



Next General Meeting

Apr. 6th, 2022

10:15 AM Social time

10:30 AM Meeting starts

12:00 PM Social time

This is a Zoom meeting, following COVID-19 precautionary guidelines.



Bios and Passions April

"Life by Herwig Schroth".

Herwig will be talking about his early life in Europe, particularly Austria and his trials during that period.

April Speaker presented by **Oliver Kimek – Electric Cars**



Oliver is a graduate of McMaster University where he studied Natural Science, Philosophy, Theology, and Ethics. He retired from McMaster as Research Ethics Officer for the Faculty of Health Sciences. He now lives in Huntsville, where he is always looking for ways to help others adopt a more climate friendly lifestyle.

On April 6, Oliver will join us to address common questions people have about owning and driving electric vehicles.

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

MAY – AstroGeo by Chris Vaughn

JUNE – Behind the Scenes in Stratford

UPCOMING BIOS

MAY – Historic Properties by Susan Daglish

JUNE – Race cars and Photography by Ralph Webbe

Please join us on Zoom for these very informative and interesting talks.



President's Message

"Weatherwise, April is known as being warm and chilly, windy and still, lovely and not-so-charming. Spring teases. We pull out sandals and expect to wear them till autumn. But spring has a fickle side and chuckles fiendishly with a forecast of blustery with a chance of rain or snow".

Deborah Flora

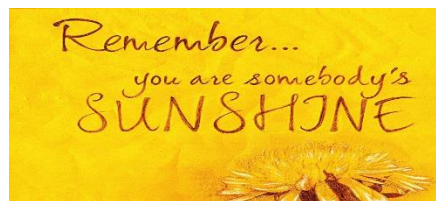
April weather sounds just a little bit like what living with Covid 19 has been like the last two years. Two steps forward and one step back. With provincial guidelines slowly easing restrictions on vaccine mandates and eventually masks, dare we hope to engage in a level of normalcy we once took for granted?

Your Probus club is taking a respectfully positive approach to putting real-time 'social' back into our club. This month we are hosting a Spring Lunch at Patterson Kaye Lodge. A celebration of the 'Queen's Jubilee' is in the works for June. Annie Williams Park has been reserved for our July picnic and Patterson Kaye Lodge has been reserved for our AGM in August. In September we are looking forward to resuming our in-person general meetings, the first Wednesday of each month, at the Sportsplex.

I hope you enjoy this month's newsletter and as poet Thomas Tusser wrote in 1557

"Sweet April showers, do spring May flowers"

Jan Davidson



Membership News April 2022

Time for me to become the money collector once again as we hope to start gradually reopening our events including our monthly meeting at the Sportsplex. We've survived for 2 years on our piggybank contents because our costs were low but now, we need to rebuild our operating account.

Our fiscal year begins June 1, 2022. At our last management meeting, we agreed to keep the same membership fee of \$45 per year. What has changed since Covid is how to get your money to me as we need it by May 31 to ensure your membership. You have 4 choices in how to send your money:

- 1) Use our E-transfer method as explained in the newsletter. Open your online bank account and click on e-transfer. For the address probusclubofsouthmuskoka7@gmail.com - note the "7" in the address. Under message, let Ralph know it's for your membership.
- 2) Mail a cheque made out to Probus Club of South Muskoka and send it to me at:

Petie Thickett
37 Westvale Dr.
Bracebridge, Ont.,
P1L 1B5

- 3) Drop it in my mailbox at my door at the above address.
- 4) Call me at 705-637-0606 and I'll pick it up at an agreed time. I love any excuse to get out of the house!

Don't put off until tomorrow what we need today!!!!

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

BIOS AND PASSIONS

What's your bio or passion? What did you do before you retired? Maybe a favourite vacation! A craft or hobby you like to do. Which celebrity did you meet? You get the idea! If you can give us 10 to 15 minutes of your time at the general meetings, please contact our vice president John Mitchell at 705-645-7434 or email John at john.barb40@yahoo.com. He would love to hear from you!



***PLEASE NOTE THAT 'SPECIAL INTEREST' REQUIRES A NEW CHAIR AND
'HOOKED ON BOOKS' REQUIRES A NEW COORDINATOR!***



For information look up our websites

FOR OUR CLUB

smprobust.ca

FOR OUR NATIONAL BODY

<https://www.probus.org>

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Ukrainian Easter eggs



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 daqlish@muskoka.com or 705-765-0330

COMPUTER CLASS: **NEED HELP?** with Email, Microsoft Word, Excel, Photos, Internet or Zoom? Bring your questions April 20th 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 April 11th at 10 am over ZOOM. Contact Dave Low for more information djlow@vianet.ca

Special Interest Groups (con't)

MOVIE NIGHT: On the 4th Wednesday of the month, Apr 20th. Movie starts at 7:15 p.m. We meet 15 mins. prior to start time. Join Jan & Ed at the Box Office of the Norwood Cinema at 7:00 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



Social is B-A-C-K!!
so come out & socialize with your Probus friends
Probus Club of South Muskoka
“Welcome Spring” Lunch



Tuesday, April 26th, 2022
12:00 p.m. (bar is open)

Patterson-Kaye Lodge
(1360 Golden Beach Rd., Bracebridge)
\$36.50 per person incl. HST, Gratuity & Prizes

Your Choice of:

**Ham & Cheese OR Vegetarian Quiche, green salad with
in-house vinaigrette dressing (gluten free by request)**

And:

**An assortment of Fruit Pies for dessert
Coffee or Tea**

Important! Please sign up with Jan & Ed by emailing janet.sharman@gmail.com
(number of tickets, guest names and menu choices) then pay by eTransfer as
follows:

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

Note: All attendees must be fully vaccinated. All PK Lodge staff are fully
vaccinated

The Social Corner Upcoming Events

Welcome Spring! Lunch: **Tues. April 26th, Patterson-Kaye Lodge, \$36.50**

Sunday June 5th, 3:30 p.m. **Queen's Jubilee High Tea Celebration, South Muskoka
Curling & Golf Club \$40 p.p.**



IMPORTANT NOTICE

As of March 21, 2022, proof of vaccination and general masking requirements are lifted including in restaurants and stores. With key public health and health system indicators continuing to remain stable or improve, Ontario is cautiously and gradually easing public health safety measures with all remaining measures, directives and orders to end by April 27, 2022. Please refer to 'covid-19.ontario.ca' to read the latest public health measures, advice and restrictions.

CHUCKLES



I need attention.....



Can someone get that fly.....

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 club's 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.

METHOD OF PAYMENT BY CHEQUE OR E-TRANSFER.

CHUCKLES



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

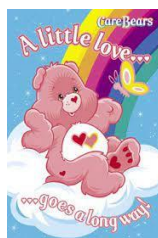


In these isolating times we need more than ever to look out for one another!



Care Bear News

During the month of March one card has been sent. A sympathy card has been sent to Christine Wilde in memory of her father.



OKAY!
Light The
candles!



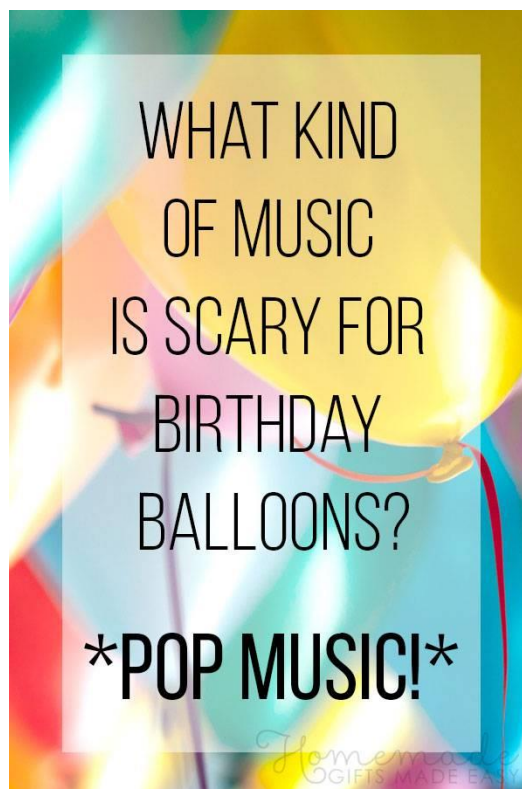
THE BIRTHDAY CORNER

To all those celebrating a birthday in April,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND HAVE AN AWESOME DAY!!

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**Growing old is
hard work...
The mind says
"yes" but, the
body says "what
the hell are you
thinking"**



DOO WOP TEST – REMEMBER WHEN - SO MUCH FUN !!!

1. When did "Little Suzie" finally wake up?

- (a) The movie's over, it's 2 o'clock**
- (b) The movie's over, it's 3 o'clock**
- (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock**

2. "Rock Around The Clock" was used in what movie?

- (a) Rebel Without A Cause**
- (b) Blackboard Jungle**
- (c) The Wild Ones**

3. What's missing from a Rock & Roll standpoint? Earth _____

- (a) Angel**
- (b) Mother**
- (c) Worm**

4. "I found my thrill . . ." where?

- (a) Kansas City**
- (b) Heartbreak Hotel**
- (c) Blueberry Hill**

5. "Please turn on your magic beam, _____ bring me a dream,":

- (a) Mr. Sandman**
- (b) Earth Angel**
- (c) Dream Lover**

6. For which label did Elvis Presley first record?

- (a) Atlantic**
- (b) RCA**
- (c) Sun**

7. He asked, "Why's everybody always pickin' on me?" Who was he?

- (a) Bad, Bad Leroy Brown**
- (b) Charlie Brown**
- (c) Buster Brown**

8. In Bobby Darin's "Mack The Knife," the one with the knife, was named:

- (a) MacHeath**
- (b) MacCloud**
- (c) MacNamara**

9 Name the song with "A-wop bop a-loo bop a-lop bam boom."

- (a) Good Golly, Miss Molly
- (b) Be-Bop-A-Lula
- (c) Tutti Frutti

10. Who is generally given credit for originating the term "Rock And Roll"?

- (a) Dick Clark
- (b) Wolfman Jack
- (c) Alan Freed

11. In 1957, he left the music business to become a preacher:

- (a) Little Richard
- (b) Frankie Lymon
- (c) Tony Orlando

12. Paul Anka's "Puppy Love" is written to what star?

- (a) Brenda Lee
- (b) Connie Francis
- (c) Annette Funicello

13. The Everly Brothers were . . .

- (a) Pete and Dick
- (b) Don and Phil
- (c) Bob and Bill

14. The Big Bopper's real name was:

- (a) Jiles P. Richardson
- (b) Roy Harold Scherer Jr.
- (c) Marion Michael Morrison

15. In 1959, Berry Gordy, Jr., started a small record company called...

- (a) Decca
- (b) Cameo
- (c) Motown

Answers on page 25 (2nd to last page)



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.

CHUCKLES

They had only one job to do....



I Never Knew That ... (uncollaborated)

A SHOT OF WHISKEY

In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

THE WHOLE NINE YARDS

American fighter planes in WW2 had machine guns that were fed by a belt of cartridges. The average plane held belts that were 27 feet (9 yards) long. If the pilot used up all his ammo he was said to have given it the whole nine yards.

BUYING THE FARM

This is synonymous with dying. During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT

This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

PASSING THE BUCK / THE BUCK STOPS HERE

Most men in the early west carried a jack knife made by the Buck knife company. When playing poker it was common to place one of these Buck knives in front of the dealer so that everyone knew who he was. When it was time for a new dealer the deck of cards and the knife were given to the new dealer. If this person didn't want to deal he would "pass the buck" to the next player. If that player accepted, then "the buck stopped there."

RIFF RAFF

The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap. The steering oar on the rafts was called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raff, meaning low class.

COBWEB

The Old English word for "spider" was "cob."

MORE NEXT MONTH

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MAR. 2ND



CHUCKLES

A sweet grandmother telephoned St. Joseph's Hospital. She timidly asked, "Is it possible to speak to someone who can tell me how a patient is doing?" The operator said, "I'll be glad to help, dear. What's the name and room number of the patient?"

The grandmother in her weak, tremulous voice said, Norma Findlay, Room 302." The operator replied, "Let me put you on hold while I check with the nurse's station for that room."

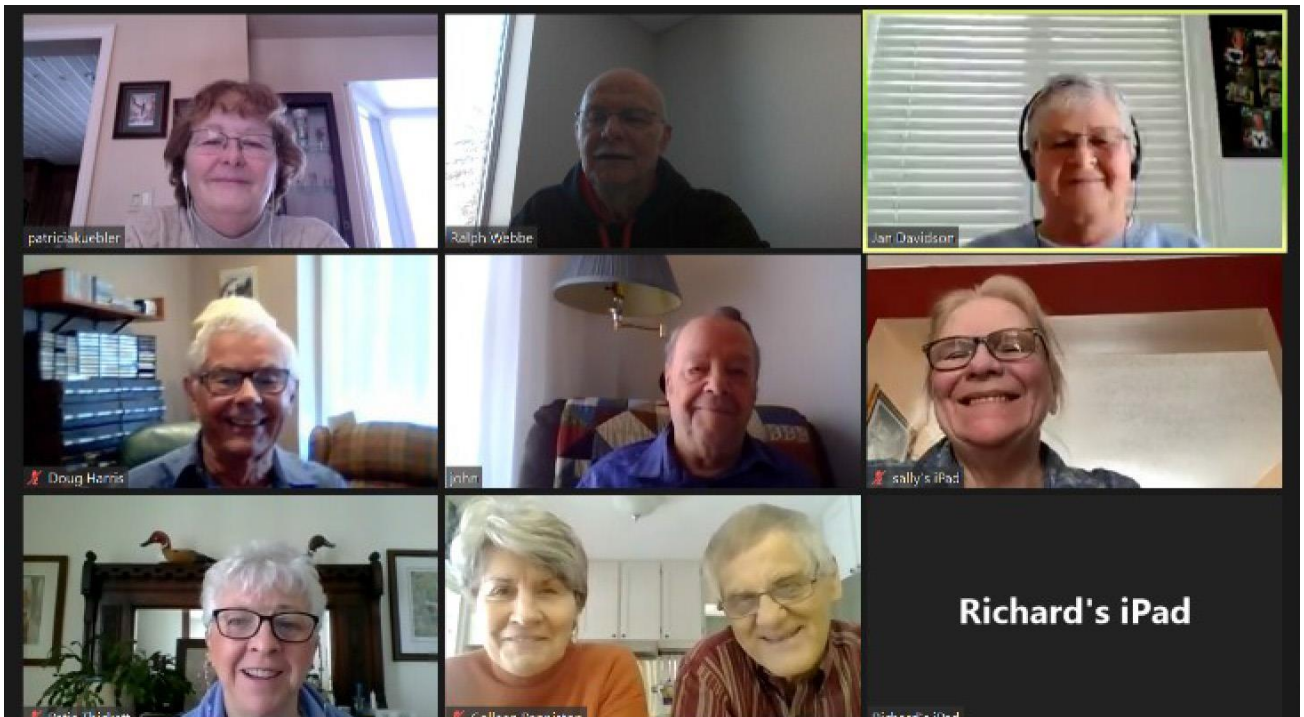
After a few minutes, the operator returned to the phone and said, "I have good news. Her nurse just told me that Norma is doing well. Her blood pressure is fine; her blood work just came back normal and her Physician, Dr. Cohen, has scheduled her to be discharged tomorrow."

The grandmother said, "Thank you. That's wonderful. I was so worried. God bless you for the good News."

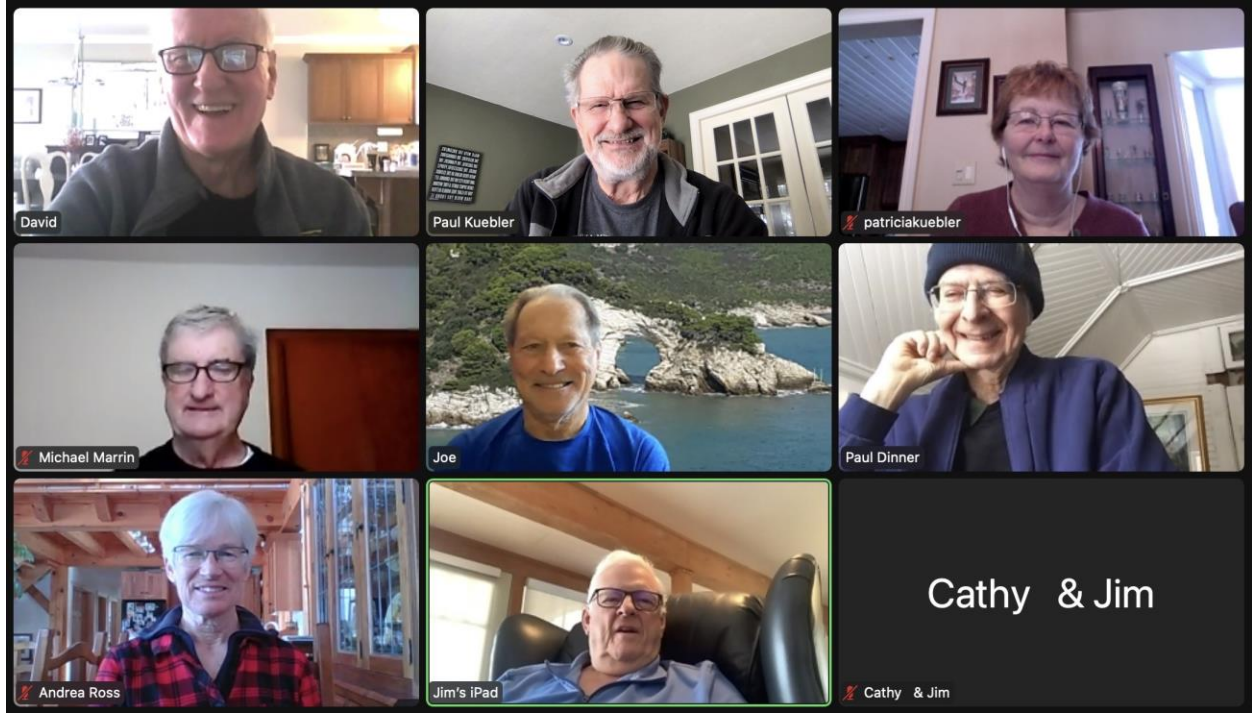
The operator replied, "You're more than welcome. Is Norma your daughter?"

The grandmother said, "No, I'm Norma Findlay in Room 302. No one tells me shit."

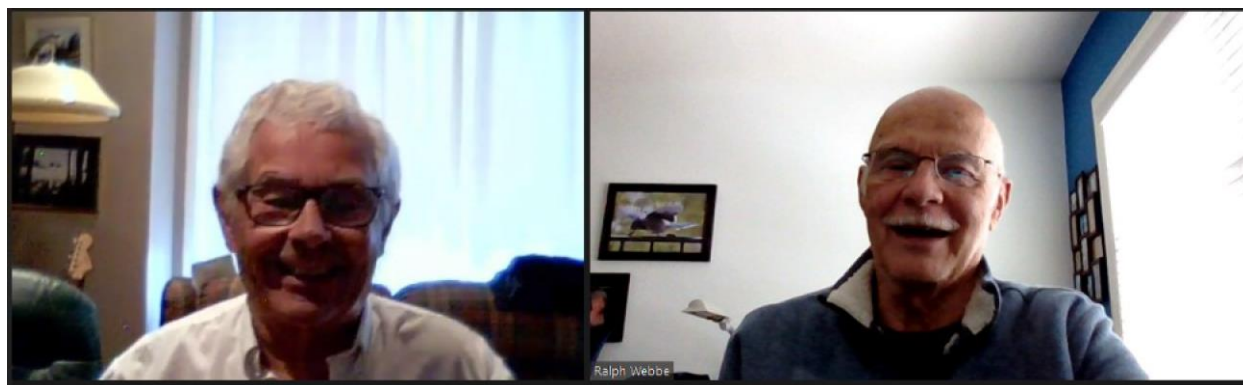
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MAR. 8TH



INVESTMENT CLUB MAR. 14TH



COMPUTER CLUB MAR. 16th



THE BACK TABLE

THE BACK TABLE contains information of upcoming events happening in and around Bracebridge and Muskoka. These events are **Non Probus** that may be of interest to our members. Please send me your notices or flyers.

Good Day Everyone,

This is a message about a subject dear to my heart and hopefully yours as well.

This [link](#) will take you to Muskoka Region media, with the kick-off of a new columnist, who is offering to answer questions regarding climate change. He is the speaker for our club this month and is very well informed, but more importantly, he is very upbeat.

So, keep an eye out for Oliver in future publications and at various levels of government, as he draws attention to this important subject.

Thanks,
Paul Kuebler, Past President

BRACEBRIDGE EVENT LIST

April 13th, 2022 – April 28th, 2022

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Muskoka Food Service Employment Readiness Program
Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - 6:30 p.m.

Location: [Knox Presbyterian Church, Bracebridge, Ontario](#)

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The Poetry and Etymology of Places and People with Poet, Bruce Hunter

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - 6:50 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: [ONLINE EVENT, Bracebridge, Ontario](#)

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Indigenous Awareness with Kelly Brownbill

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom, Bracebridge, ON](#)

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Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 15, 2022 - 12:00 p.m.

Location: [JD Lang Park, 331 Fraserburg Rd \(aka Bracebridge Fairgrounds\), Bracebridge, Ontario](#)

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Easter EGGSTRAVAGANZA and Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 16, 2022 - 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location: [38 Wellington St, Bracebridge, ON, P1L 1E8](#)

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Indigenous Awareness with Kelly Brownbill

Wednesday, April 20, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom, Bracebridge, ON](#)

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Indigenous Awareness with Kelly Brownbill

Thursday, April 21, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom, Bracebridge, ON](#)

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Canadian Blood Services Blood Donor Clinic

Monday, April 25, 2022 - 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Location: [Bracebridge Sportsplex, 110 Clearbrook Trail, Bracebridge, ON, P1L 0A3](#)

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Indigenous Awareness with Kelly Brownbill

Tuesday, April 26, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom, Bracebridge, ON](#)

APR

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Indigenous Awareness with Kelly Brownbill

Thursday, April 28, 2022 - 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Location: [Zoom, Bracebridge, ON](#)

Answers to Doo Wop Test:

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|---|-----------------------------|
| 1. (c) The movie's over, it's 4 o'clock | 9. (c) Tutti Fruitti |
| 2. (b) Blackboard Jungle | 10. (c) Alan Freed |
| 3. (a) Angel | 11. (a) Little Richard |
| 4. (c) Blueberry Hill | 12. (c) Annette Funicello |
| 5. (a) Mr. Sandman | 13. (b) Don and Phil |
| 6. (c) Sun | 14. (a) Jiles P. Richardson |
| 7. (b) Charlie Brown | 15. (c) Motown |
| 8. (a) MacHeath | |

STAY TUNE FOR NEXT MONTHS NEWSLETTER - MORE TO COME

CHUCKLES



Editor's Report



As always, it is so nice to receive your jokes. Thank you...

I hope you enjoyed this month's 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

