



South Muskoka

Club No 119

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

When: Wednesday, March 5, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Bracebridge Sportsplex

Greeter
Attendance
Ticket Taker

Jan Sharman
Shirley Gates
Janice Hummel

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



MARCH IS PROBUS MONTH

There are approximately 250 Probus clubs in Canada with 35,000 members.

The first Probus club was formed by the Rotary Club of Caterham England to allow retired professionals to continue to meet together for fellowship. Conversation was always brisk and entertaining.

Inspired by these get-togethers, in 1966, Probus founder, Fred Carnhill, came up with what he called "A Simple Idea". That evening, he telephoned 33 friends and they said, "Put me down, Fred." And Probus was born. They came up with the idea of naming their group PROBUS for PROfessional and BUSiness. Probus clubs were, and continue to be, promoted through Rotary. There are now 1,700 clubs in Great Britain.

In 1974, Probus expanded into New Zealand and by 1976 had spread to Australia. The first Probus club in North America was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Galt, Ontario, in 1987. Clubs today exist in all parts of the world, including the U.S.A., Belgium, India, South Africa and several other countries in Africa and Asia.

Ted & Susan

March Bio



Eva Olsson will be sharing why she is so
'Happy to be a Canadian citizen'

March Speaker

March Speaker for Probus

Mariko Fletcher from Mind Aid Muskoka is our speaker for the March meeting. Mind Aid Muskoka offers mental health help for young people in Muskoka. Young people face several barriers when trying to access the help they need. Many only get care through a hospital ER once they are in crisis. Young people do not need a referral or a diagnosis to access Mind Aid Muskoka, just a desire to feel better. Please join us for this interesting delve into the mental health of our youth.



Look At Those Management Team Smiles Again



Membership News

We Canadians love to talk about the weather and boy, have we had a lot to talk about this year!

But hope springs eternal – the days are longer, the birds are singing, the snow is melting...

Lots of reasons to get out of the house and get together with fun and fabulous friends. Come join us for a dinner, a lunch, a breakfast news- chew or a night at the movies. Check the Activities page for times and dates.

Start the month on March 7th by coming to our monthly meeting at the Sportsplex. Our member, Eva Olsson, a holocaust survivor, will tell us how important it is for her to be a Canadian, a very hot topic these days thanks to our irrational neighbour.

After coffee break, Marika Fletcher from Mind-Aid Muskoka will enlighten us on how this free service helps young people find mental health support and resources. The daily news shows the great need for this service.

See you Wednesday,

Petie Thickett, Membership Chair

Care Bear News



In February, a sympathy card was sent to member Cathie Grinnell on the passing of her sister, Shirley Stafford. Shirley had also been a member until recently when poor health made it difficult for her to attend meetings.

In my last report, I neglected to mention that a get well card had been sent to Terry Smith in January.

It's a bad flu season, so keep well, but if you hear of a member who needs a get well card, or one of condolence, or possibly congratulations for some achievement or event, please let me know. wendytruscott@yahoo.com

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, March 20th, 2025 is Muskoka Surf and Turf in Gravenhurst, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

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. There will be no movie night in March. The next movie night is **Thursday, April 24th, 2025**. Please join us at 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, March 17, 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 Wabora, on Wednesday, March 12th, 2025 at 12 noon. Contact John Vellinga @ jmvellinga@sympatico.ca or 705-637-0452



Enjoying a lovely lunch at the Muskoka Surf and Turf



Ginny Medland, Jan Davidson, Jan Sharman and Sandra Hartill enjoying 'high tea' at the Spring Fashion show hosted by Gravenhurst Probus Club

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 the March meeting,

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.**



March Trivia

- March is named for the Roman god of war Mars.
- March is the first month of spring.
- Daylight savings begins in March.
- March is when animals wake up from hibernation.
- March 14th is 'International Pi Day'
- St Patrick's Day occurs on March 17th, commemorating the day St. Patrick died.
- The daffodil is the birth flower for March.
- March has two birthstones: aquamarine and bloodstone.
- The first telephone call was made in March, 1876 by Alexander Graham Bell.
- Monopoly was invented in March, 1933.
- The movie King Kong debuted in March, 1933.
- Coca-Cola was invented in March, 1886.
- The Girl Scouts were officially founded in March, 1912.
- Twitter was launched in March, 2006.

- International Women's Day takes place in March.

The brown buds thicken on the trees,
Unbound, the free streams sing,
As March leads forth across the leas
The wild and windy spring.

-Elizabeth Akers Allen (1832-1911)

FOR OUR CLUB

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FOR OUR NATIONAL BODY

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Born 1940 in Niagara Falls, N.Y. but introduced to Canada at 4 years of age when my family moved to Kapuskasing, Ontario for the opening of a Kimberly-Clark Kleenex Mill. My Primary and Secondary Education was in Kap and lived the lifestyle of hunting and hockey. Off to Hamilton to attend McMaster University and earn an Economics and Business Degree and subsequent Physical and Health Education Degree while playing Intercollegiate hockey for 4 years with McMaster Marlins. Also picked up something else at McMaster.....a wife Beverley, that was the smartest acquisition I ever made. Bev and I were married in the McMaster Chapel by one of my hockey teammates that had just been ordained.

Bev and I set off to Kenora, Ontario in 1962 where I was employed by the Kenora Board of Education in a number of capacities over a 34 year period.....teacher, Department Head, Athletic Director, Coach and Dean of Arts. During that time Bev and I raised 3 children – David, Debra and Kyle on beautiful Lake of the Woods who all went on to University and families of their own.

I retired in 1996 and we travelled extensively in Canada, United States and parts of Europe. We managed to visit all Canadian Provinces and all American States including Hawaii and Alaska. In retirement my health was good enough to stay active in tennis, golf, skiing, old timers hockey, baseball, squash, hunting and fishing. In 2014 we moved to be closer to our children and grandchildren in Southern Ontario and have thoroughly enjoyed our time in Bracebridge. A special 'Thank You' to Probus that allowed us to make new friends and participate in interesting activities.

I hope you have enjoy this month's newsletter!

Your newsletter editor,

Jan Davidson