



The Beacon



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Hello from Florida everyone!

As I sit penning (actually typing) this month's message, today is "Family Day". For years, while many of us were still working, we were promised a "statutory holiday" between New Year's day and Easter and finally, post retirement, we were given the first Family Day in February 2008. So, whatever you are doing on this day, I trust that a portion of it will involve connecting with family and friends...enjoy!

From all accounts, this winter has been one for the record books. While I did not grow up in Brighton and cannot state for a fact that this winter is unusual for the area, I have to believe that the snowfall we have experienced this year is not the "norm". All we can hope for now is a gentle spring that will melt the snow a little at a time in order to avoid flooding and all that that entails.

At the last General Meeting, I understand that Mary stepped back into her old roll and from all accounts did her usual excellent job...thanks Mary. Today Celia Miles will be leading the meeting and I believe she has plans to give you a little background of her term as president.

I am writing this message a little earlier than I had planned, I usually wait until the Management Committee meeting has taken place just in case there is something urgent that needs to be addressed in this message...alas, I will not know, but if there is something that needs to come forward, I can rely on members of the Management Committee to ensure that it is delivered as part of the Beacon.

The NBC Olympic Games coverage here in Florida has been excellent and we have had good coverage of our Canadian athletes and teams. I must say that I am very surprised at the warmth and hospitality of the Russian people as they have welcomed peoples from around the world...once again reminding me not to be close minded or pre-suppose ☺. The opening ceremonies were exceptional and I am looking forward to the closing ceremony, but, lots of medals to be awarded before then.

Wherever you are and whatever you are doing, be well and I send you kindest regards...until the next time!

Doreen

PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

March, 2014. St. Patricks Night at the Legion – more information at today’s meeting.

Wednesday, April 23, 2014. Anniversary Lunch.

Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – Ottawa trip to the Tulip Festival and War Museum. Sign up sheet available.

June, 2014 – a trip to Woodbine Race Course or Wakefield, Quebec train trip.

Wednesday, July 9, 2014 – Picnic & Gold Day, Pine Ridge.

July, 2014 – investigating possible Fort Henry dinner and tattoo trip.

Sunday, August 17, 2014 – *Mary Poppins* at the Capital Theatre in Port Hope. Lunch and Show \$52.

September, 2014 – another trip being investigated.

Wednesday, October 8, 2014 – Oktoberfest.

October, 2014 – Car Rally.

Friday, November 7 and Friday November 28, 2014 – Loyalist Luncheons.

Saturday, November 22, 2014 – shopping trip to Vaughan or **Saturday, November 29, 2014** – shopping trip to Watertown, US. Interest sheet available now so you can indicate preference.

Friday, December 5, 2014 – Christmas Party at Timber Ridge Golf & Country Club, with the *Reasons*.

PROGRAM

TODAY - Wednesday, February 26, 2014

Franklin Coach Tours talk about their planned trips for 2014. Interested members are reminded to bring a pencil and paper in case they need to jot anything down. Brochures, etc. will be handed out.

Wednesday, March 12, 2014 – Ed Burt of *Ocean Scan Systems* and Dan Buchanan. Ed is a diver who found what is believed to be the Speedy.

Wednesday, March 26, 2014 – *Grannies for Africa* will tell us what they do and will be selling jewellery made in Africa.

INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New Members welcome

Every 1st and 3rd Monday 1:30pm

Anglican Church Hall

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)

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.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our team of 5-pin bowlers - Grace Humfries, Cheryl & Paul Langevin, Hazel Male and Dot Romhild - who won the PROBUS Interclub Bowling Tournament on February 3 at Northshore Bowling Lanes in Cobourg. Dot tells me there were around 100 bowlers in the competition. Well done!

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Doug Pearsall has asked that we publish his change of address, etc.

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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.