



South Muskoka

Club No 119

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

When: Wednesday, February 5, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Bracebridge Sportsplex

Greeter
Attendance
Ticket Taker

Walt Smith
Shirley Gates
Janice Hummel

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



THE ORIGINS OF SAINT VALENTINES DAY

It is believed that Valentine was a bishop who was martyred on February 14, 376 BC. His bishop's ring was an amethyst and carved with cupids which are a symbol of love. Amethyst is the birthstone of February and the gem is a symbol of love.

His ring made him recognizable to Roman soldiers who wished to get married. Roman soldiers were forbidden to marry, but Bishop Valentine was willing to perform weddings for these couples. At the end of the ceremony, he gave the newlyweds a heart that he had cut out of parchment as a reminder of their vows.

Inevitably, he was arrested and sentenced to death. While in prison, he cured Julia, the daughter of his jailer, of blindness. On the evening of his execution, he is supposed to have written the first ever Valentine card to Julia, signing it "From Your Valentine", a phrase still popular today.

Sending Valentine cards, offering confectionery and presenting flowers to the person you love, began in Britain in the 1800's and has become the customary way to celebrate Valentine's Day throughout the English-speaking world.

The long, cold month of February is a good time to celebrate the warmth of love.

Ted & Susan

February Bio



Member John Penny has titled his bio 'A Few Things About Me That

You Might Not Know'.

February Speaker



Samantha Bigley, from the Bracebridge OPP, will be joining us to talk to us about the trends in the world of frauds and the many, many ways that scammers will try to take advantage. She will present the driving factors that make people more vulnerable to fraudsters as well as some tips to consider if people experience this type of crime. She will also share a couple of resources that can be found online.

Look At Those Management Team Smiles



Membership News

February 2025 Membership Report

Hallelujah! We made it through January! From now on, it just keeps getting better and brighter and February very thoughtfully knocked off a couple of days! Can boats and bathing suit season be far away?

We're meeting at the Sportsplex again this month. If you are concerned at all about seniors being scammed, you won't want to miss it. Sam Bigley from the OPP will arm us with information and tips on how to deal with this epidemic and how to avoid being a victim. We seniors seem to be easy prey.

If the dark days of winter are pulling you down, let us cheer you up with our various activities during the month. We have dinners, lunches and shows to enjoy with a fun group of members. Don't be shy - sign up!

See you Wednesday!

Petie Thickett

Membership Chair

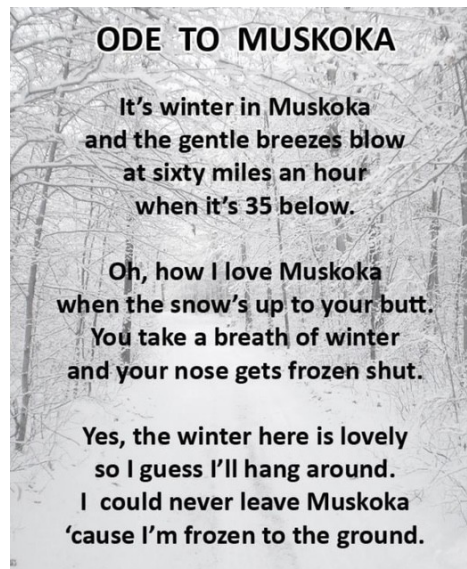


Care Bear News

A sympathy card was sent to Cathy Kerr to express our condolences on the passing of her husband, Jim. Both are past members of our club, and Jim Kerr served as our President in 2016.

Thank you to those who informed me of this event. As always, please let me know of anyone who might appreciate a card of encouragement, congratulations, or sympathy.

Wendy Truscott



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

DYNAMIC DINERS – We are pretty much interested in dining and socializing. We do this on the third Thursday evening of this month at a nice restaurant we usually agree on during the previous month's dinner. Often we take advantage of the gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day

etc. It is fun, sometimes downright boisterous, and a wonderful way to nurture our Probus bonds. All are welcomed, the more, the merrier. The venue for Thursday, February 20th, 2025 will be 'Touchstone Grill', Bracebridge.

Contact John Vellinga @ jmvellinga@sympatico.ca or 705-637-0452

Dynamic Diners Choose Andrea's For Dinner



**Jan. 16,
2025**



**Chef Steve Prepares
Cherries Jubilee For
Probus Dynamic Diners**

PICCOLLAGE

Dynamic Diners enjoy another wonderful get together at Andrea's Steak House this past January.

INVESTMENT CLUB - A virtual meeting by Zoom Invitation on the second Monday of the month from 10:00 a.m. to noon. The Group Portfolio is the subject of discussion - what to buy, what to hold and what to sell - without money involved. You may want to visit to experience the excitement of the fluctuating market, and if intrigued, add this event to your monthly outings. Contact Joe Ursano @ joeursano@gmail.com

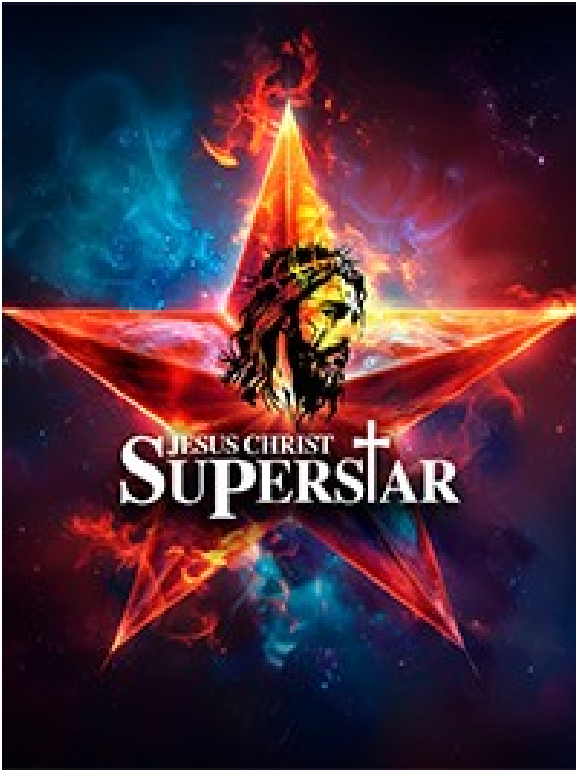
MOVIE NIGHT - Please join us for a night out at the movies on the 4th Thursday of the month. The next movie night is Thursday, February 27th, 2025. Please join us at 'The Barrel House' at 5:30 p.m. for dinner before the show or meet at the Norwood Box Office at 6:45 p.m. to choose your show and purchase your ticket. Be sure to RSVP to Jan & Ed if you'd like to come for dinner or just meet at the movies. See you at the movies! Contact Jan and Ed @ janet.sharman@gmail.com or 705-646-1398

NEWS AND VIEWS - Members meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, 9:30 am at Nick's Restaurant. Nick's is happy to provide this venue, free of charge, the assumption being that participants have first joined for breakfast, however large or small. I hope to see everyone on Monday, February 17th, 2025. Bring your ideas and have fun. Contact Barb Rigby @ b.rigby@outlook.com or 705-646-2150

OUT TO LUNCH BUNCH - Members meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to have lunch at a predetermined restaurant, chosen by those in attendance the previous month. This is a very fun group, enjoying good conversation, several laughs, while tempting our taste buds at a new restaurant or one of our favourites. What happens at the table stays at the table. We will gather at 'Muskoka Surf & Turf', (formerly Rombos), on Wednesday, February 12th, 2025 at 12 noon.

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Sunday April 13, 2025 @ 2 PM



The Algonquin Theatre, Huntsville.
Presents

Jesus Christ SUPERSTAR

Jesus Christ Superstar has wowed audiences for over 50 years. Loosely based on the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, Superstar follows the last week of Christ's life. The story, told through song, explores the personal relationships and struggles between Jesus, Judas, Mary Magdalene, his disciples, his followers and the Roman Empire. The iconic 1970s rock score contains such well-known numbers as "Superstar," "I Don't Know How to Love Him" and

"Gethsemane.", and in addition to receiving countless awards and nominations, was made into a feature film in 1973.

**Sign-up & Payment Deadline: Thurs. March 20, 2025.
Tickets \$33.90**

Important!

Sign up with Brian Garvey by emailing garvey@vianet.ca (number of tickets and guest names) or use the signup sheet on the table at Jan. Feb. & March meetings,

Then pay by eTransfer as follows:-

sign-in to your bank acct; go to Interac e-Transfer; add OR select probusclubofsouthmuskoka7@gmail.com as the contact to send to (Note the 7 after the club's name); enter amount; your payment will be automatically deposited and you will receive an email confirming receipt of your transaction.

**You can also pay by cheque made out to Probus club of South Muskoka,
enter Jesus Christ Superstar in memo and get it to John Penny.**

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FOR OUR NATIONAL BODY

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Jan's

BIO



I spent the first two years of my life, living with my parents, at my Grandmother's home/restaurant 'The Yellow Briar Inn' at 10 and Steeles in Brampton. My parents then bought their first home in Port Credit. When I was 10 I moved to Guelph along with my parents and two younger sisters. We spent our summers at my Grandmother's cottage on Skeleton Lake, here in Muskoka. It was at one of the dances, held every Saturday at the lake marina, that I met fellow cottager Jim Davidson. I was 15 and he was 19. At that time Jim was a bit of a local lake celebrity, as he was playing for the Toronto Marlboros Junior A hockey team and his father was a former Toronto Maple Leaf player and captain, and at that time the Chief Scout and Personnel Director for the Leafs Organization. Not being interested in hockey, I remember not being that impressed, but Jim seemed nice and we became friends. The next two summers we both worked at Raymond General Store together, and let's just say by the end of the second summer we were engaged. Jim had spent the past two years in Tulsa, Oklahoma playing on the Toronto Maple Leaf's farm team the 'Tulsa Oilers', while I was attending high school at Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute. After a career ending injury to Jim's ankle, he enrolled at George Brown College to become an electrician. I completed high school in June and we were married in August, 1969. While Jim went to George Brown College, I attended Toronto Teacher's College. After we both graduated we moved to an apartment in Mississauga. I had been hired by the Peel Board of Education and Jim began working for the electrical company, Plan Group. We bought our first home in Erin Mills, Mississauga. We lived in that home for the next 37 years. We raised three sons, and made many lifelong friends on Masthead Crescent. It was a new neighbourhood, young parents with young children, and we all grew up together! The boys often say they have never experienced anything like it since, even now within their own neighbourhoods. I retired from teaching after 18 years and purchased a wholesale printing company franchise, called 'Canadian Wholesale Thermographers', together with my sister and brother-in-law. Tragically in 2001, we lost our youngest son Josh, at just 23, at the lake. Josh's passing was the determining factor in buying our own cottage on the lake so we could feel closer to him. After the printing company was sold in 2010, and Jim was ready to retire from Plan Group, we moved full time to the lake. My sister Ginny joined us. I have continued to stay active, primarily volunteering at the South Muskoka Memorial Hospital. I served on the executive for 10 years, and continue to enjoy volunteering, now in the auxiliary gift shop. I have also been actively involved with our Probus club and continue to enjoy the friendship of my fellow members. Our two eldest sons, Scott and Bryce, married wonderful girls (both teachers!) and have blessed us with six amazing grandchildren, five boys and one girl, ranging in ages from 23 to 6. The past year has been an exceptionally hard one for me. Jim was diagnosed with Alzheimer's in 2019 and last year it became necessary to move Jim into long-term care as his disease has advanced to the stage

where he needs 24 hour care. I am so thankful that between our sons, Jim's brother Tom and myself, Jim has a family member with him every day. I always smile, when I remember my grandmother saying several years ago, "Don't get interested in a summer romance, they never last". Well 55 years and counting! What a blessing!

SMALL KINDNESSES

Danusha Lameris

I've been thinking about the way, when you walk down a crowded aisle, people pull in their legs to let you by. Or how strangers still say 'bless you' when someone sneezes, a leftover from the Bubonic plaque. "Don't die", we are saying. And sometimes, when you spill lemons from your grocery bag, someone else will help you pick them up. Mostly, we don't want to harm each other. We want to be handed our cup of coffee hot, and to say thank you to the person handing it. To smile at them and for them to smile back. For the waitress to call us honey when she sets down the bowl of clam chowder, and for the driver in the red pick-up truck to let us pass. We have so little of each other, now. So far from tribe and fire. Only these brief moments of exchange. What if they are the true dwelling of the holy, these fleeting temples we make together when we say, "Here, have my seat," "Go ahead-you first," "I like your hat".



I hope you have enjoy this month's newsletter!

Your newsletter editor,

Jan Davidson

