



South Muskoka
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September Monthly Newsletter

Please note change in Start Time
Sept 1st, 2021

10:15 AM Social time

10:30 AM Meeting starts

12:00 PM Social time

Following COVID-19 precautionary guidelines.

BIO – MAGGIE VELLINGA



September's 'Bio and Passions' will feature
Member Maggie Vellinga speaking about her
'Life as an Airforce Pilot's Wife!'



September Speaker

John Vellinga



For our September meeting, we will be entertained with a double-header by the "Flying Vellingas", AKA Maggie and John.

Maggie will start us off with her bio about the ups and downs of life as the wife of an Airforce pilot.

Then John will take on the job as our main presenter with more stories about interesting and unforgettable passengers he has met in his years as an Air Canada pilot. In our July meeting, he tweaked our interest with stories of a few of his famous/infamous encounters and we begged for more!

So, fasten your seat belts and come fly with us on Wednesday, September 1, at 10:30 for some wonderful storytelling.

If you have any suggestions for speakers, please contact Pat Kuebler at 705-571-6608 or email at kueblerpat@gmail.com



President's Message

I read that summer should be given a 'speeding ticket' and how true is that!! It's hard to believe September is just around the corner. In a positive note, it also means a new probus season of great bios, speakers, and most of all fellowship is ahead for our club. Admittedly via ZOOM but we are really anticipating that meeting again at the Sportsplex will be a reality for us this year as well! In the meantime, your management team is dedicated to working behind the scenes and is already looking at a couple of outings that, while adhering to provincial Covid guidelines, will allow opportunities to get together in small groups face to face in real time!! We will be monitoring the Provincial Covid 19 guidelines and as they continue to evolve so will we as a club. In the meantime, we are looking for a 'member' or a 'couple' to come forward and join us on the management team as vice president and also a member as special interest chair. Each position requires only 3 or 4 hours a month of your time and you have a whole team alongside of you to help with any questions. Please give it some serious thought and if interested please contact any of us on the management team. I now invite you to sit back and enjoy our newsletter for this month. Thanks so much, Jan



Membership News

**We are welcoming a new member to our club this month!
Please add her name to your list:**

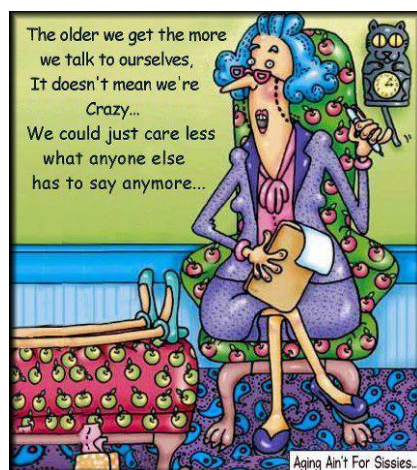
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laj@vianet.ca**

**Please send me any changes to your information so I can keep our
membership list updated.**



**Petie Thickett
Membership Chair
705-637-0606
mzpt2th@gmail.com**

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BIO'S AND PASSIONS NEED YOU!!!!!!!!!!

Everyone has one!! We would love to hear yours! Whether it was a memorable moment growing up, a job, a family outing, a vacation, an unusual experience, a special interest...the list goes on and on!! We are looking for members who would share 10 minutes of their time at our general meetings (whether by ZOOM or eventually in person) and let us in on one of your best kept secrets!! We are now booking for October thru to June. Please contact Jan Davidson at 705-385-8774 or by email at davdsn@xplornet.ca. She will be waiting to 'schedule' you in!!



We do love our volunteers and we would really love for one of our members to join us in the role of vice president for this next year!! Not only do you get to socialize at the general meetings you also get to socialize and enjoy great fellowship with teammates at the management committee meetings. After the last 18 months of Covid who wouldn't want the chance to be out and see friends more! Please contact Jan Davidson at 705-385-8774 or

davdsn@xplornet.ca and let her know you can't wait to join us!!



For more information look up our websites

<https://sites.google.com/site/smprobus/> for our club
<http://www.probus.org/> for our national body
Mailing address is 66 Clarke Cres. Port Sydney P0B 1L0

Management Team 2020 – 2021

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WEBSITE UPDATE

Our Google classic website has been revised to the new Google website format. It works best using Google Chrome browser.

Other browsers were tested, Firefox and Microsoft Edge.

Link to website

<https://sites.google.com/site/smprobus>

Special Interest Groups

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** - We meet on the fourth Wednesday of the month from 10:00 to 11:30 am in the Theatre Room at James Street Place. Armchair Travel is for those who are looking for their next destination, reliving a place they have seen or just enjoying seeing other places from the comfort of their armchair. You do not need to be a member of Armchair Travel. If a particular destination interests you or you have a trip you'd like to present, come on out.

Contact Ted Daglish daglish@muskoka.com or 705-765-0330

COMPUTER CLASS: **NEED HELP?** with Email, Microsoft Word, Excel, Photos, Internet or Zoom? Bring your questions September 15th at 11 am (every third Wed), to Ralph Webbe's Computer Question and Answer Class. The class is held over Zoom, so Contact Ralph for a link to the Class. ralphwebbe@gmail.com

DINE AND UNWIND: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** - We are a group of eight who have been meeting to dine (and unwind) for over 10 years. It is an organized potluck with each person assigned a part of the meal and hosting rotated among the members. We usually meet the second Wednesday.

Contact Margaret McLaren @ 705-645-1015 or mpmclaren@sympatico.ca

DYNAMIC DINERS: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** – We are interested in dining and socializing the third Thursday evening of every month at a nice restaurant we agree on.

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

Special Interest Groups (con't)

FILM BUFF GROUP: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** – Maximum of 10 people meet on the 4th Thursday of the month to share a movie watching experience. Host provides light refreshments and a film.

Contact Kevin McAllindon @ 705-684-8456 or kmcallindon1@cogeco.ca

FRIENDLY FOODIES: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** – We meet for lunch on the fourth Thursday of the month at 12 noon at a nice restaurant agreed on the previous month.

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

HIKING CLUB: **NEW, STARTING SOON** - For those who like to hike.

Contact Paul Kuebler @ 416-560-1802 or paulkuebler@icloud.com

HOOKED ON BOOKS: **ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS** - We tentatively meet on the 3rd Friday of the month at Nick's Restaurant at 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

Contact **VACANT, New Coordinator Needed**

INVESTMENT CLUB: Need something to do while at Home? Want to understand more about your Investments? Coordinators Dave Low and Joe Ursano welcome you to join the Investment Club on September 13th at 10 am over ZOOM. Contact Dave Low for more information djlow@vianet.ca

Special Interest Groups (con't)

MOVIE NIGHT: MOVIE NIGHT IS BACK!! – On the 4th Wednesday of the month starting Sept. 22nd. (Movie time is subject to change.) We meet 15 mins. prior to start time. Join Jan & Ed at the Box Office of the Norwood Cinema at 7:15 p.m. *to choose your movie & purchase your ticket. Note: We usually go to dinner at a local restaurant before the movie so please rsvp if you'd like to join us.

Contact Jan Sharman @ 705-646-1398 or janet.sharman@gmail.com

NEWS AND VIEWS: ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS – We meet on the 3rd Monday of the month at 9:30 am at Nick's Restaurant.

Contact Barb Rigby @ 705-646-2150 or brigby@outlook.com

PROBUS GAMES: ON HOLD UNTIL COVID 19 ENDS – For people who like to play cards, we meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at South Muskoka Golf and Curling Club from noon to 3:00 pm.

Contact Don & Mildred Edwards @ 705-646-0013 or donmil@sympatico.ca

PLEASE NOTE THAT 'HOOKED ON BOOKS' REQUIRES A NEW CHAIR!



THE PROBUS CLUB OF SOUTH MUSKOKA
invites you to a
Fall Colour Tour of Algonquin Park w. Lunch



Tuesday, October 5, 2021
Cost: \$99.00 p.p. (includes Lunch and taxes)

To sign up, please email janet.sharman@gmail.com!!

Then either send a cheque to:
Muskoka Travel Service, P.O. Box 569, 450 Ecclestone Dr., Bracebridge, P1L 1T8 or
call Sherri 705-645-2583 with a credit card. (Don't forget to tell us which pickup point you want to use!!!)

Schedule:

9:00 a.m. pickup: Gravenhurst Canadian Tire
9:20 a.m. pickup: Bracebridge Walmart
9:50 a.m. pickup: Huntsville Walmart (nr. Garden Centre)
12:00 p.m. Served lunch @ Wilmo Tavern (choice of entree)
2:30 p.m. Depart park for home w. photo stops

Note: All Covid precautions will be observed (see Hammond's flyer)



At Hammond Transportation we are making our
Clean & Green Commitment
to protect Our Passengers, Our People and Our Environment.
Please review Our Commitment to see the steps that we are taking
to provide safe transportation to you and your group.

July 22, 2020



PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

Wearing a mask or face covering will be mandatory onboard our vehicles.

In accordance with our Health and Safety protocol, we will provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for our driver to use when transporting you; to our staff when cleaning your vehicle; and to other employees who you may interact with. Many of our vehicles have Driver Protective Shields in place for safety while boarding and en route.



PHYSICAL DISTANCING: To the extent possible, physical distancing measures should be implemented on board our vehicles. Our staff can provide suggestions for seating arrangements which maximize physical distancing on board while ensuring your comfort. Physical distancing practices may reduce the loading capacity of our vehicles so please ensure you understand how this may impact your trip. To ensure physical distancing our drivers may not provide the usual assistance when boarding or handling luggage.



VEHICLE PREPARATION: Prior to your trip our vehicles will be cleaned and disinfected using Health Canada approved disinfectants and products. This cleaning will be performed in accordance with Motor Coach Canada and Hammond Transportation cleaning protocols. Hand sanitizer dispensers are on board all of our vehicles. **ADDITIONAL CLEANING:** When possible when stopped along your journey, high touch surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized using Health Canada approved disinfectants and products.



ENVIRONMENT: Motorcoaches are on the cutting-edge of Earth-friendly technology. EPA compliant engines and ultra-low sulfur diesel fuel help reduce greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions. Our motorcoaches are outfitted with technology that cleans exhaust, leaving virtually zero emissions. Hammond Transportation is a leader in green auto-propane use in Ontario propane powered vehicles reduce greenhouse gas emissions and provide a cleaner and quieter riding environment for passengers.



All passengers will be required to wear a face-covering or non-medical mask when boarding or disembarking the motor coach or walking through the aisle (it is strongly encouraged to continue wearing the mask while seated).

Passengers should not change seats throughout the trip and washroom use onboard coaches is restricted to emergency use only. While hand sanitizer dispensers have been placed in our vehicles, we recommend that passengers frequently wash or sanitize their hands, and avoid touching their eyes, nose and mouth. Passengers who are sick, who have been exposed to someone who is sick or have a temperature should not travel. Passengers who have been out of the country within the past 14 days must notify our staff prior to boarding. Children under the age of two and people with difficulty breathing unrelated to COVID-19 should not use face coverings or non-medical masks. Group Leaders are to ensure that all passengers understand the minimum precautionary steps required while passengers are traveling and are responsible for implementing these guidelines.

We understand that everyone has their own comfort level around Covid-19. However, the responsibility to protect everyone participating in your trip requires your involvement and we ask that you understand your role, and that you respect our procedures even if you disagree with them. If you want more assuredness of your safety, please talk to us and we will try to accommodate you.

The Social Corner upcoming events

- **Tues. Oct. 5th** Fall Colour Tour in Algonquin Park w. Lunch (see att. flyer)
 - **tba Halloween** Lunch party & Fun with Halloween Quiz, Costumes & Prize
 - **Wed. Dec. 1st** Annual Christmas Lunch – (following Dec. Meeting), South Muskoka Golf & Curling Club. Join your Probus friends for a social time at our traditional Christmas lunch w. entertainment
 - **Wed. Sept. 22nd Movie Night is back!** Please rsvp Jan Sharman (janet.sharman@gmail.com) if you'd like to join Jan & Ed at the movies. Meet at the Norwood Cinema Box Office at 7:15 p.m. to choose a movie. (We usually go for dinner before the show at a local restaurant – Jan or Ed can advise where.)
 - **Please note that the Norwood has taken every care to keep patrons safe with enhanced Covid protocols in place.**
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NEW PAYMENT SERVICE

How to interact e-transfer

1. go to your online banking account and sign in
2. go to interact e-transfer
 - 2.1 add to contacts
Name: probus club of south muskoka
Email: probusclubofsouthmuskoka7@gmail.com
please note the 7 after the clubs name
3. go to interact e-transfer
 - 3.1 select contact to send to probus club of south muskoka
 - 3.2 enter amount
 - 3.3 enter security question: the colour of grass
 - 3.4 enter answer: green
 - 3.5 enter message: "reason you are sending money"
 - 3.6 then confirm
4. you will receive an email confirming the receipt of your transaction.

CARE BEAR



Please remember that if you know of a member who might appreciate a kind word of encouragement, get well wishes, or a condolence message, please let me know. I will send out a card from our Probus Club of South Muskoka that might just help lift the spirit of our fellow member. Please contact me if you know of a member who could use a special 'hug' from all of us.

GINNY MEDLAND 705-385-8774 or
vamedland@hotmail.com



In these isolating times we need more than ever to look out for one another!



High school reunion

Have you ever been guilty of looking at someone your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?" You'll love this one.

My name is Alice Smith and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma, which showed his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name who had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could this be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then?

Upon seeing him,

however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate.

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. Yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he beamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "In 1959. Why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely. Then, that ugly, old, bald wrinkled, fat, gray, decrepit son-of-a-gun asked, "What did you teach?"

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The Digital World ??!!

I had spent an hour in the bank with my dad, as he had to transfer some money. I couldn't resist myself & asked...

"Dad, why don't we activate your internet banking?"

"Why would I do that?" he asked . . .

"Well, then you won't have to spend an hour here for things like transfers.

You can even do your shopping online. Everything will be so easy!"

I was so excited about initiating him into the world of Net banking.

He asked: "If I do that, I won't have to step out of the house??"

"Yes, yes"! I said. I told him how even groceries can be delivered at the door now, and how Amazon delivers everything!

His answer left me tongue-tied.

He said: "Since I entered this bank today, I have met four of my friends, I have chatted a while with the staff who know me very well by now.

You know, I am alone . . . this is the company that I need. I like to get ready and come to the bank or neighborhood store. I have enough time; it is the physical touch that I crave.

Would I have that 'human' touch if everything became online?

Why would I want everything delivered to me and force me to interact with just my computer?

I like to know the person that I'm dealing with and not just the 'seller'. It creates bonds of relationships.

Does Amazon deliver all this? ""

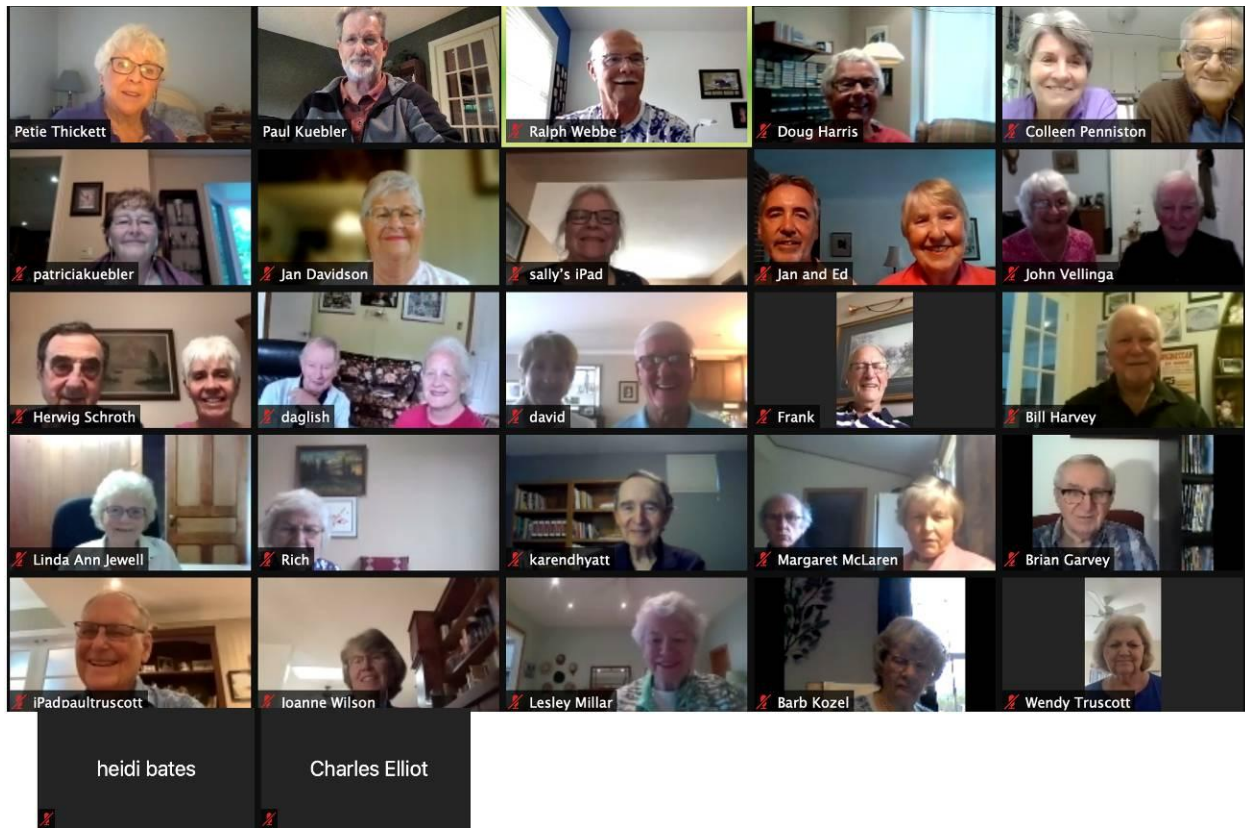
COMPUTER CLUB Aug. 18th



SEPTEMBER 12TH



General Meeting/AGM Aug 4th



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If drinks could talk:

Coffee – You can do that!

Wine – You don't have to do this!

Tequila – Holly Shit!! Did you really just do that?!!!

• Offering ZOOM to all members of South Muskoka

Our Probus Club has a ZOOM account that allows an unlimited number of meetings with no time limit. Only one meeting at a time can occur, but you can have multiple meetings within a day.

The account is currently used for the General Meetings, Management Committee meetings, the Special Interest Groups (Investment Club, etc.) and the Computer Club.

The Management Committee would like to offer to all members the ability to use our ZOOM account for PROBUS members to gather as they wish. Date and time are flexible, as long as that timing does not conflict with the above-mentioned activities or other previously booked gatherings.

For more information, please contact Paul Kuebler paulkuebler@icloud.com or Ralph Webbe ralphwebbe@gmail.com.

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INVESTMENT CLUB AUG 9th



AT LEAST JOE'S PORTFOLIO IS GOING IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION

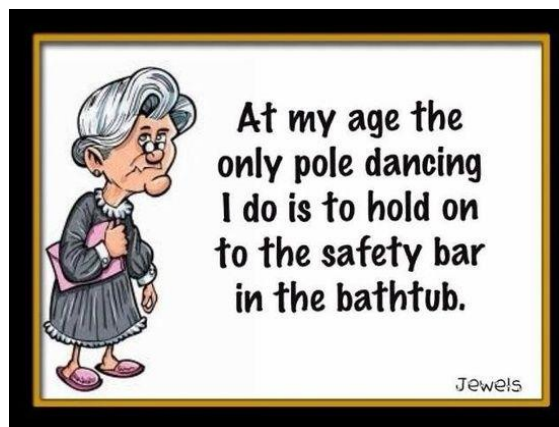
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Management Committee Meeting Aug 10th



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"There once was a woman who woke up one morning, looked in the mirror, and noticed she had only three hairs on her head. "Well," she said, "I think I'll braid my hair today." So she did and she had a wonderful day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and saw that she had only two hairs on her head. "Hm...mm..," she said, "I think I'll part my hair down the middle today." So she did and she had a grand day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that she had only one hair on her head. "Well," she said, "Today I'm going to wear my hair in a pony tail." So she did, and she had a fun, fun day.

The next day she woke up, looked in the mirror and noticed that there wasn't a single hair on her head. "YAY!" she exclaimed. "I don't have to fix my hair today!"

~Author Unknown

Attitude is everything.

Be kinder than necessary, for everyone you meet is fighting some kind of battle. Live simply, Love generously, Care deeply, Speak kindly. Be Grateful!

Editor's Report

I have been told that September is '**Fair Month**' for our Probus group. Normally, the Chairs for the Special Interest Groups would set-up tables marketing what their group offers to the membership. This was carried out at the Sportsplex. Due to COVID 19 this is not possible this year. BUT we are trying to find ways to get our groups up and running in a safe manner. Hopefully everyone has noticed that '**MOVIE NIGHT**' is back. Rumour has it that other Special Interest Groups are thinking of doing the same!! Fingers crossed. If you have a message you would like to send out to your group and others, please contact me and I will make sure the message is in our next newsletter.

I hope you enjoyed this month's newsletter. I would like to hear from you with new ideas for our newsletter. If you have a story, a joke, a picture from an outing or your Special Interest Group you would like to share for next month's newsletter please send it to me at chmp49@gmail.com

Colleen

