



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

What an incredible story!

In late October, Mountain View Probus, conscious of the long and growing wait lists at all 15 clubs in the Collingwood region, held an exploratory meeting to see if there was interest in forming yet another Probus club. A Management Committee was struck at that meeting and a membership drive was begun.

I am pleased to report that the response has been nothing short of spectacular. By the time of our Foundation meeting in late November we had 137 members and by Christmas we had reached our cap of 200 members - 206 to be exact. Probus Canada designates anyone who joins a new club before the Charter meeting is held (January 24 for us) to be a Charter member. Well, in our case, **every** member will qualify. I would venture to say that this would be a rare if not singular occurrence across Canada.

On behalf of all the members of the 4Seasons Probus club I would like to thank Bill Meldrum (past president) and Chris Cable (president) of our sponsor club, Mountain View. Without their selfless initiative, we would all still be sitting on the sidelines and waiting, perhaps years, to participate. Thanks as well to Bob MacNair, the Director of Ontario District 7, for his valuable experience, advice and enthusiasm as we navigated the start-up process.

Your Management Committee has been terrific. The onslaught of members would have overwhelmed a less dedicated and talented group. They have organized our membership, facilities (twice because of increasing numbers), speakers, communications, finances and developed an array of social events and activities.

I hope to see you all at our first General meeting on Wednesday, January 24. Sign up for one or several of the offerings. Consider helping with the roll out by becoming a coordinator – it is not an onerous task and you meet even more people.

Now it is time to do what Probus does best - **HAVE FUN!**



### Guest Speaker This Month:



#### **NORAH HOLDER**

President and CEO

Collingwood General  
and Marine Hospital



I am pleased to announce that our first official speaker will be Norah Holder, President and CEO for the CGMH.

Norah is a senior executive with more than 30 years of healthcare experience. She will be speaking at our monthly meeting for 30 minutes on **January 24<sup>th</sup>**, with questions to follow.

These are exciting times for our hospital, so this promises to be a very interesting and insightful presentation.

Looking forward to seeing everyone there.

Martin Ruthven

Speaker's Chair

Our monthly general meetings will be held on the fourth Wed. of every month from 1:00 - 3:00 pm (doors open at 12:30) at the Royal Canadian Legion, [490 Ontario Street, Collingwood](#). So, the next meeting is Wed., Jan. 24th and for members only.



### **Social/Activity Co-coordinators Message:**

We have some activities ready to go, and those who have offered to act as co-ordinators will soon be contacting those who signed up. We offer sincere thanks to those who are helping us with our activities, and hope we can soon have a lot more things on the go.

Jim Ransom has organized the snowshoeing. Susan Laderoute is looking after the book club. Ann Fenton and Bruce Clark are getting cross country skiing set up and Cindy Long has offered to lead the downhill skiing.

We have several activities still needing co-ordinators, and lots of room for people to sign up. Our meeting on January 24 will be an opportunity for new sign ups, and new activities. Please help us build our successful 4Seasons Probus Club.

Please check out the following activities to see what our members are doing.

#### **Activity/Event Details:**

A detailed description of each activity and/or requirements, and the ability to sign up will eventually be available on our website, as well as in the monthly Newsletter.

#### **Activity/Event Status:**

Availability of membership in each Group is noted by the status WAIT-LIST, OPEN or FULL indicated in right column of the table. Groups may be in WAIT-LIST because of space restrictions for those activities.

#### **PLEASE DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY WAIT-LIST ACTIVITIES.**

If an Activity is WAIT-LISTED we encourage interested persons to contact the Activity Coordinator to go on a list to start an additional Group. Groups that are WAIT-LISTED may not have their meeting dates arranged or displayed.

For the time being for sign up for activities, information on the group, such as meeting times if not posted, please click on the following email:

<mailto:activities4seasons@gmail.com>

Sign up for all Club activities will also be available at the monthly general meetings.

Activities are listed on the next page.



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### **Activity/Events Group News:**

Title of Activity	Coordinator	Schedule	Location	Status
Cross-Country Skiing	Ann Fenton/Bruce Clark	TBD	TBD	Open
Snowshoeing	Jim Ransom	Jan 31; Feb 6; Feb 13	TBD	Full
Book Club	Susan Laderoute	First Thursday Monthly	1st meeting; 9 Cranberry Quay	Open
Wine Study	Bob Moenck	TBD	TBD	Open
Guess Who's Coming to Dinner	Jane Tilley	TBD	TBD	TBD
Learn to Knit	Sandi Allevato	TBD	TBD	Open
Quilting	Erika Gillis	TBD	TBD	Open
Pole Walking	TBD	TBD	TBD	Open
Group Investing	Barry Davenport	TBD	TBD	Open
Bridge/Euchre	TBD	TBD	TBD	Open
Down Hill Skiing	Cindy Long	Every Tuesday/Thursday 8:30-10:30am	Meet at South Base Lodge	Open
Contemporary History	TBD	TBD	TBD	Open

Please also check out Probud Ski Legends at <http://probusskilegends.ca/> which is available to all Probud Club members.



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

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### **2018 Management Committee:**

Position	Name	Phone number
President	Steve Officer	519-281-7207
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Treasurer	Sue Barbour	416-985-7164
Secretary	Mary Ferguson	647-640-7875
Membership Chair	Bruce Clarke	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