



South Muskoka

Club No 119

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting:

When: Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Where: Bracebridge Sportsplex

Greeter

Attendance

Ticket Taker

John Penny

Shirley Gates

Ginny Medland

CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



We toured a historic home, built about 1820, which was the home of William Lyon Mackenzie. The guide stopped us in front of a grandfather clock. She told us that Mrs. Mackenzie was alone in the house and as she was heading for bed, she saw the horrifying spectacle of a rabid group of protesters with torches held high and she knew that they planned to set her house on fire because of Mackenzie's stance as a radical reformer for responsible governance in early Canada.

Terrified, Mrs. Mackenzie picked up the clock workings and fled into the night. Cooler heads prevailed and the house was not torched.

Our May speaker is Ryan Murrell, Chief of the Muskoka Lakes Fire Department.

Humans have enjoyed the blessing of a fire's warmth since time immemorial. But the flip side of the benefits is the danger and devastation fires can cause.

No matter how many safeguards we put in place to protect ourselves from the destruction of a fire, some other problem seems to arise.

At our May meeting, we will learn what these new issues are and the up-to-date do's and don'ts of fire protection.

You might even give thought to what you would save if you were facing the same predicament as Mrs. MacDonald.



Please remember to wear your 'name badge' to the meetings!

April Bio

May Speaker for Probus



Ryan Murrell, the Fire Chief and Community Emergency Management Coordinator for Muskoka Lakes, will join us in May. Ryan will talk about Lithium Ion Batteries. Learn all about Lithium Ion Batteries, their use, misuse and safety concerns.



Your Management Team Making Every Month Count

Membership News

Our April showers brought not just our May flowers but also our annual Probus renewal time! June 1st is the start of a new year for our club and we need your \$60 to keep on partying. That breaks down to \$5 a month - a wonderful deal for what we offer you. Our exceptional monthly speakers and entertainment more than fill the bill at this price. Our breakfast club, lunches, dinners, movie night and outings are there for all to enjoy.

So step right up and throw your dollars at me! You can pay by cheque (Probus Club of South Muskoka), E-transfer as directed in the newsletter, or good old cash. I have a mail box at my door (37 Westvale Dr., Bracebridge) or phone me and I'll pick it up at your place.

A final promo - We're Canadian and Tariff free!

Cheers,

Petie Thickett Membership Chair,

mzpt2th@gmail.com

705-637-0606

Care Bear News



Everyone in our club seems to be keeping well, which is good news all around.

Now that spring seems to have finally sprung, let's hope it remains that way, so we all can enjoy this well-deserved break from a harsh winter.

As always, please let me know of any member who would benefit from a card from all of us, and keep on keeping on!

Wendy Truscott wendytruscott@yahoo.com or 705 767-3420.

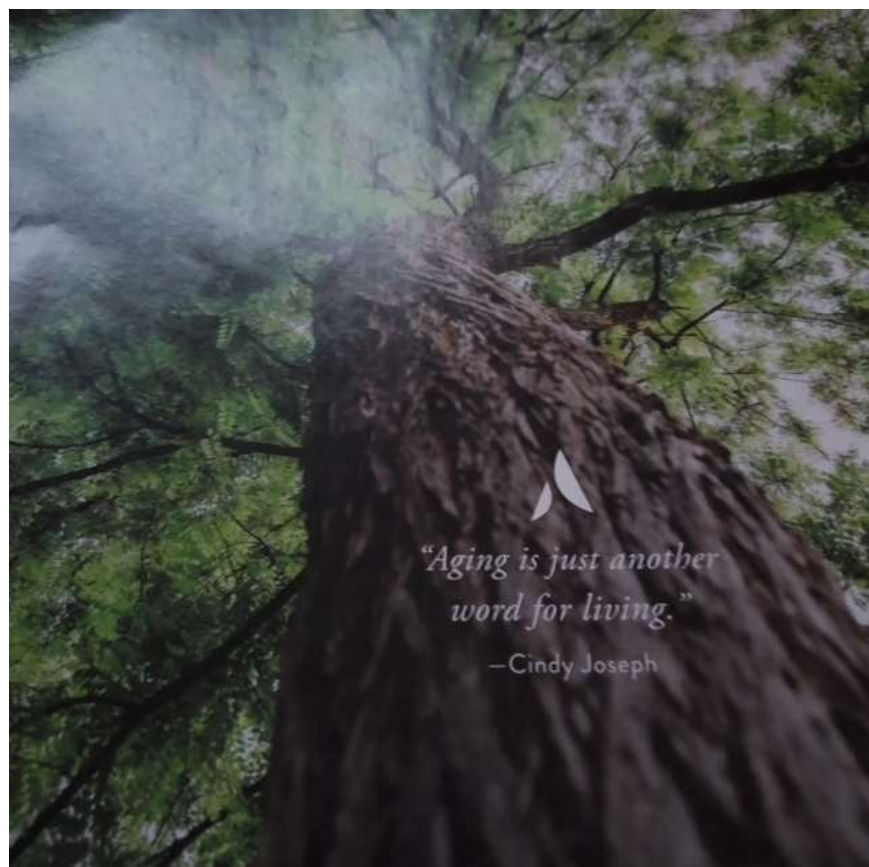
What a Team!

Barb Rigby shared her 'Member Moment' with John Penny's Assistance!



April Speaker Rob Keen!

Rob shared very interesting facts regarding Canadian forests. So much so that Rob will be joining us again soon!





Mini Golf and Lunch at Memories of Muskoka



The Probus Club of Central Muskoka has invited us to join them for a game of 'Mini Golf' at Northern Escapades followed by lunch at the "New", Memories of Muskoka – Blakes restaurant located right across the road from the mini golf.

Start time is 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 24th. Cost for Mini Golf is \$10.00 per person. Let's join in for some fellowship plus have FUN! Clubs & instructions all provided at Northern Escapades Mini Putt. Lunch is on you!!

Sign up at our General Meeting Wednesday May 7th with Jan Davidson – cash, cheque or etransfer to: probusclubofsouthmuskoka7@gmail.com.





The Probus Club of South Muskoka

July Picnic

Wednesday, July 2, 2025

Bracebridge Legion – 168 Muskoka Rd. S.

10:30 – 2:00

'2 Hearts Content'

(Back by Popular Demand)

Don and Jean Hills will entertain with a blend of new country, classic rock, pop and the blues!!



'Save The Date'

Menu and Cost per person

as well as the

Sign Up Sheet Will Be Available at June's General Meeting



A Woman's Love List

A comedy by Norm Foster

The Gravenhurst Op, 295 Muskoka South, Gravenhurst
(podium.picky.distraught)

Tues., July 22nd, 2:30 p.m.

\$34.50 p.p. (incl. taxes)

A side-splitting and thought-provoking comedy by Norm Foster. Two women concoct a list of the top ten best qualities in a mate, but when this ideal partner actually arrives, they quickly learn that their list could use a few revisions. Careful what you wish for—especially in choosing a mate!

Running time 2 hrs.

Sign up and **pay** at the May 7th meeting

Payment by cheque (PCSM) or eXfr (probusclubofsouthmuskoka7@gmail.com)

Contact Jan Sharman at janet.sharman@gmail.com for tickets.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

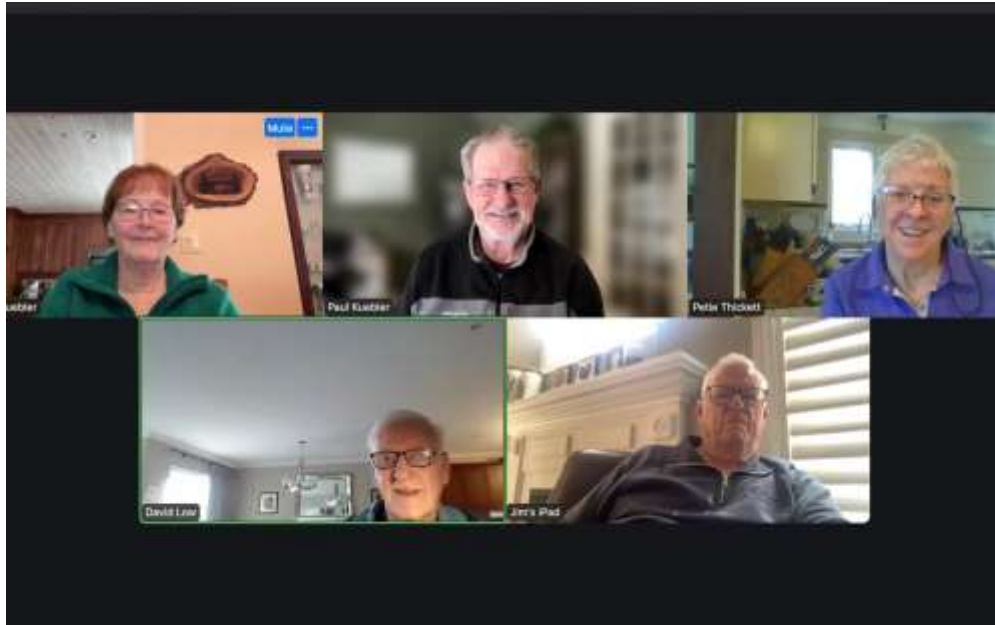
DYNAMIC DINERS – We are pretty much interested in dining and socializing. We do this on the third Thursday evening of this month at a nice restaurant we usually agree on during the previous month's dinner. Often we take advantage of the gathering to celebrate St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day etc. It 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, May 15th, 2025 is at Perfect Landing Bar & Grill (formerly Tailwinds) on Lac St. John and **Licensed Now!** beginning at 6:00 p.m.

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

South Muskoka Probus "Dynamic Diners"
Meet For Fellowship and Fine Food at Muskoka
Beach House on Sparrow Lake



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



Investments must be doing well! Look at those smiles!

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, May 22nd, 2025**. Please join us for dinner at Sengs Thai Restaurant (opposite the theatre) at 5:30 p.m. for dinner before the show or meet us 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. The next news and views will be on Monday, May 19th, 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 Touchstone Grill, on Wednesday, May 14th, 2025 at 12 noon. Contact John Vellinga @ jmvellinga@sympatico.ca or 705-637-0452.

Lost and Found

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It appears that someone took Eva Olsson's winter coat by mistake at the March general meeting and left behind a similar coat which is not Eva's. Is the coat in the photo yours? It is a plum coloured "George" brand, size large. Eva is not a large size, the colour is not the same and the pockets are different to Eva's coat. If you think you have Eva's coat please bring it to the May meeting and we'll make a trade.



FOR OUR CLUB

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FOR OUR NATIONAL BODY

<https://www.probus.org>

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Pat's Bio



I born in July of 1956 at East General Hospital in Toronto. I lived in Scarborough till I got married. Paul and I married in 1976 and have lived in many locales all over. We have lived in the west end of Toronto, Kitchener, Sarnia (twice), Guelph, Abbotsford BC, Ajax and now Port Sydney since 2014. We used to love driving through Muskoka on our way to a friend's cottage in the North Bay area. Now we get to live the dream! (except for the snow lol). I trained as a Registered Nurse at Ryerson before it was a University. I worked in many different types of settings as a Nurse - hospital, long term care, private at home nursing and Dr office. We have 7 grandchildren, 5 of our own and two step grandchildren. They range in age from 9 months to 16 years. Our one son works from home and lives in Orillia and our other son is a Muskoka Paramedic and lives in Bracebridge. I have been involved in quite a variety of volunteer work and Probus is one of nicest places I have volunteered. We have very friendly people in our group and I am happy to be a member!

Pat Kuebler



Mother's Day

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Because I feel that, in
the Heavens above,
The angels, whispering
to one another,
Can find, among their
burning terms of love,
None so devotional
as that of "Mother."
Therefore by that dear
name I long have called you.

—EDGAR ALLAN POE
"TO MY MOTHER"

"Mother o' Mine"

If I were hanged on the highest hill,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose love would follow me still,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
If I were drowned in the deepest sea,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
I know whose tears
would come down to me,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!
If I were damned of body and soul,
I know whose prayers
would make me whole,
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

RUDYARD KIPLING

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I struggle so deeply,
to understand,
how someone can,
pour their entire soul,
blood and energy,
into someone,
without wanting,
anything in, return.

—RUP KAIR
"I WILL HAVE TO WAIT
UNTIL I'M A MOTHER"

In Heartfelt Memory

In April fellow member Janice Hummel passed away suddenly. Many of you met Janice as your friendly ticket taker at our general meetings.

In honour of Janice, we promise to live, laugh and love, just as you did. Janice we hold onto the love you gave, the joy you brought, and the ways you made us smile.



I hope you have enjoyed this month's newsletter!

Your newsletter editor,

Jan Davidson