



The Beacon



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President's Message



Happy Autumn Everyone!!

These past couple of months have seen us enjoy some very favourable weather and now that we are in the midst of nature's showcase of colours, what a wonderful opportunity to get out and about and explore the countryside that surrounds us.

Since my last message there have been several events happening in our community and at Probus! The weekend of Applefest brought THOUSANDS of visitors to our fair town and what a day it was when "The Count" arrived. This 39th celebration of the apple harvest was fabulous and our congratulations go out to the organizers and to all those who enjoyed this premier Brighton event.

Of course this was quickly followed up with Brighton Probus' first (annual) Oktoberfest. Your participation and support of this event has clearly given the Management Committee, and especially the Social Committee, some food for thought as we move through this 2013/2014 Probus year. Our heartfelt thanks...and stay tuned for more exciting events!

...by the way, I apologize for not wishing you a Happy Thanksgiving and do hope that you did indeed have a happy one ☺

The October 23rd meeting will find us honoring our veterans in a special Remembrance Day program. We do hope that you will be able to join us, and should you be so inclined, please come along with your medals proudly displayed and allow us to honour you for your service and dedication.

I promised to be brief this time around, and while there is so much more that I could report to you, I will leave that for our meeting, or another edition of The Beacon.

Be Well!!....Doreen



PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

November 1 (full) and 29, 2013. Back by popular demand – Loyalist luncheons! Cost of \$17 each includes coffee and the tip. Sign up and pay today.

Friday, December 6, 2013. Christmas dinner (roast beef and Yorkshire pud) at Timber Ridge Golf & Country Club, with a live band - *Reasons*. Cost \$45 per person, \$55 for guests. Tickets on sale at today's meeting.

PROGRAM

TODAY – October 23, 2013.

Ian Douglas will talk about honouring the fallen and wounded soldiers.

Note: Veterans and those entitled to wear decorations, please wear your decorations so you can be recognized at our meeting today. Thank you.

Wednesday, November 13, 2013. Member Joan Selwood will talk about her trip to India and Nepal.

Wednesday, November 27, 2013. The Downtown Business Association will talk about business plans for Brighton.

Wednesday, December 11, 2013. Children from Brighton Public School will sing Christmas Carols.

INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New Members welcome
Every 1st and 3rd Monday 1:30pm
Anglican Church Hall
Linda Barker 613-827-0819
Diane Frye 905-355-2307

Chapter One Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am
Lin Barker 613-475-6142

Scrabble Club (new members welcome)

Scrabble will begin again on November 13.
1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 2:00pm
Celia Miles 613-475-1524

Single Diners (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Probus Club.) Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-1304 or *Marion McIlveen* 613-475-2202 if you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

THANK YOU!

The Probus Oktoberfest celebrations of October 9th were pretty amazing. This was our first attempt and, despite a couple of minor glitches, the event moved ahead in full swing.

A whopping 136 members and guests attended, some of whom were dressed in traditional Oktoberfest costume. There was plenty of good food and good entertainment such as songs, sing-a-longs, piano music and door prizes. To top off the event, the Melodiers, a former Oompah Band, played to the delight of a few who enjoyed a dance or two. And yes, there was plenty of beer – thanks to the Curling Club.

We have many people to thank for the success of this fun day. This includes members of the social committee, members of the board and, most importantly, you, the Probus members, for your energetic participation and support.

We would also like to thank the Lions Club who cooked our sausages, as well as the Antique Emporium who kindly loaned us their manikin which was dressed in a Bavarian dirndl.

If it hadn't been for everyone chipping in we couldn't have held an event that was enjoyed by so many. Perhaps we can try this event again next year, but without the minor glitches – if that's possible.

One last time Patrick - Ziggie Zaggie, Ziggie Zaggie – Hoy, Hoy, Hoy!

Barb Wright



From Peter Schlect

I would like to congratulate Barbara & Ed Wright together with the social committee for the excellent way they presented the Oktoberfest as it appeared a good time was had by every one. I also feel that this could & should evolve into an annual event.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Eric Jenson
Patricia McCarthy
Joanna Gray
Ian Gray
Brian Sutton
Nancy Sutton
Susan Moritz
Bob Burke
Janet Wright
Beverlie Cook
Ted Cook
Ron Potter
Shirley Potter

NEWSLETTER REMINDERS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

To help reduce the lineup at the door, please come with the correct change (\$2.75 each), have your nametag on, and remember to stop and have your name checked off the list. Have your guests pay, sign the guest book, and wear a proper nametag. Remember that guests are allowed a maximum of three visits and only if their sponsors are in attendance. We keep track of attendance and the number of attendees at each meeting should match the amount of money collected.

If you receive a copy of the newsletter by e-mail, please do not pick up a copy at the door. The extra copies are for guests. For members without e-mail, please pick up the newsletter

with your name on it. If you have a friend or neighbour who is not attending, please pick up their copy and deliver it to them to reduce our postage costs.

The new updated membership list will be distributed with the November Beacon.

PROBUS EXTENDED HEALTH CARE

A package entitled “Notice of open enrolment for Probus Extended Health Care with “Prestige” Emergency Travel Insurance: September 15, 2013 – October 31, 2013” was placed on each table at our October 9 Meeting. For members under the age of 75 in good standing with Probus, there is a one-time open enrolment period (as above). During this period Probus members under the age of 75 can apply for Extended Health Care coverage without evidence of good health. (After October 31, only members leaving an existing health insurance plan have 60 days to enroll without evidence.) Also, annual Dental Care limits will not have mid-year reductions when applied for before October 31. Additional information is available on Johnson Inc.’s website at <http://www.johnson.ca/probus> For answers to further questions, please contact Probus Plan Administrator, Johnson Inc., toll free at 1-877-989-2600 or email pbservicewest@johnson.ca

CAR RALLY RESULTS

We had a perfect Fall day for the car rally, and what a great day it was. Thanks to Barb and Ed Wright for organizing this successful event. Apparently they already have some ideas for next year! In first place were Christina Gilbert, Joan Selwood, Lin Barker and Davina Rice Jones; in second place Brian & Olive Burke and Pat Corry; in third place Keith Bird and Joyce Hubel. Congratulations!

COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you have a community event that you wish to be announced at Probus meetings, please contact Rose ahead of time at 475-2665.

Brighton Legion's Candlelight Tribute – November 10, 2013 at 7:00pm at the Cenotaph. A donation will allow you to place one of these remembrances, available at the Legion now or earlier that evening.

NOTES

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Thursday October 24 at 2 PM at Northumberland Mall Theatres
Probus day - \$7:00 - Friends Welcome



TRUTH MORE ENTERTAINING THAN FICTION

The riches keep coming from the 2013 Toronto International Film Festival.

OUR MAN IN TEHRAN is the "real and true" story of how Canada's former ambassador to Iran, Ken Taylor, personally sheltered six American diplomats in the 1979 operation that became known as "The Canadian Caper." Taylor won the US Congressional Medal of Honour for his role in the Iran hostage crisis and was dubbed by then US President Jimmy Carter "our man in Tehran."

ARGO, a 2012 Hollywood film that purportedly tells the story of the Iran hostage crisis and "the Canadian Caper" was written, directed and starred Hollywood's Ben Affleck. ARGO won three 2013 Academy Awards including Best Film. In an unprecedented flourish of US patriotism, US First Lady Michelle Obama announced the Best Film win by ARGO.

Ken Taylor, the man at the centre of the drama, was nowhere to be seen, nor was his pivotal role in "The Canadian Caper" really much acknowledged. ARGO has been criticized for its historical inaccuracies, especially for minimizing the role of Ken Taylor and the Canadian embassy in the rescue of the American fugitives. And Argo didn't do much to set the stage for the political freedom that broke out in Iran in 1979 and that rages to this day.

OUR MAN IN TEHRAN separates the historical facts from the liberties taken by **ARGO**, in a compelling and entertaining fashion and sets the records straight. Along with archival footage, **OUR MAN IN TEHRAN** directors Drew Taylor and Larry Weinstein assemble virtually all the main players more than three decades later in a solid documentary that puts all the events into deep, rich, historical context. Why was the brutal dictator, the Shah of Iran forced to abdicate and take refuge in the USA. How did the Ayatollah Khomeini, still the face of Islam today, come to power in Iran? How has his thirty year theocratic dictatorship sustained to this day?

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**22nd Annual
Christmas
at PRESQU'ILE**

**QUALITY ARTS and
CRAFTS SHOW**

TEA ROOM Desserts only

Featuring Doug Comeau, Rose Brown, and Linda Barber
at The Lighthouse Gallery (open 10:00 am to 5:00pm)

Saturday & Sunday, November 2 & 3
Wednesday, November 6
Saturday & Sunday, November 9 & 10

10:00 am to 4:00 pm daily

FREE ENTRY TO THE PARK AND THE SHOW — FREE PARKING

Directions: Hwy 401 to Hwy 30 (exit 508), south to Brighton. Follow Presqu'ile Provincial Park signs.
Telephone 613 475 1688 or visit www.friendsofpresquile.on.ca

