



4Seasons Probus Club

Collingwood

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President's Message:

As members of 4Seasons Probus we can all be pleased and proud of the club we created in our inaugural year. We have 250 members and a long waiting list. We have established more than 30 activity groups that cater to every interest. Our speakers have been both informative and entertaining and our social events (Murder Mystery and Pig Roast) were well received.

But, as impressive as this resume is, we do not intend to rest on our laurels. We have created a speakers committee to ensure that the quality of our offerings is sustained. A new social committee will plan a summer picnic, a Christmas party and offer several day trips throughout the year. New activity groups are being created each month. Bottom line, we intend to make our second year even better than the first.

On a personal note, I want to express my thanks to the Management Committee and the many members who have made my year as your founding President a rewarding experience. Speaking at our first meeting, Bill Meldrum of Mountainview Probud, our sponsoring club, predicted that we were about to meet many new BFF's. From my perspective, he couldn't have been more correct.

I have a couple of reminders.

If you have not already done so, pay your dues before the December 31 deadline.

Volunteer for a committee or to help the coordinator of one of your activities. We need your talent to sustain our success and, believe me, you will not regret it.

See you at the luncheon

Steve Officer

President

Our 50/50 draw
winner was Jane
Lehner who got
\$137.50.





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Guest Speaker This Month – Nov. 28th:

There will be no Guest Speaker in Nov. We will be having our AGM & Anniversary Lunch

Doors Open 12:00

AGM 12:30

Luncheon 1:00

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

November 28, 2018 – Inaugural AGM – Annual General Meeting & 1st Anniversary Lunch!

December, 2018 – No Meeting

January 23, 2019 - John Millar, President, Digital Boundary Group, Computer Security

February 27, 2019 - Blue Mountain Acupuncture

March 27, 2019 - Laura MacDougall

Martin Ruthven - Speaker's Chair

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 250 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 either:

[Martin Ruthven](#) or [Cate McMullen](#).



Social/Activity Co-conveners' Message:

We are currently in the "shoulder season". Summer outdoor activities have for the most part been suspended, and outdoor winter activities have not yet started. Many of our indoor activities are still ongoing.

Our club now has a Social Committee without first meeting being a resounding success. Many ideas for events were generated, and sub committees formed to begin planning them. If anyone who has not joined the committee would like to be a part of it, please don't be shy-- sign up and share your ideas.

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.

Updates from our coordinators for our activities/events

WINE STUDY GROUP

It is way past time for me to reconvene our 4Seasons Probus Wine Study Group. Somehow time has just slipped away since I last tried to organize a get together. Maybe I have just spent way too much time studying the Thought of Chairman Trump when I should have been attending to task and studying wine.

Mary Jane and I would like to kick off a new series of wine study sessions by hosting a session at our house in the New Year. We thought that since we are well into November and December will be full of Christmas and New Year festivities, we would push it into January. The date we picked is Wednesday January 16th. We will be studying the wines of British Columbia. Mary Jane will be the Host and I will play Presenter.

As before we have limited space so the first ten replies to this e-mail will get an invitation. I will send out a follow up e-mail when our dance card is full.



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I have not started a new e-mail list for this new session of 4Seasons Probus. I will just continue using the old one. I would like welcome Sue Barbour, Kerry Baskey and Liz Gilbert to our Wine Study Group. If you would like to be taken off the list please send me an e-mail. Similarly if you know of someone in 4Seasons Probus who wants to be on the list please let me know. I try to pick up the sign-up sheet at our meetings but sometimes I don't read the entries properly.

A votre sante,

Bob Moenck

Contemporary Fiction Book Club (#3)

We had a great discussion on November 20 about the beautiful book "A Gentleman in Moscow" by Amor Towles. We're now looking forward to our meeting on December 18 when we will discuss the 2018 Giller Prize winner "Washington Black" by Esi Edugyan. After the discussion we're heading out for a Christmas lunch together to get us in the spirit! New members are welcome.

GARDEN CLUB

Nothing new to report on the garden club but hope to have some updates for January.

PROBUS SKI LEGENDS

Dinner and show Wednesday January 23, 2019 at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club. Includes: Cocktails (Cash Bar) at 5:00 pm; Buffet Dinner at 6:00 pm; dancing from 7:00-10:00 pm to the Lisa Hutchison Band. Dress is dressy casual. Contact: Cindy Long at licencelady@aim.com for information and tickets.

GROUP INVESTING

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday November 26th at the Silver Creek Recreation Centre. Investment Group member Jim Edgeworth will be discussing the use of options to enhance investment returns. His presentation will be of interest to both those who have not previously used options, as well as to those who have some familiarity.



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CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

The next meeting is being scheduled for Tuesday December 4th. Participants will discuss Peter Russell's book "Canada's Odyssey – A Country Based on Incomplete Conquests" following Peter's recent well received presentation to the group. Other topical subjects will also be reviewed.

EUCHRE

There was another fun night of Euchre recently, Thursday November 8th. Norina Goegan was the gracious Host. In attendance were: Ian and Mary Ann Gallacher, Ann Bardoel, Lorie and Rory Ring, Jill and Howard Morrison. Our next game should be the second Thursday in December. I noticed Ian was not in the picture. If you look closely, you can see an extra pair of brown shoes beside Mary Ann's!

THEATRE

Members of the theatre group will be attending Rockin All Night- Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper at the Gayety Theatre on Thursday November 22. It should be a very fun, entertaining evening.

Some of our activity groups have taken a Christmas break, and will not be meeting again until January. Please take a look at our website for information on who the coordinator is and when the next meeting will be.

As always, for events or activities that carry an upfront cost, and is being booked by 4Seasons Probus, you must pay by cheque when you sign up.



Activities/Events Summary Table:

Please note the "activities table" is being updated with all current active activities and will eventually be reposted on the web site, along with the coordinators name. The timing, location and activity details will be available on the [web site calendar](#). See editor's note further on.

Sign-up sheets for all active activities will still be available at the general meetings.

Please note that the activities list & respective coordinators are now on the [web site](#).



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Additional Event Information:

From the 'new' Social Committee, primarily tasked with planning & managing our events for the year. After their first meeting an email from Joanne to the group:

Hello everyone,

Thank you all for coming forward to be a part of this committee. To those who were able to attend the lunch meeting yesterday ... what an amazing group. Your enthusiasm and creativity were awesome. We have some terrific ideas for events for the coming year.

To summarize:

Major event to plan for is a Christmas function for next year. Sandi and Wendy will look at venues. Ava will look for decorations. MaryAnn and Jim have some ideas for music.

- For January, Ava is going to pursue having a Moon Festival or Chinese New Year celebration at Mountain Springs Lodge.
- February: Get Bowled Over by Your Love at the bowling alley. Jim, Rita, and Ava are taking care of it.
- March: St Patrick's Day Happy Hour or brewery tour. No one is assigned yet
- April: A fashion show highlighting products of local merchants
- May: Brunch at Walter's Falls or wine tour at Coffin Ridge and lunch at Ted's Range Roadhouse
- June: Tour of Chapman's ice cream in Markdale
- July: Dinner cruise on Georgian Bay
- August: A Western dance/hometown at Gramma Lamb's No one is in charge yet. Is that something Bonnie could help with?
- September: Visit to the Planetarium on Blue Mountain
- October: Oktoberfest

Other suggestions included Happy Hour at a local establishment, 9 and wine at Blue Mountain Golf course, a visit to the reindeer farm.

As you can see, we have a great foundation from which to build. Several of our proposed events need leaders/organizers so please join in. Ann and I are available to support any and all events. If there is an event other than what I have listed, please bring it forward. Things are not yet cast in stone. And we can certainly have more than one event in any given month.

Our next meeting will be on December 3 at 11:00 at Rita Leithead's home. Address is 188 Brooker Boulevard. We will again do a pot luck lunch, with Jim responsible for butter tarts.

If I have forgotten anything, please let me know.

Cheers,
Joanne



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Attention all members!!

Join us for a hot lunch after the November general meeting on Nov.28 to celebrate our First Anniversary of the 4Seasons Probud Club, Collingwood, at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Doors Open 12:00

AGM 12:30

Luncheon 1:00

Entertainment: Bob Koven, Comedian

The Luncheon is FULL.

Come for fellowship, food, fun and laughter provided by Bob Kovan, a comedian who will be performing after lunch! Check out his site...

<https://krazyafteralltheseyears.com/news/>

We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Cheers from Social Central!!

Ann & Joanne



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THE PROBUS CLUB OF BLUE MOUNTAIN

2019 ANNUAL INVITATIONAL

CURLING BONSPIEL

Thursday February 7th, 2019



1 – 8 End + 1 - 6 End Draw at Curling Club of Collingwood

Teams: All Men . . . All Women . . . Mixed . . . All Welcome!

Early Draw: 8:30 am

Late Draw: 11:00 am

\$40.00 per player

\$160.00 per team

Complete the following to book your rink for 2019.

Skip: _____

Vice: _____

Second: _____

Lead: _____

E-Mail: _____

Tel: _____

Early Draw: _____

Late Draw: _____

Probus Club Represented: 4Seasons Probus Club, Collingwood

If entering as an individual, place your name in the position you would prefer.

Questions? Please contact Jack Thorndike (705-446-6577).

NOTE: If anyone from 4Seasons would like to form & submit a team, please contact Bryan Vermander

"Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success is Participation."

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<http://www.4seasonsprobus.com/>



Additional Event Information:



First Aid Course – Offering

I recently realized how out of date my first aid and CPR skills were. I also thought hey if mine are perhaps others at Probud are too 😊.

I'm organizing a course (or two or three) through Help First Aid (on First St., Collingwood) for any number of members who would like to participate.

If you are interested, please sign up. You can sign up online (see below). Once I have the list and numbers I'll contact you to organize dates/times, etc.

Here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to see our SignUp on SignUp.com: <http://signup.com/go/ZZUyeCJ>
- 2) Review the options listed and choose the spot(s) you like.
- 3) Sign up! It's Easy - you will NOT need to register an account or keep a password on SignUp.com.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact me and I can sign you up manually.

[Catherine Daw](#)



Editor's Note:

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

Two key new pages are Activities/Events Calendar & Agenda (listing by date) Views. As we get ramped up this month, these pages will be continuously be updated and you will be able to view all scheduled activities/events in one spot and click and add them to your own personal calendar. Coordinators will eventually have access to the calendar and be able to post their activity dates, times, description, locations, etc. directly on to the web site calendar.

*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, is 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.4seasonsprobus.com/>

Coordinators: Please Note: Further to those of you who met after the last meeting, I'm still working on getting you direct access to the web site calendar. In the meantime please send me your activity information for the calendar, i.e. date(s), time, location(s) and any other "short" pertinent information, and I'll post it on the calendar.





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2018 Management Committee:

Position	Name	Phone number
President	Steve Officer	519-281-7207
1st Vice President	Stephen Haslam	519-216-1799
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Treasurer	Sue Barbour	416-985-7164
Secretary	Mary Ferguson	647-640-7875
Membership Chair	Bruce Clark	705-532-9829
Communication Coordinator	Bryan Vermander	705-446-2349
Social Coordinator	Ann Fenton	519-940-2582
Social Coordinator	JoAnne Ruthven	289-383-3129
Speakers Chair	Martin Ruthven	289-383-3129