

Our first virtual meeting via Zoom June 3rd Gathering at 9:45AM Starting at 10:00AM

Following COVID-19 precautionary guidelines.

Bios and Passions: Join us for our virtual meeting June 3rd to see who surprises us.

Our June Virtual: Why Turtles?



Well for one, Turtles are an integral part of our local ecosystems, as everything is a balance in nature, remove one species and it impacts the others.

And for two, this is the time of year that Turtles are nesting, until the end of June.

Naturally if you decide to help any animal on a road, you need to ensure your own safety first. Take no risks.

Care Bear:

Lilian Livingston passed away peacefully as a result of a stroke Wednesday May 20 2020. Cremation has taken place and the celebration of life will be held at a later date.

Please remember that if you know of a member who might appreciate a word of encouragement, get well wishes, or a condolence message, contact

Cathy Collard 705 646-8848 or cathy_collard@live.ca

Dear South Muskoka PROBUS Members,

For our upcoming Virtual General Meeting on June 3rd, we offer some tips on making the most of this meeting. I expect some of you have already used ZOOM with Family or maybe some business or with the Investment Club.

It would be best to download the ZOOM program well before the meeting, in case you run into difficulties. You can find the download at zoom.us remember to download the correct version for you computer. ZOOM is free, with 40 minutes available. If you want more time, you have to purchase that service. For our meeting, we have paid the fee, so we can go as long as we like. We will be limiting the meeting to about 90 minutes.

In the coming days, you will receive a message from Ralph Webbe, inviting you to the ZOOM meeting. When you click on the link in that message, you will be (after a minute or two) placed into a "Waiting Room". This is to prevent a stranger from entering our meeting. Ralph will bring you into the meeting. That may take a minute or two, so be patient.

We plan on letting people join in at about 9:45, where depending on the number of people, you can socialize for a few minutes. Once you are in the meeting, please keep your microphone on mute, unless in a conversation. Background noise can be very distracting and disruptive.

Please turn-on your Video, so we can see you. If you are on a computer, you will see in the upper right corner "Gallery View", this is a nice function, as about 25 of our members will be seen per page. You can scroll through the pages of attendees, using an arrow on the right side of the screen.

At 10:00 we will start the actual meeting, with the National Anthem. We will follow the basic format for the meeting, as best we can.

Since we decided to run this during our May Management Committee Meeting, we may have a few hiccups, so bear with us.

If you run into problems downloading ZOOM or want to do a dry run, give one of your management members a call for assistance.

Best Regards and Stay Safe,

Your Management Committee

PRESIDENT's Message for June 2020,

Finally sitting in the Muskoka Room with the sun flowing in and it is getting too hot! No complaining allowed!

Well, I hope this Newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. One thing this "Stay at Home" order has done for our household, is to get a few lingering projects done. I expect we will likely have the best-looking property we have ever had, since there are no events to pull us from our tasks at home.

Of course, as with all of you, we miss getting together with family. Have not hugged our grownup children or grandchildren since February and that is tough. We have had "driveway visits" with our nearest Son and his family, as well as lots of FaceTime with our Son and his family, located in London, Ont.

Our Son who lives locally, is a Paramedic and had been living in a bunkie on his property for the past 6 weeks. Only having time with his family by "social distancing" outside, by a gas fireplace. That is tough as a Father and Partner. Luckily, they have recently been able to relax those measures, as the hospitals are quiet and there have been very few cases in our area. If cases start to rise, he will return to the bunkie and social distances with his children and partner. That is what it takes to be a Paramedic, or a Nurse or a Doctor... and that list of Frontline Workers goes on.

Now, I would like to touch on a couple of points with regard to physical and mental health. While I am no expert in either, I have observed some questionable practices with regard to contamination. I have observed people wearing a mask covering only their mouth, the nose being exposed above the mask. I watched a lady reach into her purse wearing surgical gloves that may have been contaminated, thus contaminating her purse. Then she disposed of the gloves and carried on, as if she were safe.

Protecting yourself with the right equipment, worn right and handled right, IS VERY TIME CONSUMING AND A BRAIN DRAIN. But, done right it may save your life or that of your partner. Think before you touch, "Is my hand contaminated? Is what I am touching possibly contaminated, to which the answer is, "Yes, possibly"

Regarding Mental Health, again, I am no expert, but I know from personal experience when you get down, the best thing you can do is talk to someone. That is why we have a team of callers on the phone, calling each of our members, to see how you are doing and do you need any help? And don't be worried about picking up the phone and calling someone to chat, you are likely making their day as well!

In closing, I wish each of you good health and good spirits as we move through these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,
Paul Kuebler, President
PROBUS Club of South Muskoka



The Probus Club of South Muskoka's Management Committee Needs You!!

We are looking for volunteers to join the management committee for 2020-2021. Your participation would be gratefully accepted!!

Positions to be filled include: Vice President, Newsletter, Social Outings Committee, Social Interests Chair. Meetings are usually held the second Tuesday each month beginning at 10:00 a.m. at James Street Place.

Please let Jan Davidson know if you can lend your club 'a year or two' of your input, talents and participation!! You can reach Jan at davdsn@xplornet.ca or 705-385-8774.

Membership



Good news fellow members. Our executive has agreed that the money we are saving by not being able to run monthly meetings should cover our other expenses for this year. As a result, you will not be getting a friendly call from me asking for your renewal money! There is still a \$30 initiation fee for any new member during this interval. Enjoy!!!

Petie Thickett Membership Chair

Social Outings

Hope everyone is keeping positive in these trying times.

My two years are up and the management team is looking for a new chair. Please consider the position and call Jan Davidson. You meet and communicate with wonderful people. Discover events around the area that you normally wouldn't know.

Members are always willing to share new info. We join other clubs for some of the activities. It will be a committee as it involves too many hours for one person. At this time we have one person who will look into plays, another member has accepted to write up the posters. We need one or two more people to help. One to chair - be the liaison and send info to Ralph for the Newsletter.; announce the upcoming events at our meeting and organize the sign up sheets and with the help of another person to look into different events we can offer to the club.

As stated in previous Newsletter, all Social Outings have been cancelled and each member that had signed up for an event should have received their refund cheque. If not, please contact Ralph Webbe.

The Algonquin Theatre, in Huntsville have scheduled the Sister Act for September . Brian Garvey has blocked 18 seats for September 20,2020 at 2pm. More info will be given on this play at a later date. These seats were booked so that we wouldn't loose them. As we receive more info from Premier Ford, then a decision will be made as whether to cancel or make it an event.

Please wear your name badge at all events. Thank you for participating!!!!

Ghislaine Laferriere Social Outings Chair

Special Interest Groups

Event & Place	Date & Time	Coordinator
Armchair Travel James St Retirement Residence	Due to the COVID 19 Virus most Special Interest Groups are cancelled for June, July and Aug. Hopefully we can start up again in Sept.	Ted Daglish 705-765-0330 daglish@muskoka.com
Computer Group 503 - 10A Kimberley Ave		Ralph Webbe 705-788-1254 ralphwebbe@gmail.com
Crafters Circle 34 Meadow Heights Dr		Shirley Stafford 705 646-8949 sisathome@outlook.com
Dine & Unwind		Margaret McLaren 705-645-1015 mpmclaren@sympatico.ca
Dynamic Diners		John Vellinga 705-644-4453 jmvellinga@sympatico.ca
Film Buff Group		Kevin McAllindon 705-684-8456 kmcallindon1@cogeco.ca
Friendly Foodies		Marg Vellinga 705 637 0452 jmvellinga@sympatico.ca
History and Current Affairs Nicks Restaurant		Paul Kuebler 416 560-1802 paulkueber@icloud.com
Hooked on Books - Nick's Restaurant		New Coordinator needed
Investment Club James St. Retirement Residence	MEETING ON ZOOM	David Low 705-646-8798 djlow@vianet.ca
Movie Night - Norwood Theatre Your Movie Choice		Jan Sharman 705 646-1398 janet.sharman@gmail.com
New & Views Nick's Restaurant		Barb Rigby 705-646-2150 brigby@outlook.com
Probus Games South Muskoka Curling Club		Don & Mildred Edwards 705-646-0013 donmil@sympatico.ca
Strolling Club		Coordinator needed

For more information look up our web sites

https://sites.google.com/site/smprobus/ for our club and www.probus.org for our national body

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Front row(Left to Right): Cathy Collard, Petie Thickett, Ralph Webbe, Ghislaine Laferriere, Jan Davidson, Bev Hyatt, Ginny Medland, Pat Kuebler, Paul Kuebler Back row(Left to Right) Doug Harris, Christine Wilde