



4Seasons Probus Club

Collingwood

"Newsletter"

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President's Message

Greetings to all!

On behalf of the Management Committee I would like to wish everyone a prosperous and healthy New Year. Of course this is not the way we were hoping to start 2021 but here we are locked down again. Help is on the way though, so hopefully by the end of the year we will once again be back to our everyday activities as we have always known them.

On a happier note it is time for our monthly General Meeting. Once again it will be via Zoom but as you know our Zoom Team in coordination with our Social Committee, and Speakers Committee have worked hard to make these meetings something we can look forward to. I won't comment any further, as included with this newsletter is an update prepared by our Social Convener, Rita Leithead, outlining the various activities they are hoping to get our members involved with.

Our meeting is scheduled for 1:00 pm Wednesday January 27. An email inviting you to join the meeting will be sent out a few days in advance, from "4SeasonsProbus". As in the past you will receive another email once you register, this second email will contain the link for you to join the meeting. So be sure to save that email! Also if you don't receive the invite be sure to check your junk mail.

As you are aware we have been setting up "chat groups" at the end of our meetings for those members who wished to socialize. For this meeting we are going to try something a little different. **We are going to set up "chat groups" prior to the start of the meeting.**

So for those who are interested you are asked to sign in at 12:40pm at which time you will be assigned to a group. This is a great way to meet and get acquainted with other members, which we feel will be very important once we again get to have our meetings at the Legion. Hopefully you will recognize people and not feel like a total stranger!

Once again we have a terrific speaker lined up for this meeting, "Winterdance Dogsled Tours". This presentation will be of interest to anyone who loves dogs and/or outdoor winter activities. Details of the presentation are found in the Speakers' Committee section of this newsletter.



So please stay safe, enjoy the newsletter and we hope you will join us at the meeting on the 27th. Also please consider joining one of the Zoom clubs listed below or starting one that appeals to you.

Martin Ruthven



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Guest Speaker

January 27 – Tanya McCready & Hank DeBruin
Winterdance Dogsled Tours

This husband and wife team share their story of how they started their business, nearly going broke in quest of achieving their dream, and the stories about their dogs, maple syrup farm and dogsled adventures.

Having run the 1000 mile 2010 & 2012 Iditarod and the 1000 mile 2011 & 2014 Yukon Quests, they discuss the lessons and insights into how man and dog team inspire each other is as vast and unique as the landscapes they have dogsledded through.

You won't want to miss Tanya and Hank's spell bounding stories about their experiences inside the dogsledding community and adventures of racing across the arctic wilderness.





2021 Social Activity Update

Joanne Ruthven

For the past nine months our club led activities have been either restricted or halted completely. We did manage to reactivate our snowshoers /winter hikers and cross country skiers in December, but they have once again been required to halt group sessions. Thank you very much to Mike Travers, Jim Ransom, Betty Farquharson, Jeannine Faubert, Bruce Clark and Bruce King for getting us out and active in the snow if only for a month. As per provincial restrictions, people are still permitted to enjoy outdoor exercise, but our *activity leaders* will not be organizing outings until the restrictions are eased.

That being said, there are indoor activities that we can enjoy. Many people are joining together online to play euchre and other card games, continue with monthly book club meetings, meet to chat and for other purposes.

Our Social Committee is planning to offer events in the coming months, but if there are activities you would like to participate in on a regular basis, please email me at activities4seasons@gmail.com and I will help you get them going. Our club has purchased the Zoom program, which allows us to schedule larger and longer meetings with breakout rooms for smaller discussion groups. Anyone organizing an activity for our club members is welcome to use the program and must ensure it is scheduled in to the 4Seasons Probus Zoom calendar to avoid conflicts.





2021 Socially Distancing Social Activities

Rita Liethead

Help Us Stay Connected with Zoom

Your Social Committee has been looking at ways for all of us to stay connected with Zoom during the pandemic. We know that the pandemic will come to an end and that we will all meet in person someday. But until that day arrives, we have been looking at ways to stay connected and have fun with our Zoom.

We will be offering monthly Happy Hour Trivia events (put on your thinking caps!) and helping to lead the *Social Time* **before** the monthly general meetings. It's easier to get to know each other during the wait before meetings (remember the Legion?).

Here are some suggested Zoom activities that other Probus clubs have been doing. We thought these could be started for our club if we had folks who were willing to join the groups. We have the Zoom account and the Social Committee can help to get the ball rolling.

Suggested Zoom Events for 2021.

If you are interested in joining any of the clubs below, please sign up by **Monday February 1!**



1. **Trivia Happy Hour:** Members meet once a month over drinks for a Happy Hour Trivia Contest where the winning team gets bragging rights - can you handle the pressure?

The first Happy Hour Trivia will be held Thursday February 4, 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm.

Who we need - people who love trivia and drinks of a sociable nature.

What's next - contact Rita Leithead (leitheadrita@gmail.com) to sign up!

2. **Coffee Club:** Members meet over zoom once a month for coffee and a chat, similar to zoom chats before the General Meeting.

Who we need - people who enjoy coffee and conversation with new friends.

What's next - Contact Marsha Bell (marshabell_886@hotmail.com) to sign up!



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3. **Lifelong Learning Club:** Members can review videos, documentaries and then get together on zoom to debrief material. There are lots of options like TedTalks, TVO, PBS and various YouTube educational channels. Our local library may have more material.

Who we need - people who enjoy current events and educational topics.

What's next - Contact Jill Morrison (jillannmorrison@sympatico.ca) to sign up!

4. **The Travel Club:** This is a group of people, sharing favourite trips or places to where they've been. This could include sharing photos or slideshows of trips over our clubs zoom account.

Who we need - Enthusiastic travellers who love to share their travel experiences and to get the club off the ground (so to speak).

What's next - Contact Dianne Gerstmann (dgerstmann@rogers.com) to sign up!

5. **Any Club you would like to start on Zoom**, let us know! Contact Rita Leithead (leitheadrita@gmail.com) to answer questions and help you get started.



Stay Connected

Please visit our website for access to the **membership list, calendar of activities and so much more**. 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 [Sue](#), membership director. As a reminder, our website is as follows:
<https://www.4seasonsprobud.com/>.

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