



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
Books Exchange
Canoeing and Kayaking
Casual Dining
Cooking Together
Country Cruisers
Cue Sports
Digital Photography
Dining around town
Dining with Flair
Euchre
Euchre 2
Hiking
Marsh Street artists
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

"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



February will be the start of the new year for the Beaver Valley Probus Club, and I will be turning over the reins to our incoming President, Marion Stewart.

It is hard to believe that a year has passed and my tenure has finished. I want to thank the Management team for their commitment and support this year. It has been a pleasure to work with the team and they made

my year a rewarding experience.

I want to say a special "thank you" to Barb Thompson who will be retiring from the team this year, and to John Dick who served as a mentor and friend.

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

Our club continues to grow with a membership of 600 - the largest Probus Club in the world. Again, I encourage you to become involved with the Club and share your many talents by helping our Activity Coordinators or volunteering on the Management team.

Thank you for a great year!

AGM

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 26th day of February, 2019.

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

Marion Stewart, President

Caroline Bacher, Vice President

Susan Bois, Pam Weaver, Co-Secretaries

Jim Scott, Treasurer

Prior to the meeting, a complimentary light lunch will be served at 12:45 p.m. for those members who have notified Stella Zahradnik prior to February 19th that they wish to attend.

The Annual Financial Report will be posted on the club website prior to the meeting.

Activity Group Updates

GEORGIAN PROBUS TRAVEL GROUP:

The 3 trips being offered this year for all local Probus members, family, and friends are as follows:

1. Scotland, focussing on the highlands and islands, 12 -27 May. Contact Gloria at 705-429 9455
2. Bus to PEI and the Magdalen Islands, 18-30 Aug. Contact Pat at 800-563-1885
3. New Zealand Nov 4-17th. Contact Erika 800-561-8677.

Given the low value of our dollar, there are many extras such as meals and tours included.

Support your Probus - meet new friends!

Gloria Thompson

SKI LEGENDS: Winter is about half over and we have had some terrific skiing with more to come. The Wine and Cheese, Breakfast, and the Dinner and Show have come and gone, with each event being wonderful, well attended, and enjoyed by all. Ski Days at Devil's Glen, Craigleith and Osler have already taken place, with Osler, Feb. 14th, Alpine Feb. 21st and Georgian Peaks March 14th to come. Get out and have some fun skiing with other Legend members on some great ski hills and make the most of winter.

Louise Armstrong and Wilf Phillips

POTTERY: Have you ever wanted to get your hands in clay? Are you curious about pottery? Now is the time to find out! Stop by for our open house and see and ask all you want. There will be demonstrations on the wheel and other slab techniques.

Refreshments will be served. A draw will be held for a free project.

Call or email Pam Hawkins.

Pam Hawkins

DINING WITH FLAIR: There are changes to our committee for the 2019 year. Marion Stewart and Chris Brochu, who have both worked very hard, are retiring this year. The current committee members are Debbie Catto, Wendy Gillies, Jan Reid, Eileen Scott, Shellie Smith, and Mary Bryant.

We are always looking for new members to join Dining with Flair. Please feel free to contact any of our committee members for information.

Jan Reid

CASUAL DINING: The Casual Dining group meets on the second Thursday of each month at several members' houses to share a meal. All contribute to the meal, and the cleanup is kept to a minimum, since all participants bring their own place settings and serving dishes. Since everyone takes a turn at hosting and preparing the main dish, there is no additional cost for participants. Members choose to attend as many or as few meals as their schedule and travel plans allow. In the summer, waterfront potluck picnics include the entire group. This is an economical way to "eat out", with new and old friends. New members are always welcome.

Marge and Dave Allin

DINING AROUND TOWN: A great dinner was enjoyed at The Orchid in Thornbury, –January 16. If you are interested in joining the dining group, please sign up at the next Probus meeting.

Ann Parsons



Our Speaker on February 26th: Jeffrey Shearer
The Norcs and The Nats
How Amenity Migration Turned Us Into What We Are

Jeff is the Publisher of *On The Bay Magazine* and the General Manager of *The New Classical 102.9FM*, based in Collingwood.

Before launching *On The Bay* in 2004, Jeff played a major role in magazine and newspaper publishing as President of *Telemidia Publishing*, Publisher of *Saturday Night Magazine* and Vice President, Marketing, of *The Toronto Star* and was named one of the ten best marketers in Canada by *Marketing Magazine*.

Jeff gets involved. He is a former Trustee of the Collingwood Hospital, past Chair of the Collingwood BIA, a past Director of *The Georgian Bay Association* of the local *Big Brothers/Sisters* organization. He was a Founding Director of a newly-formed think tank, *The Institute of Southern Georgian Bay*.

Jeff has a long history of environmental advocacy. He was President of the *Canadian Coalition On Acid Rain*, which culminated in the successful signing of the US Clean Air Act. He was a recipient of the highest award from the *Federation of Ontario Naturalists* for his work on the acid rain issue.



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

The membership for the 2019-2020 year is now closed at **600** members including 76 new members. This is the second year in a row that the Club has reached our maximum membership level. Along with all the new members it is encouraging that we still have 78 of our founding members from 2001.

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

From Blue Mountains

Martin Corkery & Josie Harper
 Jim Matthews
 Myrna Pineo
 Rosemary & Ross Rosier

From Bognor

Jill Alexander

From Clarksburg

Jim & Diana Dolmer
 Debbie Gibson
 Frances-Mary Morrison
 Jamie & Joanne Procnier
 Angela Weldon
 Eeva Whitehead

From Collingwood

Andrew Crighton

From Heathcote

Martin & Heather Buscher

From Kimberley

Shirley & Paul Turner

From Meaford

Adriana Bardeau
 Wendy & Ron Harris
 Pauline Kelly
 Clark & Barbara Little
 Jim & Margaret Molineux
 Helen Wakely-Scott

From Mount Forest

Liz & Simon Goodall

From Ravenna

Harriet Lewis & Eldon Bennett

From Thornbury

Joan Black
 Elaine & Hank Bouwman
 Bob & Cheryl Bullock
 Bernie & Lee Caplan
 Ilene & Louis Charland
 Wendy & Alan Chesworth

George Czerwinski & Lynn Scotford
 Audie deWatteville
 Charmane & Lindsay Evenson
 Jim & Vessela Gaston
 Jesse Glass
 Lorna Grant
 John Griggs
 Donna Marie Harrison & Wayne Smith
 John & Carol Heeney
 Jackie & Rob Johnstone
 Susan Jones-Hughson
 Stephen Keast & Mary Lounds
 Janis Kinlin
 Svetla Dana Los
 Linda McKenzie
 Cynthia Moore
 Barbara Moreau
 George Muller & Donna Powers
 George Roenspiess & Virginia Stevens
 John Sheridan
 Jean Tyler
 Jane White
 John & Beth White

Last Chance for King's Wharf Theatre, Penetanguishene



Shear Madness *The Hilarious & Wacky Whodunit*

Rated 5 stars on TripAdvisor!

Listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as America's longest running play, *Shear Madness* continues to delight audiences with its unique blend of madcap improvisation and spine-tickling mystery.

Join the BVPC at the Drayton Festival on Thurs. Aug. 22 for the 2PM show.

Group Rate of \$43/ticket Sign up at the next meeting or by contacting Vicki Kellar

Driving arrangements made individually. A group dinner will be arranged closer to the date.

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 – February 2019:

- With a January Freeze/Thaw already this winter, mound up all the available snow and any new snow that falls, around tender plants like roses. If you have a few bows from your Christmas tree, put them over tender plants to catch the snow. It is the freeze/thaw that kills plants, not just the cold.
- Start planning your garden projects for 2019. Make a list, so you will know what you did not get done when you look at it in June. I have mine done and I am tired already. 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 19th annual Stratford Gardening Festival, Feb 28 – Mar 3 2019 at the Stratford Rotary Complex Tickets \$10. On line at www.stratfordgardenfestival.com. Also, Canada Blooms is Mar 8 - 17 this year at the Enercare Centre at the CNE. Tickets \$20, \$17 for Seniors. Go to www.canadablooms.com
- The former Probus Garden Group is co-sponsoring a one-time free horticultural presentation by Paul Zammit, Canada's most dynamic and energetic garden speaker, at the L.E. Shore Library on Thursday, April 11 at 7 PM.

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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 Louise Lamont, who is the contact for February, or any one of the Management team.

Lynn Corrigan

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President John Dick

There's one good thing about snow: it makes your lawn look as nice as your neighbour's.

Clyde Moore