



The Beacon



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In my last missive, I prematurely rhapsodized about the prospect of an early Spring. Groundhog Day shattered that illusion as Wiarton Willy predicted another six weeks of Winter. One of our PROBUS Snowbirds reported seeing the malicious rodent lounging on a southern beach. A group of Ontarians are currently petitioning the US government to extradite Willy back to Ontario.

The focus of the Brighton PROBUS Club is to provide regular gatherings to retirees who appreciate and value opportunities to meet others having similar interests. We are required to have a minimal measure of conformity with PROBUS CANADA but our primary aim is to provide fellowship between members who are compatible with each other, and the opportunity for developing new acquaintances, all at a minimal cost to members. **Why am I mentioning this?** Our membership is comprised of very experienced and intelligent people. To continually hold the interest of members is sometimes a daunting task. We have an excellent group of volunteers, particularly on the Social and Program Committees, who work hard to do just this. We also look to you, the members, for new ideas to augment our programs. Sharing your different backgrounds and life experiences will enrich others either through conversation with fellow “Probian” or perhaps volunteering to speak at a meeting. As well, the suggestion box is at each meeting for ideas for trips, social functions, entertainment, etc.

Despite Willy’s nasty delay of Spring, we are headed into our most exciting time of year with the return of those who wintered away from Brighton, the return of PROBUS golf, and all the other outdoor activities. I am looking forward to a wonderful range of programs being offered by our Social Committee, engaging speakers and interesting meetings. April will bring our annual Anniversary meeting which is a highlight of our year. Plan to attend this very special occasion.

Ken



PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

Wednesday, March 9, 2016 – *The Outside Track* – Irish music and dancing at Stirling Festival Theatre 2:00pm. \$26 per person. To be paid TODAY.

Monday, April 4, 2016 – a day of fellowship with bowling in Cobourg. Registration 9:30-10:00am. \$11 for three games (the \$25 registration fee has been paid). Lunch at the Legion \$20 approx. We already have a team but we can make up more teams – call Cheryl Langevin at 613-475-9967 as soon as possible.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 - Anniversary Luncheon. Cost to be announced.

Wednesday, May 25, 2016 – Tour of the Air Force Museum with tour director Bob Burke.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – 2-hour Boat Cruise on Stoney Lake on the *Kawartha Spirit*. Depart Brighton at 9:00am, cruise 10:30am. Live commentary and lunch. Take bus at 2:30pm to Kawartha Downs Casino. Leave at 4:30pm for Brighton. Cost \$55 per person includes a bus – we need 44 people. Sign up sheets available on June 15.

Wednesday, July 13, 2016 - Annual Picnic – location to be announced.

Sunday, August 7, 2016 – *Mama Mia* at The Capitol Theatre, Port Hope with lunch at the Railside Restaurant.

October 13/14, 2016 – we have been invited to visit Stratford overnight with members of Belleville Probus. Please talk to Bill or Phyllis if you are interested.

PROGRAM

<p>Wednesday, February 24, 2016 Quiz Time</p>
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Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - Joan Macklin - United Way Call 211.

Wednesday, March 23, 2016 - Cheryl Cooper – Sea Warfare 1812.

BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New members welcome
Every 1st and 3rd Monday **1:00pm**
Anglican Church Hall

Diane Frye 905-355-2307

Please note there will be no Bid Euchre on March 21, 2016.

The Golden Girls

1st Wednesday each month at 2:00-4:00pm
Downstairs at the Legion

Betty McGill-Down 613-475-0999

Scrabble Club (new members welcome)

1st & 3rd **Tuesday** each month at 2:00pm

Call for location. *Note new day!*

Betty Edmunds 613-475-0525

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.

POSSIBLE NEW INTEREST GROUP

If you are interested in forming a **Bridge Group**, please talk to Ken.

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.

LENTEN LUNCHEES

Wednesdays at 12 noon

Freewill offering

February 24 – Evangel Pentecostal

March 2 – Smithfield–Carman United

March 9 – St. Paul's Anglican

March 16 – Trinity St. Andrew's United

March 23 – Fellowship Christian Reformed

MEET GARDEN EXPERT MARK CULLEN

THE NEW CANADIAN GARDEN
 JOYOUS DESIGN IDEAS
 MARK CULLEN
 WITH MARCOLE DRAB

PRESENTATION & BOOK SIGNING
 Wednesday, March 9, 2016 - 1:30pm
 Presentation \$15.00
 Brighton Community Centre
 75 Elizabeth St., Brighton ON

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THREE'S HOME HARDWARE, LIGHTHOUSE BOOKS AND THE BRIGHTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ATTENTION LADIES & GENTLEMEN



**THINK IT'S
 TIME TO
 DOWNSIZE?**

Is my house too big? Am I warehousing my kids' stuff?
 I have too many things—what can I do?

Barry Gordon, Gordon Estate Services will walk us through the steps to consider our options and reducing our “nest”

THIS IS A
 LUG-A-MUG
 EVENT!

**Program: Monday,
 March 21st, 10 am—noon**

Trinity-St. Andrew's United Church,
 Community Centre,
 Corner of Chapel & Prince Edward Streets
 Everyone Welcome – Free –
 Wheelchair accessible.
 For information, call Jean 613-242-5387



5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING **SATURDAY MAY 7th**

SPRING FASHION SHOW

PRESENTED BY TIME-OUT TEA-TIME,
 TRINITY-ST. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH
 DRAGONFLY AND G. BOYD BOUTIQUE

TICKETS \$15

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT DRAGONFLY,
 G. BOYD BOUTIQUE, TRINITY-ST.
 ANDREWS UNITED CHURCH OFFICE

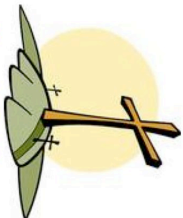
**REFRESHMENTS &
 DOOR PRIZES**

DOORS OPEN AT 12:35

80 PRINCE EDWARD ST., BRIGHTON, ON
 (CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD AND CHAPEL)
 Great Photos: www.mediapix.com



March 2016

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
		1 Scrabble 2:00pm	2 Golden Girls 2:00pm	3	4	5
6	7 Bid Euchre 1:00pm	8	9 PROBUS General Meeting 10:00am <i>Joan Macklin</i> <i>United Way Call 211</i>	10	11	12
13	14	15 Scrabble 2:00pm	16	17 Management Meeting 9:30am	18	19
20	21	22	23 PROBUS General Meeting 10:00am <i>Cheryl Cooper</i> <i>Sea Warfare 1812</i>	24	25  Good Friday	26
27	28	29	30	31		