



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton PROBUS Club

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Recent warmer temperatures has bought comforting thoughts of Spring and made for much more pleasant walking around and about town However, I am sure there is more wintery weather to come so don't put those winter woollies and long johns away yet.

Finally the name has been agreed for the PROBUS Clubs of Northumberland District's get together in May. It will be called Northumberland District PROBUS Club's Spring Time Celebration, aka "A Celebration". Janice Seile and I will be going to a meeting with all the other clubs involved on Monday, January 23. and, since Janice is leading this event, she will report back to you at the next General Meeting. A special thank you must go out to Dave Wyndham for all the work he did in designing and producing the posters and tickets for this event. This is not the first time he has taken on a task like this and we do appreciate this generous, very professional contribution to our club.

The Membership Chair, Mary Lou Parkinson has also been a very busy lady sorting through many names, telephone numbers and email addresses in order to produce the final Membership List as attached to this Newsletter. Officially we now have 188 members with 2 new applications that have been approved. We are in a position to accommodate 10 more members before meeting the full quota for our club, so, if you know anyone that is interested in becoming part of our PROBUS family, now is the time. Good job Mary Lou, thanks to you and your team.

The sound system at meetings is checked regularly but I understand there are still a few occasions when members cannot hear properly. It seems the most problems arise when the speaker(s) take questions from the floor. In future, I encourage members to stand when addressing the speaker(s), this should improve the situation but I will also ask the Program Chair or the speaker(s) to repeat the question before answering. If there continues to be a problem let someone on the Management Committee know and we will try to resolve the problem.

I would also like to remind you all of the Suggestion Box that sits on the front table. If you have new ideas, constructive criticism, complaints, etc. either tell us or use the box. You do not need to identify yourself if that is your preference.

Enjoy Robbie Burns day on Wednesday.

*Sheila*

## PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

**Saturday, February 25, 2017** - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* – 2pm at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope, followed by dinner at Swiss Chalet Restaurant. SOLD OUT. Please meet in the King Edward Square parking lot at 12 noon.

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017** - *St. Patrick's Day with a wee bit of green and shamrocks.*

**March:** Dinosaur Tour and Golden Valley Luncheon in Trenton.

**April:** The Annual Celebration Meeting (Anniversary).

**May:** Ripley's in Toronto - Bus Trip.

**June 11:** Play - *My Fair Lady* and Lunch, location tbd.

**September:** Car Rally or Mystery Bus Tour.

## PROGRAM

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TODAY</b> <b>Wednesday, January 25, 2017</b> Robbie Burns Theme</p>
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**Wednesday, February 8, 2017** – Paranormal.

**Wednesday, February 22, 2017** – A member's interesting career.

## BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

### **Bid Euchre**

New members welcome  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:00pm  
Anglican Church Hall  
*Diane Frye* 613-779-5741

### **The Golden Girls**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 2:00-4:00pm  
Downstairs at the Legion  
*Betty McGill-Down* 613-475-0999

**Scrabble Club** (New members welcome)  
1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 2:00pm.

Call for location.  
*Betty Edmunds* 613-475-0525

### **Bridge Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 1:00pm  
Downstairs at the Legion  
*Shirley Coveney* 613-475-9219  
Bridge starts again January 12, 2017.

**Single Diners\*** (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Brighton 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.

*Please note that if you do not attend at least one outing in six months we will no longer call you. Exception: sickness or extended vacation.*



## BRIGHTON PROBUS BOWLING

On April 24, 2017 at 9:00am at Northumberland Bowling Lanes in Cobourg, our bowling team (Cheryl & Paul Langevin, Shaaron Hogan, Joyce Hubel and Dot Romhild) will be defending their title! Brighton PROBUS has had one team for 5 years. It would be nice to have one or two more!!! Anyone interested in getting a team together? (5 persons to a team) Please contact Cheryl Langevin with the names.

## TRIP TO STRATFORD - OCTOBER 3, 2017

This will be the 5th year that Clare Westheuser of Belleville PROBUS Club has arranged a trip to Stratford. This year, for various reasons, Belleville has not had as many of their own club elect to come, but since Clare has already ordered 48 excellent tickets, she is opening up to several other PROBUS clubs along the 401 hoping that some other members would care to join them - they try to be very welcoming. They've had great fun previously. This year, they will leave Belleville on October 3rd, pick

up other participants, stop for coffee/tea break in Bowmanville, go on to St. Jacob's for lunch, continue to the Festival Inn in Stratford for a buffet supper, then drive to the theatre to see *HMS Pinafore* and back to the hotel (rooms are shared). The next day, after a full buffet breakfast, there is the opportunity to be driven downtown at 9:30am to shop/sightsee, or stay at the hotel until 11:30am to be driven downtown for lunch. At 1:00pm, members are taken to the Festival Theatre for *Romeo and Juliet*. After that they are driven to Kitchener for dinner and then home, dropping off participants along the 401.

The cost is between \$375 and \$400.

This includes: bus fare, accommodation, both tickets, breakfast and two dinners. The only things for which participants are responsible are the two lunches. The reason behind this is that most folks don't need a large lunch (which was done for the first two years) and then no-one enjoyed their dinner as they should have done.

**If members are interested in joining this group, Clare will need \$200 deposit each as soon as possible. She will be allotting tickets on a first come, first served basis.**

She can be reached at [clareimogen@gmail.com](mailto:clareimogen@gmail.com) or by phoning 613-968-3172. Her address is Clare Westheuser, 98 Ridley Street, RR1, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 4Z1.

### **WELL DONE – THANK YOU!**



Linda and Peter Schlecht volunteer their time at our meetings to sell tickets for Share the Wealth. With the proceeds they hand out prizes of nearly \$1,000 during the course of the year and an equal amount goes into the PROBUS bank account to help pay for events during the year. Thank you Linda and Peter.



Joan is a founding member of Brighton PROBUS Club and has volunteered many hours of her time as our Newsletter Editor since 2009. For many years she worked with Tom Rosebush but when he moved away she willingly took on extra tasks communicating directly with Willow Printing. We truly appreciate all the time and effort Joan puts in to keeping us well informed with club news and activities. Thank you Joan.

### **NEIGHBOURLY ACT**

If you know of a neighbour or someone that lives on route who belongs to PROBUS but can no longer drive themselves to meetings, please think about offering them a ride to and from the meetings. I am sure this charitable act will be very much appreciated by someone finding it difficult to get out and about.

### **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.

**Grandmothers Working for Grandmothers**

*I dare to dine for AIDS in Africa.*

In support of

**The**  
**Apple Route Grannies**

invite you to a  
**Buffet Dinner**

**Sunday January 29, 2017**


**Meet and Greet: 5:30 Dinner: 6:00 p.m.**  
**followed by a short presentation**

**Trinity St. Andrew's United Church, 58 Prince Edward Street, Brighton**

Donations to the Apple Route Grannies on behalf of the Stephen Lewis Foundation will be received, with a tax receipt for donations of \$20.00 or more.

**RSVP: Connie Graham 613-439-8907**

# February, 2017

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
			<b>1</b> Golden Girls 2:00pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Bid Euchre 1:00pm	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> PROBUS General Meeting 10:00am <i>Paranormal</i>	<b>9</b> Bridge 1:00pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Scrabble 2:00pm 	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Management Meeting 9:30am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Bid Euchre 1:00pm	<b>22</b>	<b>22</b> PROBUS General Meeting 10:00am <i>A member's interesting career</i>	<b>23</b> Bridge 1:00pm	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <i>Theatre trip 12 noon</i>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Scrabble 2:00pm				