



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton PROBUS Club

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Well, Club year 2021/22 is finally underway and it feels great to be involved in a group activity and to hear we have already received our first new membership application. Oh yes, on that note, please remember that the Membership Committee's deadline for renewal applications is fast approaching.

Who would have thought, in March 2020, that our next Club gathering would be 20 months later and that we would be experiencing "new normals"? COVID-19 is still affecting our routines; however, your Club Executive and Committees are focused on regenerating the activities and social spirit we enjoyed before the pandemic. Clearly, as Club members, we all have a part to play in that undertaking.

Thanks to COVID-19, we have had to make some procedural adjustments in keeping with the regulations governing the use of the Community Centre. Contact tracing and vaccination verification are done prior to entering the meeting room and masks are mandatory except when seated. Even our coffee break has changed, as instead of being offered buffet style snacks, you can now enjoy individually wrapped goodies and coffee/tea from Tim Hortons. These and other measures have been put in place to protect our members and we hope anyone who has been reluctant to participate in a group setting will feel more comfortable about attending meetings.

A new PROBUS year often brings with it the need to fill positions that, if left empty, would impact our ability to offer a full slate of activities. This year is no exception and, although I do not intend to belabour the point in this message, I will most certainly address that matter at Club meetings. Volunteers are the most essential part of any social organization and I want to express my sincere thanks to all our repeat and new volunteers who have stepped forward to fill positions.

For now, I will leave you with three thoughts:

1. We would love to augment our speaker pool so please consider being a presenter and allowing the membership to better know you;
2. If you have ideas about new Club activities, please share them with the Social Committee; and
3. We live in a fast-growing community so take the time to spread the word about PROBUS.

**WELCOME BACK TO PROBUS AND THE "NEW NORMAL". LET'S HAVE FUN!**

*Jeff*

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Just a reminder that renewals are due by November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.**

**If you haven't renewed yet, please do so as soon as possible.**

**Janice Highstead, Chairperson**

**613-475-1363**

## **PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS**

**Wednesday, December 8, 2021** – Christmas Buffet Lunch catered by Sharp's and seasonal activities organised by the Social Committee.  
*Please come in your Christmas gear!*

## **PROGRAM**

**Wednesday, January 12, 2022** – Carol Currelly-Burnham, Bridge Hospice, Warkworth.

**Wednesday, January 26, 2022** – Peter Jepson, A Life in Rowing and the World Rowing Tour 2022.

**Wednesday, February 23, 2022** – Stacey Daub of Quinte Health Care.

**Wednesday, March 23, 2022** – Gail Ellis, Director of Applefest.

## **BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS**

### **5-Pin Bowling**

*Janice Highstead* 613-475-1363

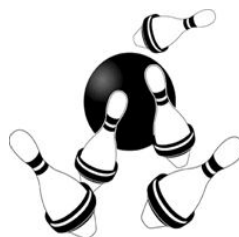
Our bowling group has started up again. Our first day was September 16<sup>th</sup>. We will be bowling at 1:30 pm every Thursday at Presqu'ile Lanes, 99 Main St., Brighton.

Covid 19 rules are in effect with bowlers having to provide proof of double vaccination and government picture ID. Masks must be worn at all times except when in your alley.

The bowling alley has informed us that they can currently have 24 bowlers. Currently we have 8 regular bowlers from Presqu'ile PROBUS and only 1 from Brighton.

Let's get out and have a few laughs and cheer each other on. We are all amateurs and seem to send our balls down the gutter more often than we would like to admit.

Cost is \$15 which includes a non-alcoholic beverage. Shoe rental is available for a nominal fee.



### **Bridge Group and Bid Euchre**

Space has been booked at Brighton Legion on Monday afternoons. Games will start in January, 2022.

Contact Shirley Coveney 613-475-9219

### **Scrabble Club**

*Pat Boyce*

*Call for location*

613-475-0643

### **We remember:**

Bill Bates  
Patricia Corry  
Gord King (Life Member)  
Allan Minns  
Susan Moritz  
Lisa Simpkins  
Mary Lou Workman

## Pictures from our Meeting of November 10, 2021



Your New Executive for 2021/22:

Jeff Brace - President  
Lee Farmes - Treasurer  
Linda Reckenberg - Secretary  
Ian Stewart - Past President  
Janice Highstead - Membership  
David Swallow - Vice President



Member Clay Samis gave a very nice talk about Remembrance Day.



Janice gives out pins to the new President and the former President



There were 55 members at our first meeting of the year!

**PROBUS members are presented with their 10 year or 15 year pins  
at the General Meeting on November 24, 2021**



**10 year pin recipients** - left to right: Joan and Ian Douglas, Joyce Hubel, (Janice Highstead our Membership Chair and Jeff Brace, President), Judy Caswell, Christine Babineau, Paul Langevin, Yvon Babineau, Pat Boyce.

Absent: Kenneth Cable, Joyce and Keith Jones, Ann Knop, Davina Rice-Jones, Sally Scanlon, Sheila Waters.

**15 year pin recipients** were all absent - Helen Anthony, Alice and David Lawlor, Mary Gibb.

*Photo thanks to Cheryl Langevin.*


**The PROBUS Management Team wish you  
a Merry Christmas  
and a Happy New Year!**



# January, 2022

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> PROBUS General Meeting 10:00 <i>Carol Currelly-Burnham</i> <i>Bridge Hospice</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Management Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23/30</b>	<b>24/31</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> PROBUS General Meeting 10:00 <i>Peter Jepson – A Life in Rowing</i>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>

# December, 2021

<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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5	6	7	8 PROBUS General Meeting 10:00 <i>Boxed Lunch &amp; Fun</i>	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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26	27	28	29	30	31	