



The Beacon



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As I sit to write this, it occurs to me that it is St. Patrick's Day and I should, in some fashion, recognize the contributions of that sainted soul. I have one burning question: did this Christian missionary rid [Ireland](#) of snakes during the fifth century A.D.? This is admittedly unlikely, although Ireland is one of only a few places that Indiana Jones and other snake-averse humans can visit without fear. Paleontologists have confirmed St Patrick's success simply because there is no evidence snakes ever populated the Emerald Isle. I suppose we will have to settle for the legend being allegorical - Christianity driving evil out of Ireland. That does not mean that one should not partake in the side benefits of his legacy - green beer, Guinness, "boxty", "champ", "coddles" and other traditional Irish fare based on the almighty potato. Those that are not fortunate enough to be familiar with these dishes might wish to investigate both their preparation and history.

The history of small Canadian towns is an interest of mine since there are always intriguing facts to be discovered and tales to be told. The Brighton Public Library provides resources for anyone interested in local history and genealogy. I recommend to anyone that wishes to entertain family and friends with facts about your town to talk to the good people at the Library. I am fortunate in that my good friend Dave Wyndham continues to educate me regarding Brighton.

At next Wednesday's meeting, we will hear more of the plans for this year's Anniversary celebration. Our Past President Ian Douglas and the Social Committee have been organizing what will be one of our most important (and fun-filled) events of the PROBUS year. We will also hear from Cheryl Cooper regarding the Age of "wooden ships and iron men". See you there!

Ken

PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

Monday, April 4, 2016 – a day of fellowship with bowling in Cobourg. Registration 9:30-10:00am.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 - Anniversary Luncheon. Cost \$10 per person, maximum 120. Sign up now.

Tuesday, May 24, 2016 – Tour of the Air Force Museum at 2pm with tour director Bob Burke. Sign up now.

Wednesday, June 15, 2016 – Peterborough Lift Lock and River Boat Luncheon Cruise, including visit to Kawartha Downs Casino. Cost \$65 per person approx, including bus. We need 44 people. Sign up now!

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

Sunday, August 7, 2016 – *Mama Mia* at The Capitol Theatre, Port Hope with lunch at the Railside Restaurant. \$55 per person. Sign up at beginning of May.

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

PROGRAM

<p>Wednesday, March 23, 2016 Cheryl Cooper – Sea Warfare 1812</p>
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Wednesday, April 13, 2016 – Around the World with Jill & John Morrilee.

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 – Anniversary Luncheon.

BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New members welcome
Every 1st and 3rd Monday **1:00pm**
Anglican Church Hall
Diane Frye 905-355-2307

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.

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.

Regarding reservations: a reservation is made for each person who informs us that they will attend an outing. Please let us know if you are unable to attend so we may cancel your reservation. If you tell us “*maybe*” - please call again when you are sure, otherwise we will NOT make a reservation for you.

BRIDGE GROUP

If you are interested in being part of a **Bridge Group**, please call Shirley Coveney at 613-475-9219.

BRIGHTON BUS SERVICE

At our PROBUS meeting of March 9, Sandy Fawcett mentioned that she would be willing to organize a bus trip to Trenton so that we could check out first hand just how useful the bus could be. She suggested that we plan to have lunch, do some shopping or whatever, and take the bus back to Brighton. Some of you put up your hands to show interest but we never got together at the meeting.

Sandy adds that this is a one time "organized" bus trip. This should be of interest to anyone who has considered using the bus but was hesitant to try it out on their own!

If you are interested in taking this trip (either a Monday or Friday afternoon) would you please email Sandy at fawcettsd@gmail.com or call her at 613-475-5062 before March 31st.

Thank you.

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 LUNCHESES

Wednesdays at 12 noon

Freewill offering

March 23 – Fellowship Christian Reformed

Oriana Singers
of Northumberland

OPERETTA 101

From Victor Herbert to Stephen Sondheim, discover the charm of operetta.

Guest soloist: Virginia Hatfield, soprano

Saturday, April 2, 7:30 pm
Trinity United Church, Cobourg
254 Division St., Cobourg

Advance tickets from Victoria Hall Box Office (+ handling fee)
or Oriana members: Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$12
Tickets at the door: Adults and Seniors \$25, Students \$10

www.orianasingers.com

Brighton BARN Theatre
Presents the comedy

FUNNY LITTLE THING CALLED LOVE
a jones hope wooten comedy

DIRECTED BY Doug Phelan
PRODUCED BY Nikki Parks

Evening Performances at 8:00pm
APRIL 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, 28, 29 & 30, 2016
Matinee at 2:00pm APRIL 17 & 24, 2016

All Tickets
\$15

613 475 2144
www.brightonbarntheatre.ca

FIND US ON

SATURDAY MAY 7th

5TH ANNUAL FUNDRAISING

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. ANDREW'S UNITED CHURCH OFFICE

REFRESHMENTS & DOOR PRIZES

DOORS OPEN AT 12:30

84 PRINCE EDWARD ST., BRIGHTON, ON
(CORNER OF PRINCE EDWARD AND CHARLIE)
Event Photos: www.mississauga.com/mississauga

Dragonfly *plus* *g-boyd boutique*

April 2016

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3	4 Bid Euchre 1:00pm	5 Scrabble 2:00pm	6 Golden Girls 2:00pm	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 PROBUS General Meeting 10:00am <i>Around the World with the Morrales</i>	14	16	19
17	18 Bid Euchre 1:00pm	19 Scrabble 2:00pm	20	21 Management Meeting 9:30am	22	23
24	25	26	27 <i>Anniversary Lunch</i>	28	29	30