



4Seasons Probud Club

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President's Message:

Hello to all!!

Welcome to September – my favourite month! I'm as delighted with the crisper mornings and earlier sunsets as I am about the upcoming events we have to share with our members.

There is a lot going on so don't miss the Social events and activities pages further on here.

Special mention is the Christmas Dinner and Dance on November 29th at the Blue Mountain Golf Course. It's our first solo BIG Christmas event and it's getting booked up fast. If you are interested get in any (or all) of the events, get in touch right away with the coordinators and signup and pay. Don't be disappointed - bring your cheques to our General Meeting on September 25th.

At the September General Meeting you will also see the results of the Members survey and hear an insightful speaker who will share some information on keeping your investments safe.

Our yearend is November 1st and our annual dues are owed then. The member fee will remain at \$55.00 each for returning members. You can bring a cheque to any General meeting or mail it into our Box Office mail address. Be sure to reference the names of the members and that it is for membership dues. If you are a current member and will NOT be returning for the 2020 year, please advise us ASAP. Knowing about any vacancies as early as possible will allow us to invite folks who have been on our waiting list and they will be able to enjoy the winter activities as soon as the New Year begins. That would be much appreciated.

Also our Annual General Meeting will be November 27th in the General Meeting slot time. At this meeting we review the annual financial summary, any changes to bylaws and vote in the members to the Management Committee. We welcome any of you who would like to join us. We are taking nominations now. Contact me at

fitzgeraldsrock@gmail.com.

There is one important position we are seeking - Communication Chair. This key role is responsible for the management and updating of our website as well as the monthly publication of the Club newsletter. These tasks are not highly complicated but would benefit from someone with some technical inclination.

Also at the AGM meeting we will be playing a Travel Trivia Game called 'Where in the World am I?' Please submit ASAP any pictures from your travels to Gene Allevato, gs.allevato@sympatico.ca. Be sure to include the country, city, town or region.

And one last and most important thing to say – to the families of Mike Leithead and Penny Preston who left this world far too soon....we offer our heartfelt wishes. We trust that with time you will find comfort from having had them in your lives and knowing that they made the world a better place by how they lived and the people they touched. God bless.

And as a reminder to all members, if you are aware of one of our members who has lost a loved one, please advise anyone on the Management Committee so we are able to reach out to them.

See you at the General Meeting on September 25th.

Best Wishes from your President,

Diane

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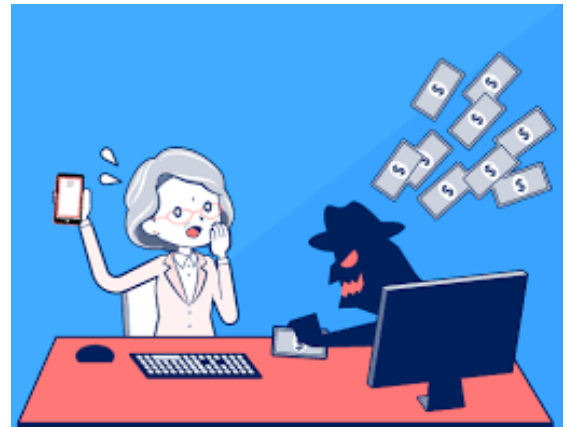
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Guest Speaker – Sept. 25th:

Topic: Protect your Money – fraud prevention and how to make more informed investing decisions.

Speaker: Chris Allum; Ontario Securities

Two seasoned investigators from the Ontario Securities Commission, an independent agency of the government of Ontario that is responsible for regulating Ontario's capital markets, will speak to how they provide protection to investors from unfair, improper or fraudulent practices, and how to plan for the future and avoid financial fraud.



It promises to be a very informative presentation and will provide some excellent insight into various fraudulent schemes that we have all at some time been made aware of or approached to invest in.

See you Wednesday!!!

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

October 23 – Cathy Gildner; Psychological Heroism

November 27 – AGM – Annual General Meeting

January 22nd - TBD

February 26th – Darcy Genesh; 50th Anniversary of the FLQ Crisis in 1970

From Your Speakers Committee

This is an outline of the speakers we currently have and we thought it would be a good idea to give our members a list of what we presently have planned.

With a membership now of 300 members I am sure there are people with some very interesting life experiences that would be of interest to our group, from a career perspective, a travel experience or a personal experience. We are always looking for ideas/suggestions for speakers, so do not hesitate to contact

[Cate McMullen.](#)



Social/Activity Co-conveners' Message:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Another summer has come and almost gone. How can it be September already? We have had many great activities and events, with more to come.

Please, please bring your chequebooks to our General Meeting on September 25. There are some great events coming up, and you don't want to miss out!

Our final 9 and Dine at Blue Mountain Golf Club is on September 30, and MaryAnn will still accept cheques for that. \$40.00 for golf, \$58.00 for golf and dinner and \$18.00 for dinner only. These events have been a lot of fun for both golfers and diners.

On October 10, Bruce Clark will have an opportunity to defend his title as high scorer in bowling. Jim Ransom has booked Georgian Lanes for 2:00 that day. The cost is \$16.00 per person. If you signed up at the June meeting and have not paid, please bring a cheque to the General Meeting or arrange to give one to Jim. If you have not signed up, but would like to bowl, you will have an opportunity to do so at the meeting.

On October 22, we have a tour of Miller's Dairy booked for 10:00 a.m. The maximum for this tour is 40 people and sign up will be at the general meeting. The plan is to follow up the tour with lunch at 12:00 noon at Mylar and Loreta's in Singhampton. They are offering us a set menu to include garden salad and roll, turkey dinner with stuffing and mashed potatoes, vegetables, and apple crumble for \$27.00 per person.

And on November 29 is our first Christmas Dinner and Dance. We will be celebrating at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club. The cost for dinner, and dancing is \$55.00 per person. For those who signed up at the general meeting in June, if you did not pay at that time, you **MUST** either drop a cheque off with MaryAnn Gallagher at her home at 294 Maple Street in Collingwood, or bring your cheque to the meeting on September 25. We are limited to 100 guests, and have at this point 53 members signed up and paid.

As an alternative to the dinner and dance, for those who do not dance or are unable to attend, your social committee is organizing a Christmas luncheon, with details to be finalized, and communicated to you. We will have an "Interest" sign-up sheet at the September 25 meeting.

Unfortunately, we have not been able to arrange a visit to Meaford Tank Range. We have not been able to connect with anyone from the base to arrange this. If anyone has information on a contact person there, please let us know so we can still try to go there.

For 2020, we have several events still in the planning stages:

- 1) A tour of Agnora Glass Plant
- 2) A tour of McLean Engineering
- 3) A fashion show
- 4) A visit to the E. Carr Observatory



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- 5) A repeat of the Miss Midland Cruise and Luncheon. It was a great success, with those who participated giving good reviews.
- 6) Another Trivia Night

Theatre Collingwood has two great events coming up: Tuesday Sept 24th to Saturday Sept 28th the outstanding Leisa Way and The Wayward Wind Band will be performing Opry Gold at the GNE Fairgrounds (indoors). A toe-tappin', roof-raisin', salute to the greatest music in the history of Country Music! To share the Opry's history is to share the story of Country Music. This latest concert raises the roof with the hottest country songs from the last few decades. Sing-a-long to Johnny Cash, Shania Twain, Vince Gill, Loretta Lynn, Patsy Cline, Lady Antebellum, Kenny Rogers, Dolly Parton, Charlie Daniels, Zac Brown Band, Willie Nelson, and many more!

On October 1st also at the GNE Fairgrounds
DAN NEEDLES – TRUE CONFESSIONS 2.0

Starring Dan Needles and Ian Bell Stage *Show with Music*

A loving and humorous look at rural life in story and song.

After a sold-out performance at the Collingwood Legion this spring, Dan Needles is back by popular demand for one night only this fall to entertain Theatre Collingwood audiences. Needles is familiar to the community as a playwright and local columnist. To Canadians, he's best known for his Wingfield Farm Series, which has been staged across the country, including the Stratford Shakespeare Festival. Needles is joined on stage by brilliant folk musician, Ian Bell to take you on a ramble through small-town Ontario with stories, songs and lots of laughter.

If we can put together a group of 10 or more we'll receive a discounted price and reserved seating. Tickets are \$47.46 each - please contact Linda Milthorpe 705-444-7998 or linda.milthorpe@gmail.com to reserve today!

Your social committee is always open to suggestions, and we also welcome anyone who wishes to become a part of the social committee.

FOR ANY EVENT WHICH WILL REQUIRE PAYMENT UP FRONT, TO AN EVENT PROVIDER, PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

As a club, we are not able to cover cost over runs for events. Therefore, please provide the management committee with the event details prior to offering sign up for members. These details would include: date, cost, location, minimum number of participants required, final commitment/cancellation date. All participants will be expected to pay at the time of sign up with a cheque payable to 4Seasons Probus Club. Our treasurer will then pay the event provider when we are invoiced. If you have questions, please contact any of the members of the management committee.



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Updates from our coordinators for our activities/events

EUCHRE

We had a really enjoyable Euchre night, Thursday September 12th. Jane and Joe Galda did an excellent job of hosting this larger crowd. In attendance were: Wendy Wiese, Ian and Mary Ann Gallacher, Rita Leithead, Norina Goegan, Howard Morrison, Dale and Pam Adams, Michael and Dianne Gerstmann, Ann Bardoel, Jerry and Kim Colson and guest Nancy. Our next game will be the second Thursday in October.



HIKING GROUP

The hiking group has been going out monthly on some great hikes, having had great cooperation from Mother Nature. The next hike is in Loree Forest on September 18, followed by lunch at Northwinds. Hopefully the group can continue for several months yet.

EEZEE RIDERS GROUP

It has been a very successful summer for our bikers, with the most recent ride being along the Tey Trail between Midland and Victoria Harbour, followed, of course by lunch. If the weather continues to be enjoyable, the rides will continue.



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GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

There will be a sign-up sheet at the general meeting for the next event, planned for October 15 at 6:30. This is one of our most popular activities, enjoyed by all.

KNITTING GROUP

The knitters are meeting monthly on the second Tuesday with different members hosting. Since the group is at capacity, Sandi Allevato is offering to host an additional group meeting on a different date. Please see Sandi to sign up at the September 25 meeting.

BOOK CLUBS

Our book clubs have been enjoying some excellent reading, and have had some very enjoyable guest speakers as well. Mary Ann Gallagher hosted a joint book club meeting in early September with the owner of Ashanti Coffee, David Wilding-Davies, the author of "My Cattle Are Too Thin". It was a truly wonderful evening and she was an amazing hostess!

ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Do you care about the environment, our climate crisis? Do you know what your carbon footprint is? Are you interested in meeting with others to talk about water, air, climate change, local issues or broader ones? Would you be interested in learning more or doing more? There will be a signup sheet at our next meeting to see if there are enough of us interested to start a group. We can have an inaugural meeting to discuss what our group might want to be or do. Sign up at the meeting or send an email to [Bruce Clark](#). Please see the Community Events section of the newsletter for a couple of events that may be of interest to you.

Those groups that took a break over the summer will be back in action in the fall. At our general meeting in September, there will be an opportunity to sign up for activities that you are interested in, but have not yet had a chance to join.



UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

- Sept 30 – 4th 9 & dine – 10 players + 4 dinner only
- Oct 10 – another Bowling event
- Oct 22 – Tour of Millers Dairy
- Nov 6? – Meaford Military Tank Range tour – lunch at Ted's Roadhouse Diner
- Nov 29 – year end Xmas Dinner & Dance – \$55/PP
- Spring 2020 – Agnora Glass Plant Tour / McLean Engineering / Fashion Show

Please see the web site calendar for more details as well as the following event details.

Special Event

So....Where in The World am I?

We are planning an interactive member participation game for our year ending AGM.

We are asking our membership to submit a picture of an interesting place where they have travelled to.

It can be a landscape, a cityscape or landmark – open to anything interesting.

Tell us the country, city, town or region.

We will take your pictures, put them onto a PowerPoint presentation, and then ask the membership to write down where the picture was taken after we give them a multiple choice of answers.

We will pass out score cards so that the member can record their answers.

As we reveal the answers we will acknowledge the member who submitted the picture.

Members will tally their scores, sign their score card and submit it to the committee.

Top ten winners will receive a gift.

Please submit your pictures to Gene Allevato - gs.allevato@sympatico.ca



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Community Events:

This section will highlight upcoming community events that members may be interested in knowing about. Please submit events that you are aware of that you would like to share with your fellow members to activities4seasons@gmail.com.

The following are current upcoming events:

1. **A Climate Change Film of Hope & Action** - Resilience, Transforming Our Community; Thursday, Sept. 26th 7:00 – 9:00PM; Collingwood Library, 3rd Floor Meeting Room. The film is 55 minutes long, and afterwards we'll have a discussion on what we can all do together on this important issue. One of the film producers will be there to introduce the film and there is no cost.
2. **100 Debates on the Environment**; Simcoe-Grey – Where do our federal candidates stand? Thursday, October 3rd, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Collingwood Leisure Time Club, 100 Minnesota St. Collingwood. Be part of "100 Debates on the Environment" happening across Canada simultaneously. Come meet our Federal election candidates. Learn more about the issues that face Canadians and how our future leaders are planning to work towards solving them. This is a non-partisan event hosted by a local not-for-profit group.

Penny Skelton will be our moderator.

Hearts & Flowers:

If you know of a 4Seasons' member who is ill, injured or has suffered a loss, please notify [Mary Ferguson](#), or call her at 647-640-7875; a card will be sent on behalf of our club.



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Additional Event Details:



SAVE THE DATE:

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CHRISTMAS PARTY

NOVEMBER 29TH, 2019

BLUE MOUNTAIN GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

TRADITIONAL ROAST TURKEY DINNER

DANCE TO MUSIC OF THE 50's – 70's

LIGHT SHOW PROVIDED BY DJ STU MCNABB

LIMITED TO 100 MEMBERS/GUESTS

COST: \$55/P.P.

CASH BAR

REGISTRATION IS UNDER WAY.

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Editor's Note:

Please visit our growing web site. It has been upgraded and is still under construction.

The current password for the members' only page is 4seasons. At this point the club membership list AND the Activities list with Coordinator's names AND travel group information, are available on this page. As a reminder the membership list is ONLY for internal use within the club. If you do not want your name on this list please inform Bruce, membership director. As a reminder, our web site is as follows:

<https://www.4seasonsprobust.com/>

COMMUNICATIONS COORDINATOR

As Diane indicated earlier in her message, the Communications Coordinator (me ☺), will not be continuing in this capacity into 2020. The role is responsible for managing the web site and creating the Newsletter from content provided from others.

The web site was created and is managed/edited in Wix.com. It is 'very' easy to edit!

The newsletter was created and is managed in a Word Doc. Also very easy to revise/edit every month. Suggest the next person consider a different software like publisher, etc.

I'm happy to review both these items with whomever is interested in taking over this role. I'll provide a transition month and coach the 'new' coordinator through the monthly process. The technical/computer knowledge for this role is minimal, so don't let the "technology" scare you away from doing this great job for 4Seasons Probust!

I've had a great time setting this up and managing it for our club's first two years, and looking forward to turning it over to the next person. The management committee is a great group of ambitious and passionate people, working to make our club the best and providing the members with many different opportunities for activities and meeting people. Please contact Diane with your interest and/or any questions.

Bryan



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2019 Management Committee:

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Past President	<u>Steve Officer</u>	519-281-7207
Treasurer	<u>Sue Barbour</u>	416-985-7164
Secretary	<u>Gene Allevato</u>	705-445-9508
Membership Chair	<u>Bruce Clark</u>	705-532-9829
Communications Coordinator	<u>Bryan Vermander</u>	705-446-2349
Social Conveners	<u>Ann Fenton & JoAnne Ruthven</u>	519-940-2582 & 289-383-3129
Member At Large – Speakers Chair	<u>Cate McMullen</u>	705-445-9406
Member At Large	<u>Mary Ferguson</u>	647-640-7875