

PROBUS Peterborough Papyrus



PROBUS Club of Peterborough and District

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April Newsletter



The President's Message

PETERBOROUGH celebrated NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH on March 7th in fine fashion with our past presidents, an excellent speaker and a complimentary luncheon.

One day last summer while bumping along in a golf cart with a PROBUS founding member, I expressed my excitement and concerns about becoming the new president of PETERBOROUGH PROBUS and loved her answer: "Marg,

your satisfaction will depend on your Management Committee".

She was accurate! Fortunately, I have an excellent committee whose names you may read below. At our monthly meetings I so enjoy the fun, the openness, the support and the fresh ideas that emerge every time.

To keep informed, I suggest you read the newsletter on our website or if you are without a computer, pick up a copy at each PROBUS General Meeting.

Hope to see you on April 4th when John Rufa will present an interesting talk about a "Specialized Business".

It's Spring again: the sun is warmer and the birds are happy - especially the crows!

I saw my first Blue Jay yesterday.

Life is good, isn't it?

Marg

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SPEAKERS

April 4th:

John Rufa will be presenting challenges of opening a small business due to government regulations. In spite of these governmental ordinances he owns the successful winery "Kawartha Winery" in Buckhorn and uses fruit from local farms. He will inform us on his struggles and insights as a successful businessman post retirement as a teacher in Toronto.

A great presentation you won't want to miss!!

May 2nd:

Bill Lockington, a well known lawyer in Peterborough is presenting information on estate planning because PROBUS members have requested this important presentation to help them navigate the legal system and help them with decision making as we age. May was chosen for this particular presentation in order that the entire club including our snowbirds would benefit from this popular topic.

Upcoming Regular Club Meetings
10:00 a.m. at the Peterborough Naval
Association Admiralty Hall.

Wednesday, April 4th, 2018
Wednesday, May 2nd, 2018
Wednesday, June 6th, 2018

REMEMBER
PLEASE WEAR YOUR PROBUS
NAME TAG!
It makes it easier for our new
members to get to know you.



CHEER

Helen McIntyre should be contacted at (705) 748-4833 if you know anyone in our group that needs a note of "cheer"! This includes:

- Get well
- Sympathy
- Thinking of you / Missing you
- Keep in touch
- Congratulations



BOOK SHELF

This book review is provided by **Rose Haxton**.
Many thanks from all of us.

Gift of Wings by Carl E Hiebert

An extraordinary story of an ordinary Canadian...whose courage enabled

him to live his dreams. Leaving a Mennonite community at the age of nineteen he took part in many adventurous sports including both scuba and sky diving. Then a freak accident put him into a wheelchair but with the help of a friend and with great courage within a two year period he opened a flight school and became Canada's first paraplegic ultra-light plane flight instructor and the first Canadian to fly across Canada in an ultra-light, taking many aerial photos along the way.

A beautiful book that was very hard to put aside!!



BRIDGE CLUB

PROBUS MARATHON BRIDGE

Marg Gilpin is the Club Convener. She can be reached at (705) 749-5057.

Closing Luncheon and Bridge Afternoon

- Wednesday May 30th
- Meet at 11:45 am
- At Summit Terrace
- Cost is \$12.00 including lunch

Payment requested by the 1st of May by cash or cheque (made out to Margaret Gilpin).



LUNCH BUNCH

Meet at 12:00 (noon) at the following locals:

April 19th, 2018 at The Carousel on Landsdowne St.

May 17th, 2018 at Cora Breakfast and Lunch, 815 High St.

June 21st, 2018 at Ricky's, 898 Monaghan Rd.



A group picture of those who attended our last LUNCH BUNCH Luncheon at Berc's Steakhouse. Additional pictures of this event are available on our website.



FUTURE EVENTS

"CRAZY FOR GERSHWIN" at WESTBEN THEATRE - Wednesday, July 18, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

We will travel by car for this \$38.00 performance which will be followed by a \$25.00 meal (including gratuity) at Chubby's Restaurant in Hoards' Station (14 km south of the theatre). Hot and cold buffet, many salads and multiple desserts (excluding pop or alcoholic beverages) will be available. The restaurant can accommodate 94 people and since a reservation is needed a prior commitment from interested members is required. To date 59 people have signed up for theatre tickets with 16 seats still available for the presentation.

Please submit your cheque at the April PROBUS meeting to allow distribution of tickets no later than June 6th. We will be passing by the chocolate and cheese factories and we are suggesting you bring a

cooler bag with freezer packs for those intending to make purchases.

MARCH 7TH SPEAKER

Jeremy Bertrand



On March 7th, 2018, Jeremy Bertrand from the Ministry of Finance helped PROBUS members to better understand Ontario's Tax Credits and Benefits.

Following his presentation, with March being PROBUS Canada month (31 years) we celebrated the occasion at the Naval Club with a complimentary luncheon and had Past PROBUS Peterborough Presidents as special guests sitting at each table amongst the general membership.

A BIT OF HUMOUR

THE ITALIAN TOMATO GARDEN STORY

An elderly Italian gentleman lived alone in Ontario. He wanted to plant his annual tomato garden, but it was very difficult work, as the ground was hard.

His only son Vincent who used to help him was in prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and described his predicament:

"Dear Vincent, I am feeling pretty sad because it looks like I won't be able to plant my tomato garden this year. I'm just getting too old to be digging up a garden plot. I know if you were here my troubles would be over. I know you would be happy to dig the plot for me, like in the old days. Love, Papa."

A few days later he received a letter from his son:

"Dear Papa, whatever you do don't dig up that garden! That's where the bodies are buried! Love, Vinnie."

At 4 A.M. the next morning, RCMP agents and local police arrived and dug up the entire area without finding any bodies. They apologized to the old man and left. That same day the old man received another letter from his son

"Dear Papa, go ahead and plant the tomatoes now. That's the best I could do under the circumstances. Love you, Vinnie."



PROBUS Peterborough Interest/Activity Groups

Interest/Activity	Leader	Contact Information To participate contact leaders
Bridge	Marg Gilpin	705-749-5057 marggilpin@yahoo.ca
Lunch Bunch	Bunny Shaw	705-742-8484 bunnysaw@ogeco.ca
Book Club Meets monthly on the 3 rd Wednesday	Lynn Johnstone	705-745-2343 johnstonelynn@gmail.com
Needlework	Anne Graham	705-743-4558 eric.graham2@sympati.co.ca

For information and assistance to form a new group, contact Gerry Brushett at 705-874-0536 or Brushett.Gerry@gmail.com