesticide to do it. Try in the USA.
- Prepare your vegetable garden and plant seeds of cool-weather vegetables like peas, spinach, lettuce, onions, beets and frost resistant annuals like larkspur, sweet peas and calendulas.
- When dry, rake your lawn vigorously to remove thatch, repair damage with weed-free topsoil and grass seed to bare spots. Keep moist.
- Fertilize your lawn with slow-release high nitrogen (the first of the 3 numbers) fertilizer. Slow release urea costs more, but it's worth it.
- Apply crabgrass pre-emergence herbicide to your lawn, if required.
- When spring finally comes, plant trees, shrubs, perennials and biennials in your garden. No need to wait until May 24th for perennials, that's for annuals and it may be the first week in June before you can get frost tender annuals into the ground.
- Plant frost-resistant pansies NOW for a little spring colour.
- Start mowing your lawn only as needed. Keep it long.
- Check out local garden shows.

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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 Sandy Macaulay who is the contact for April or any one of the Management team.

The May contact is Joan Uglow.

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President John Dick

Knowledge is knowing that a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad.

Brian O'Driscoll