



# 4Seasons Probus Club

Collingwood

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

Hello to all!!

I hope you have had a marvellous summer and have enjoyed many Probud activities over the season and met some new friends while doing so. Well the summer is not over yet.... I've always thought that September is that hidden gem which often brings brilliant clear sunny days and refreshing evenings so we can extend our outdoor activities as long as possible.

This is our first summer newsletter. Your Management Committee believed that we shouldn't be waiting until the end of September to get some communication and a few important reminders out to you for the fall season. So here they are -

Thanks to so many who replied to our survey. Your comments and suggestions were helpful. We were thrilled how happy members are and how involved you are in the activities, events and newsletter consumption. You will see the results of the Members Survey at the next General Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Please note the Social activities and special events for September until December. Look at the detail further along in this newsletter. There are lots of things going on – and a lot are getting booked up. If you are interested get in touch right away with the coordinator of that event and sign up and pay ASAP, so you are not disappointed.

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](mailto:gs.allevato@sympatico.ca). Be sure to include the country, city, town or region.

Speaking of our Annual General Meeting - it will be at our General meeting on November 27<sup>th</sup>. Our yearend is actually the end of October, so a reminder that our next annual member dues are owed on November 1<sup>st</sup>.

At the Annual General Meeting, one of the important things is to vote in our slate of Management Committee members. Fortunately, for continuity, we have a number of current members remaining with us for another year but we are always interested in recruiting new Management Committee members. We have an important role which needs replacing after November 1<sup>st</sup> and that is our 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 aren't highly complicated but would benefit from someone with some technical bent. If you are interested or know someone who may be a good candidate for this role, please let myself or any of the Management Committee know (as usual, our contact information is at the end of this newsletter or on the website). If you are interested in getting more involved, whether that's on the Management Committee as a Member at Large or as a specific Activity Coordinator or on the Social Committee, get in touch with us for more information.

See you at the General Meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup> - Best Wishes from your President,  
Diane



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### Guest Speaker – Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>:

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

**Speaker:** Chris Allum; Ontario Securities

Details in the Sept. newsletter.

### Upcoming Guest Speakers:

**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 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.](#)



50/50 WINNER

Auli and Bruce Sammons who won  
\$137 at the 6/26 General meeting

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

#### **SOCIAL COMMITTEE NEWS**

Happy Summer 2019!! We have had a great summer for our many activities and hope you have taken advantage to get together with your fellow 4Seasons Probus members and have some fun.

Our summer events were a resounding success, thanks to our social committee members for their organizational skills.

Fiddlehead Nursery and Georgian Hills Winery on June 14 was a very informative, enjoyable day for all who attended. Thank you Carol Officer for organizing this.

Summer Solstice Pub Night and Dance on June 21 was a fun night for all, and gave us a chance to combine with Mountainview Probus. Thank you to the social committee for getting this together.

Miss Midland Boat Cruise and Luncheon on July 10 was a great day. The weather was perfect, the luncheon was great, and some of our members finished with a bike ride to burn off the calories from the luncheon. Thankyou Jill Morrison for taking care of all the details.

Golf Nine and Dines and Golf Tournament at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club have been very much enjoyed by all who participated. The weather has mostly cooperated, the food and friendship have been up to our expectations. For the Golf Tournament on August 22, several members of Hume Street Probus attended and we were happy to have them as our guests. The last Nine and Dine is on September 30. There is still time to get your name on the list and give your cheque (\$40.00 for golf and \$18.00 for dinner) to MaryAnn Gallagher for that event. Thank you Mary Ann for all your hard work for these events.

Our upcoming events scheduled so far are:

Tuesday September 10 Wine tasting and garden tour at The Roost. Sign up and payment was at the general meeting on June 26. Thank you Kim Alford for organizing this event for our members.

On Thursday October 10 we will be Bowling for Turkeys at Georgian Bowl. Jim Ransom has this lined up for us. Sign up and payment of \$16.00 was at the general meeting on June 26. There may still be room for more, so please contact Jim.

Tuesday October 22 at 10:00 a.m. we will be touring Miller's Dairy in Creemore, then going to Mylar and Loreto's in Singhampton for lunch. Jill Morrison has organized this tour and sign up will be at our general meeting on September 25, and is limited to 40 people.



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On Friday November 29 we will be having our Christmas Dinner and Dance at Blue Mountain Golf and Country Club. Cost is \$55.00 per person, and must be paid at time of sign up. This is limited to 100 members.

We are still working on the Meaford Tank Range Tour, so stay tuned for that.

Events we hope to have in 2020 include tours of Agnora Glass and McLean Engineering as well as another Fashion Show. No dates have been set for those yet.

**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**

The card players continued to meet in July and August, and will be at the tables again in September.

#### **HIKING GROUP**

Another group that was busy on a regular basis was our hiking group. Hikes were to Hogg's Falls, Walter's Falls, Margaret Pauli Side Trail, Keyhole Trail to name a few.



#### **EZEE RIDERS**

It was a busy summer for the biker gang with rides on most Fridays including 20-40 people. There were rides from Collingwood to Thornbury, from Thornbury to Meaford, from Nottawa to Stayner, and around the trails of Collingwood. As is the usual practice, lunch was a major part of the rides.

#### **GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER**

The next dinner will be Tuesday October 16 at 6:30. For those who did not sign up at the general meeting on June 26, there will be another sign up at the general meeting on September 25. Please indicate at time of sign up if you are able to host.



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### KNITTING GROUP

The knitting group has continued to meet over the summer! Summer knitters toes in the sand, wine glasses in hand (shout out to Donna Hurst and Linda Lesage for hosting beach knitting). Also shout out to everyone else who stepped up to help.



We continue to meet the second Tuesday of every month from 1pm to 330.

Our day group is now wait

listing as we are at 30 members! In response to requests I will be opening an EVENING group starting in October (Thursdays), we have 4 members already signed up. Sign-up Sheet will be available at first meeting. All skill levels welcome.

### GARDEN GROUP

The garden club has been inactive this summer. I have been tied up with a number of family matters and could not find anyone else who was interested in running the group. I have a separate email for the group and the email list for it is up to date. That email is [Gardening4SeasonsProbus@gmail.com](mailto:Gardening4SeasonsProbus@gmail.com).

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.





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### UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS:

- Sept 10 – Roost Winery – tour and taste
- Sept 30 – 4<sup>th</sup> 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 – 69 signed up - \$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](mailto:gs.allevato@sympatico.ca)



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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 BEGINS IN JUNE 2019

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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.4seasonsprobus.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 Probus!

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:

President	<a href="#"><u>Diane Fitzgerald</u></a>	416-930-1850
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