



# 4Seasons Probus Club

Collingwood

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### **President's Message:**

Welcome to beautiful FALL – Yahoo!!

As always, there's lots going on so don't miss the Social events and activities pages further on in this newsletter. We would love to have as many members AND your guests to our first solo BIG Christmas event - yes there is NO limit on guests if you would like to invite family or friends. This is a Christmas Dinner and Dance on November 29<sup>th</sup> at the Blue Mountain Golf Course.

If you are interested in the Christmas event or any (or all) of the Social 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 October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Our yearend is November 1<sup>st</sup> 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 note on the cheque 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. As per our bylaws, we must give you at least one month's notice of the business requiring members' approval. Therefore this is your notice for the Management Committee Nominations for the fiscal year 2020. You will be required to vote this slate in at the AGM on November 27<sup>th</sup>.

President – Martin Ruthven  
Vice President – Bruce Clark  
Secretary – Gene Allevato  
Treasurer – Betty Farquarson  
Membership Chair – Sue Barbour  
Communication Chair – TBD open  
Speakers Chair – Cate McMullen  
Social Convenor – Activities – Joanne Ruthven  
Social Convenor – Events – Rita Leithead  
Past Presidents – Diane Fitzgerald and Steve Officer  
Member At Large – Mary Ferguson

This is the current slate of Management Committee directors, but we always welcome any of you who would like to join us. If you would like to be nominated or would like more information, please contact me at [fitzgeraldsrock@gmail.com](mailto:fitzgeraldsrock@gmail.com). There is one important position we are still seeking to fill - 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](mailto:gs.allevato@sympatico.ca) at [gs.allevato@sympatico.ca](mailto:gs.allevato@sympatico.ca). Be sure to include the country, city, town or region.

See you all at the General Meeting on October 23<sup>rd</sup>..... Best Wishes from your President, Diane



### **Guest Speaker – Oct. 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

**Topic:** Hospice Georgian Triangle's Campbell House

**Speaker:** Trish Rawn and Janet Fairbridge

Trish Rawn – Trish is a nurse with a passion for lifelong learning and palliative care. She has been part of the fabric of health care in South Georgian Bay for 25 years, most recently as the interim Executive Director for Hospice Georgian Triangle.

Janet Fairbridge - Janet is the Foundation Director of the Hospice Georgian Triangle Foundation, the fundraising arm of Hospice Georgian Triangle. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive and recently completed her Fellowship with the AFP Foundation for Philanthropy Canada "Inclusion and Philanthropy Program".

Summary of presentation:

At Hospice Georgian Triangle (HGT) we believe that palliative care is not just about care in the last days and hours of life, but about ensuring quality of life for individuals and their carers at every stage of a life-limiting illness, from diagnosis onwards. Hospice Georgian Triangle offers a wide variety of services such as visiting volunteers that support individuals to remain in their homes, grief and bereavement support one-on-one and in groups, as well as education and support to other service providers in our community. Hospice Georgian Triangle's Campbell House (our palliative care residence) provides exemplary end of life care and family support to residents of South Georgian Bay. Since opening in August 2014, we have cared for over 800 individuals in our hospice.

All services provided by HGT are done so at no cost to the individuals or families we support. Hospice Georgian Triangle receives funding for a portion of our operating costs from the NSM LHIN, but we depend on the generous support of our community through their donations to fund over 50% of our operating costs.

See you Wednesday!!!

### **Upcoming Guest Speakers:**

**November 27** – AGM – Annual General Meeting

**January 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Ancestry ....exploring your roots.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>** – Darcy Genesh; 50<sup>th</sup> 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.](#)



### **Events/Activity Co-conveners' Message:**

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

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.

### **Updates from our coordinators for our activities/events**

#### **EUCHRE**

"This is a picture from our most recent Euchre game, Thursday October 10th. Kim and Jerry Colson were the Hosts. In attendance were: Ian and Mary Ann Gallacher, Joe and Jane Galda, Rita Leithead, and Wendy Wiese. Our next game will be the second Thursday in November."





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### FICTION BOOK CLUB

Our two fiction book clubs shared a wonderful afternoon with former CHFI host Erin Davis and her husband Rob. Thanks to our member Dianne Gerstmann, we had such an interesting discussion with Erin about her book "Mourning Has Broken: Love, Loss, and Reclaiming Joy". Erin's insight, anecdotes, and humour, made it a great afternoon.



### ENVIRONMENT GROUP – GREEN TEAM

For our first meeting, we are planning to show the film; "Resilience: Transforming Our Community – A Climate Change Film of Hope" (time and place to be announced at the next meeting). The film was made by an Owen Sound filmmaker and scientist and is a great primer. Following the showing, we will have a discussion about the possible directions the "team" would like to take. As a first baby step, please bring your travel mug for coffee, tea or water at our monthly meeting to help us "go green".



### COOKING GROUP

The sunshine and warm temperatures we're the icing on the cake for the 4Seasons Probud members who participated in the Collingwood Food Tour on Thursday, October 10. Members sampled delicious food from Fish 'n' Sips, Cabin, Huron Club and The Crow Bar and Variety and tasted oils and vinegars from the Collingwood Olive Oil Company. This afternoon walking tour was enjoyed by all.

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### BOWLING GROUP



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

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### **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](mailto:gs.allevato@sympatico.ca)

### **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](mailto:activities4seasons@gmail.com).

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