4Seasons Probus Club
Collingwood
"Newsletter"
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President's Message:

Hello to all and welcome to summer!!

This is the last newsletter before the summer reprieve. Note that there will be NO monthly General Meetings for July and August. But this year you will see another newsletter at the end of August so you will be reminded of the fall and Christmas events.

Please join us at the June General Meeting where we will have a special speaker/ event – An acclaimed Sommelier including a Wine Tasting for all the attendees. Learn from an expert about wine pairing and have taste a white and a red wine.

You should have all received the 4Seasons Probus survey at the beginning of June. I encourage all of you to take a few minutes to complete it so we can have your feedback on what is working and what suggestions you have to make our club the best it can be. Much appreciated.

Don't forget to submit your travel pictures for our 'Where in the World am I?' AGM Event – the sooner the better. Send your pictures to Gene Allevato gs.allevato@sympatico.ca
Be sure to include the country, city, town or region.

As our yearend is coming up in November, please consider getting more involved in running the Club by being a Management Committee member. It is very rewarding, the team is terrific and shared work makes easy and fun work. If interested or you'd just like a little more information, please send me an email at fitzgeraldsrock@gmail.com

Even though we don't have General Meetings over the summer, there are lots of summer activity groups and special club events to participate in. Look at the detail further along in this newsletter and join up.

Enjoy the activities and have a fabulous summer.

See you at the General Meeting on the June 26th.

Best Wishes from your Pres,

Diane

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Guest Speaker This Month – June 26th:

Topic: **Navigating the World of Wine.**

Speaker: **Dean Campbell, Renowned Sommelier**

Renowned sommelier Dean Campbell ….Director of Operations for Recipes Unlimited and current Chair for the Independent Wine Guild, will be speaking on navigating the world of wine, THIS WILL BE AN INTERACTIVE PRESENTATION including wine tasting and evaluation.

Upcoming Guest Speakers:

September 25 - Chris Allum; Ontario Securities; Protect your Money – fraud prevention and how to make more informed investing decisions.
October 23 – Cathy Gildner; Psychological Heroism
November 27 – AGM – Annual General Meeting

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 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 Cate McMullen.

50/50 WINNER

Lorie Ring wins $102!!

Social/Activity Co-conveners' Message:

SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS

Well, has summer final arrived?? It's about time. Our activity groups have continued to meet despite sometimes less than ideal weather. And these groups will continue throughout the summer. A huge thank you to all of our co-ordinators for organizing all the fun.

Please remember to bring your cheque book to our meetings. Some of the events we have planned will require payment at the time of sign up. It creates extra work for event convenors if they need to arrange for payments after the meeting.

Co-ordinators, please remember to keep a list of members participating in each activity, and if there are non Probus participants, it is very important to have their names recorded.

Some of our activities are currently at capacity, in many cases because these activities take place in members' homes, so space is a restriction. If this is the case for an activity in which you would like to participate, please contact us at activities4seasons@gmail.com we will try to organize an additional group.

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

ROAD BIKING

Finally we had a sunny, dry day to have our first outing. The wind was a bit cool but we covered 33km on a nice quiet route out to Collingwood Airport, through Nottawa and back.

EUCHRE

We had a really enjoyable Euchre night recently, Thursday June 13th. Sandi and Gene Allevato were nice enough to host this larger group. In attendance were: Dale and Pam Adams, Karen and Karl Konrad, Joe and Jane Galda, Rita and Mike Leithead, Michael and Dianne Gerstmann, Lorie and Rory Ring, Kim and Jerry Colson. Our next game will be the second Thursday in July. Maybe it will be warm by then?

HIKING GROUP

The latest hike was a very enjoyable trip to Hoggs Back and Eugenia Falls.

EZEE RIDERS

Despite the cold, rainy and dreary weather that has dominated this spring the EZEE Riders have already completed four rides and there is much more to come. As promised, we cover about 20 K on bike trails at a moderate pace. We started with a loop around Collingwood and followed that with the Georgian Trail from Lora Bay to Meaford return and from Collingwood to Craigleith and back. We had a beautiful day for our ride on the cottage roads and bike paths along the Wasaga beaches. Every ride has been well attended with 20 to 30 cyclists participating.
Of course, we replenish the lost calories with lunch at some wonderful local restaurants after each ride.
Right now, our group is closed with 75 members. However, if you think this looks like fun to you, contact Steve Office at sofficer@bell.net, we will put you on our waiting list and we may be able to start a second group.

PADDLING GROUP (KAYAK/CANOE)

We have had a busy May and June so far. May 28th we had a group out to paddle the Minesing Wetlands with our guides Richard and Alison from Eagle Adventures. We had a great long paddle upstream and a fast return including one dunking and a rescue from a tangled tree. Lots of fun and we all agreed that we'll go again next year but earlier when the water is higher and more exploration in the trees is possible.

11 hardy souls attended the 1 day Kayak Clinic with Eagle Adventures on June 4th – 9 beginners and 2 intermediate. It was a cool day but a good time on the water – practicing paddle strokes, wet exits and rescues. A few of us (Crystal, Joan and Catherine) did the full monty of live wet exit and rescue practices despite the coolness of the water. Drinks, snacks and great conversation back at Bowering Lodge rounded out a successful day. Special shout out to Richard and his team!

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June 11th saw 5 of us paddle the Saugeen River from Access #5 to #7 – about 4 hours including a lunch stop. Amazing day – where else would we imagine to be? A super blue sky, warm weather and great swift current water. We got plenty of practice with the swifts (our canoeists confirm we had class 1 rapids!) on maneuvers, strokes and stay upright. The Saugeen is a great full day of fun and paddling. A definite repeat.

We have more planned for July – a return to Saugeen, Nottawasaga River and Beaver River and tentative sunset paddle.

To join us please use SignUP.com with this link - https://signup.com/go/FvEjMGN

P.S. Canoes and kayaks welcome. We organize rentals if you don't have your own.

See you out on the water!

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

As is always the case we had a very enjoyable event on June 11, with lots of our members gathering to meet and dine at surprise locations with their fellow members. Our next event will be Tuesday, October15 at 6:30. We will have a sign up at the meeting on June 26, and again on September 25.If you are able to host, please indicate this when you sign up.

GROUP INVESTING

Investor Group: The most recent meeting was on June 4th and featured one of our members giving a presentation on a trending stock "Shopify". Our previous sessions had also include presentations on financial stocks and energy stocks. This was followed by another in our continuing series focusing on how to use options to enhance portfolio returns.

CONTEMPORARY HISTORY

Contemporary History Group: Our last meeting was on June 7th in conjunction with the Churchill Society and featured a re-enactment of Phyllis Moir's 1941 excellent speech to the Empire Club of Canada (Churchill's secretary). This was followed by a presentation about "Churchill and his music" which was accompanied by commentary on the relevance of the music performed by two talented young singers, capably accompanied by a local pianist.

KNITTING GROUP

The Knitting group continues to meet monthly at different members' homes. On June 11, the gathering was at Joanne Ruthven's house. Next month we will be meeting at Donna Hurst's cottage. It promises to be a great afternoon, now that summer is here.

VISIT TO FIDDLEHEAD NURSERY AND GEORGIAN HILLS WINERY

What an interesting afternoon this was for the 24 members attending. First we had an informational talk and walk through of Ben Caesar's edible plants at Fiddlehead Nursery. Who knew that hostas and sedum, and so many other common garden plants are actually fit for consumption?? We may not all begin eating our landscaping plants, but… interesting. We then drove to Georgian Hills Winery for another tour and information walk in the vineyard followed by tasting of cider and wines. But we already knew how delicious these are.

UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

JUNE 21, 2019—PUB NIGHT AND DANCE

JUNE 24, 2019—GOLF NINE AND DINE - The first of our four Wine and Dines at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club.

JULY 10, 2019—LUNCHEON CRUISE ON MISS MIDLAND - Luncheon cruise on Miss Midland followed by an optional bike ride along the trail to Victoria Harbour. We have 74 members signed up for this event. There will be an email out shortly to those who have signed up.

JULY 29, 2019—GOLF NINE AND DINE

AUGUST 22, 2019—GOLF TOURNAMENT

AUGUST 29, 2019—GOLF NINE AND DINE

SEPTEMBER 11, 2019—TOUR AND WINE TASTING AT THE ROOST WINERY AND ORGANIC GARDEN - Tour and Wine Tasting at The Roost Winery at 12:00 noon. Please bring your cheque book with you to our meeting on June 26. If you can't make the meeting, you can send along a cheque with another Probus member, or mail one to 4Seasons Probus Club, Box 114, Collingwood, On L9Y 3Z4 They have asked that full payment of all guests for the event be provided ahead of time. This helps everyone as there would be a long lineup of people trying to cash out at the same time and we can confirm number of guests. The cost for each person is $44 which includes: 4 wine tastings, 1 glass of wine of your choice, Large charcuterie boards, Taxes & Gratuity of 15%

SEPTEMBER 18, 2019—TOUR OF MEAFORD TRAINING FACILITY, IRISH MOUNTAIN LOOKOUT, DINNER AT TED'S RANGE ROAD

SEPTEMBER 30, 2019—GOLF NINE AND DINE

OCTOBER 16, 2019 – BOWLING FOR TUKEYS - This popular activity will be held once again at Georgian Bowl beginning at 2:00 Cost will be $16.00

OCTOBER 22, 2019, AT 10:00 – MILLER'S DAIRY TOUR - There is no charge for this tour, but it is limited to 40 participants. Sign up will be at the meeting September 25. We are looking at venues for lunch after the tour.

NOVEMBER 29, 2019 –CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

Additional Event Details:

LUNCHEON CRUISE ON MISS MIDLAND

CRUISE THE ISLANDS OF GEORGIAN BAY

WEDNESDAY JULY 10, 2019

CRUISE DEPARTS AT 11:00, RETURNS AT 1:30

PRICE: $53.00 PER PERSON

Lunch will be buffet with meat, vegetables, salad, rolls and dessert.

Sign up by JUNE 10, 2019

Additional Event Details:

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GOLF WITH 4SEASONS PROBUS AT BLUE MOUNTAIN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

706 TENTH LINE, COLLINGWOOD, ONT.

18 HOLE SCRAMBLE START GOLF TOURNAMENT AUGUST 22, 2019 1:00 TEE OFF

$80.00 FOR GOLF, BUFFET DINNER AND CART

DINNER ONLY $18.00 Dinner is Burger Bob classic burger with brioche, fixings and fries. ½ cart is $17.00extra.

NINE AND DINES 3:30 GOLF: WE WILL BE GOLFING AT BLUE MOUNTAIN GOLF COURSE ON MONDAY JUNE 24, JULY 29, AUGUST 26, AND SEPTEMBER 30. TEE OFF AT 4:00 PM. COST IS $58.00 PER PERSON, INCLUDING BURGER BOB CLASSIC BURGER WITH BRIOCHE BUN, FIXINGS AND FRIES. (VEGGIE BURGER ALSO AVAILABLE), CART IS EXTRA. CHECK YOUR CALENDAR AND SIGN-UP FOR ANY OR ALL.

Additional Event Details:

SUMMER SOLSTICE DANCE AND PUB NIGHT

IN CONJUNCTION WITH MOUNTAINVIEW PROBUS

FRIDAY JUNE 21, 2019

COLLINGWOOD LEGION, 490 ONTARIO STREET, COLLINGWOOD

COST; $15.00 PER PERSON;

MUSIC BY: JUNIPER HOLLOW

DOORS OPEN AT 7:30, DANCING BEGINS AT 8:00 P.M.
SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED, THERE WILL BE AN OPEN BAR

Additional Event Details:

SAVE THE DATE:

4SEASONS PROBUS CLUB

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 BEGINS IN JUNE 2019

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.4seasonsprobus.com/

Coordinators: Please Note: Regarding scheduling directly on the web site calendar; those of you with a Gmail email account should have received an email from 4Seasons indicating the calendar has been shared with you. You now have direct access to the calendar for adding & editing your activities/events. If you did not receive this sharing email, please let me know (Bryan Vermander). I will resend the sharing email to those of you not having a Gmail email account. Please keep an eye out for this email.

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