

Monthly Newsletter of the

Probus Club of South Muskoka

October 2006



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President's Remarks

This month, October, we are mixing everyone up again. No hidden agenda this time, we just want you to meet other people. Part of the fun of our club is meeting fellow retirees. All of us have something to share, some information that will be of help or interest to others. September we had the Special Interest Fair. This was an opportunity for you to see what the special interest groups were doing. The main meetings are fun, but there is more for you, the more involved you become.

This month the travel groups will be showing some of the photos from their trips in place of the biography. They have had a lot of fun on their trips.

Our Probus group will only grow stronger with more involvement by everyone. It is your club, join in and have fun..

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Today's Meeting: October 10, 2006

Greeters:	Dianne and Bob Darragh
10:00 -10:15	President's Remarks / Business
10:15 -11:00	The Travel and Social Group will make a presentation of the Science North, Dog sledding, and New York trips. New Yorkers – wear your T-shirts!!
11:00	Guest Speaker – Marlene Walker - "There is never nothing there"
12:00	Adjourn

Next Month: (November 14, 2006)

Greeters:	Marlene and Dick Robinson
Biography:	Dianne Darragh
Guest Speaker:	Melissa Crass of MDA Robotics – Canada's Space Program

Words of Wit and Wisdom

"Talent hits a target no one else can hit; genius hits a target no one else can see" – Arthur Schopenhauer.

"In a small town, everybody knows what's going on. They only read the weekly paper to see who's gotten caught." – Anon.



Care Bear:

If you know of anyone who is ill or has suffered bereavement, please call Sandra Snelling at 645-8477.

At our last meeting (September 13, 2006)

Biography: Special Interests Fair

There was no biography last month, so that the time could be used for the special interests groups to show their stuff. The intent was both to let other members learn of our many "extra-curricular" activities, and also to spark some interest that could lead to forming other groups.

From all reports, the fair was a great success. The presentations and displays were all first-rate and certainly reflected the enthusiasm of the participants.

As a result, someone is considering trying to assemble an Opera group. Did anyone else get a flash of inspiration?

Guest Speaker: Maryanne Labrash - Colorectal Cancer

Your newsletter editor regrets he was not present at the last meeting, and neglected to ask anyone else to take a few notes on the speaker's message entitled "And now for the good news". I am confident the presentation was timely and informative.

Calendar

Social and Travel:

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| October 17, at 10 AM | Tour of Beaver Creek Institution – followed by lunch at a local restaurant. Contact Bruce Hughes 385-2020 – you must provide name(s) and date of birth in advance for security check. |
| October 18 at 11:15 AM | Dorset Walking Trip – Meet at the Fiery Grill in Dorset for lunch at 11:15. Jan MacDonald will brief us on our Dorset Adventure. To sign up, contact Adele Allan at 767-3728 or adella@yahoo.com . |
| November 16 | Dining out at Tall Trees, Huntsville – Time and price TBA. There is room for 50 people. Adele Allan will advise of details as soon as they are finalized. |
| December 13, at 6 PM | Christmas Party at the Riverside Inn – sit-down dinner, live band. Price TBA. Marlene and Dick Robinson 767-3000 |
| January 16, 2007 | Bowling – still in the planning stages, but the hope is that the cost will be \$10 for shoes and three games, plus optional lunch for \$10 afterwards. |
| May 2007: | A trip to Cape Cod/Boston is being planned for early May. Please contact Adele Allen to show your interest. |

A Note on "Free" trips and outings: We continue to experience problems when people sign up and then do not attend. Commitments are made, guides are arranged, restaurants are reserved, etc. and then the organizers (and indirectly all of us) are embarrassed when attendance is low. At the last Management Committee meeting, it was approved that in future, organizers can ask for a small deposit at signup which will be returned at the event, or applied to a meal if that is part of the event. (Of course this does not apply to events for which there is a charge and a deposit is routinely secured in advance anyway).

Other Events and Activities:

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| October 16: | Investment Group meets - 10 am at the Edward Jones office |
| October 24: | Book Group meets – 1:30 P.M. at Alandra Nayre's home |
| October 24: | Probus Club Management Committee - 10:00 A.M. at the Rotary Centre |
| October 25: | Photography Club meets – 1:30 P.M. at Burt Worth's home |
| October 31: | Bridge Club meets - 1:00 P.M. at St. Joseph's Church |
| November 14: | Next regular Probus Club meeting – 10:00 A.M. at the Rotary Centre |
| December 12: | Probus Club meeting – 10:00 A.M. at the Rotary Centre – Christmas Cookie Exchange!! |

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

ARMCHAIR TRAVEL: (Contact **BOB** or **LINDA CARTHEW**, 687-3388, or **MIKE** or **MIDGE CARSON**, 645-7394, or **ADELE ALLAN**, 767-3728)

The Travelers meet from time to time to share pictures and stories of their latest excursions. New members always welcome.

BOOK GROUP: (Contact **MARILYN CROFT** at 764-0099)

The book group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. The next meeting will be on October 24th at the home of Alandra Nayre. The book is "Sweetness in the Belly" by Camilla Gibb. Please call if you are interested in joining this group.

BRIDGE: (Contact **JEANETTE HEENEMAN** at 764-1839)

Probus bridge will meet on Oct 31st at Joseph's Church in Bracebridge at 1:00 pm. The cost is approximately \$2.50 for the afternoon. Please call Jeanette if you are interested in an afternoon of playing bridge.

COOKING / DINING GROUPS:

These groups are full, but if you are interested in being on a waiting/standby list, please contact:

GRETCHEN WARREN at 687-7765 for the *Silver Bullets*

ELLEN KING at 645-2305 for the *Red Dragons*

BONNIE ALEXANDER at 732-1734 for the *Decadent Diners*

DIANNE DARRAGH at 765-0593, email diannedarragh@yahoo.com for *Dine and Unwind*

CURLING: (Contact **BOB BULLEN** (Gravenhurst Probus) at 684-9378)

Curling is on summer break and will resume in the Fall at the Gravenhurst Curling Club, on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

GOLF: (Contact **MIKE GEORGE** (Bracebridge Probus) at 645-3838)

The golf schedule has been completed and will resume in the spring.

HIKING AND WALKING: (Contact **HERWIG** or **LYNNE SCHROTH** at 765-7394 or email herlyn@muskoka.com)

The October hike was the last official hike of the season - however should the weather be nice, we will plan a hike at the spur of the moment and we will notify the hiking group by e-mail.

INVESTMENT: (Contact **FRED GREEN** AT 385-2241)

We meet on the Monday before the monthly Probus meeting, at 10:00 a.m. at the Edward Jones office, 81 Manitoba Street, Bracebridge. The next meeting will on Oct 16 this month only. New members welcome! It's a friendly group – no money involved.

MOVIE BUFFS:

VIDEO GROUP (1) Meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 P.M. The group is full at this time, but for information or to go on a waiting list, contact **NORM OR BEV IDING** at 764-0906.

VIDEO GROUP (2) meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The group is presently full, but if you are interested, please call **ANNE OR FRED GRANT** at 687-5633

PHOTOGRAPHY: (Contact **BURT WORTH** at 646-0050)

The next meeting is October 25th at 1:30 p.m. at 1143 Beaumont Farm Road (private). The photo project for the month is "Elapsed Time Photos". Come and have fun. New members welcome.

SOCIAL EVENTS: (Contact **ADELE ALLAN** at 767-3728 or the social committee:*)

Events such as day trips, tours, and luncheons are usually planned for the third Thursday each month. Watch the "Social Events" section of the newsletter for upcoming events.

(* The social committee: Adele Allan, Karen Bowker, Bob and Dianne Darragh, Bruce and Elizabeth Hughes, Arno and Rena Liebster, Dick and Marlene Robinson, Sandy Snelling, Pat Tait)

Plan now for the Christmas Cookie Exchange ...!!

Back by popular demand! Here is your chance to try a few different cookies for the holiday season. Here are the rules: Bake 3 different cookie recipes. (Yes, you can buy them if you can't bake them yourself, but there is nothing like good old home-made cookies, is there?) Package 1 dozen of each, with your name and any dietary cautions, and bring them to the December 12 Probus meeting. At the break, everyone who has brought cookies is entitled to choose 3 packages from the table.

NEW INTEREST GROUPS

As a result of the Special Interests Fair, there are some ideas for new groups. If interest is sufficient, they will be a 'go'.

- A group of individuals in Muskoka is attempting to join the Canadian Opera guild. This could take advantage of discount prices and potential bus trips for matinee performances in Toronto. If you have any interest in this call Tom Anderson 645-3330 or email eltomander@sympatico.ca
- What about a Knitting and Crochet club called "Knitting Bees and Hookers"? If you have an interest in this activity call Fred Green at 385-2241, or email jfgreen@muskoka.com.

Membership List

We continue to try to balance privacy concerns with the desire of members to be able to contact other members. Soon, our membership chair will finalize the current list of members, and the Management Committee has decided to distribute it online as an e-mail attachment. So if you do not have an e-mail address, we ask that you arrange for a friend to print a hard copy for you.

Please remember this information is provided only so you can contact other members, and is not to be used for any other purpose.

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2006-2007

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