

Monthly Newsletter of the Probus Club of South Muskoka

June 2007



Club No. 119,
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President's Remarks

This will be my last Newsletter as President. I want to thank a very energetic, co-operative and fun bunch of executive members. You all have made this year as President a lot of fun. There has been work, problems, complications, but in every case we were able to work around them with a great deal of mutual support.

To the members, I also want to say thank you. You are all very friendly, and understanding to a guy who couldn't even remember that O Canada was our national anthem. It has been a fun time for me, and a pleasure to get to know more of you than I would have otherwise.

We are still looking for a Vice President, Treasurer and Speakers Chair. I am afraid that I may have scared some of you into not volunteering for these positions. Believe me, the other members of the management team don't bite. They are forgiving, patient and above all friendly. Don't be afraid to offer your services to your club. You will enjoy Probus even more if you contribute.

Have a good summer.

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This Month's Meeting: June 12, 2007

- Greeters: Bob and Lynda Doig
- 10:00 -10:20 President's Remarks / Business
- 10:20 -10:40 Biography – Dave Alexander
- 11:05 **Annual General Meeting** of the South Muskoka Probus Club
- 12:00 Adjourn - optional light lunch for those who signed up

Next Month: (July 10, 2007)

- Greeters: Bob and Linda Doig
- Biography: Allen Edwards
- Speaker: To be announced

Annual General Meeting

Our AGM will take up the second half of our regular meeting time on June 12, 2007, starting at 11 AM. Important business will be up for your vote and support, including election of Management Committee members for 2007-08, and approval of changes to bylaws being recommended by the Management Committee.

Following the meeting, there will be an optional buffet luncheon (sandwiches, salads, and dessert) at the Rotary Centre, catered by R&L. The cost is \$10 per person. In order to have the correct amount of food, we need you to sign up at the May meeting. Cash or Cheque please.

Words of Wit and Wisdom

Intellect distinguishes between the possible and the impossible;
reason distinguishes between the sensible and the senseless.
Often, the possible is also senseless.

- Max Born (Physicist, 1882-1970)

You know you're getting old when the candles cost more than the cake

- Bob Hope



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 (May 15, 2007)

Biography: Lynne Schroth

Lynne was born in 1944, a second child. The family was large, with many aunts, uncles, and cousins. She was interested in learning right from birth, and knew at the age of 8 that her calling would be as a teacher. She grew up near Oakwood and Rogers Road in Toronto and did all the usual things like Brownies, YWCA, and dancing lessons. As well, when she was ten, the family bought land and built a cottage on Lake Rosseau, perhaps because some ancestors had settled in Muskoka years before. In high school she entered the Arts stream and was involved in all the theatricals. She then went to Toronto Teachers College and got a position with the York Board.

Over her career she taught at five schools in York and had pupils of all ages, backgrounds, and ethnic groups – and enjoyed the variety and surprises provided by the kids and their parents. Later on she returned to university and earned a BA in 1975. She finally settled into teaching grade one. Upon retirement in 1998, after 35 years, she received not one, but two of the traditional school bells as gifts from her colleagues.

As a single adult, she joined many groups, and enjoyed theatre, symphony, and night courses, as well as travelling extensively. When in her forties, she met Herwig, married, and became stepmother to two young children. In 1992 they bought a house in Port Carling where they moved permanently upon retirement. With time available for leisure, she and Herv have many interests including hiking, travel, and genealogy – and are enjoying every moment.

Guest Speaker: David Wright - Adventures in the former Soviet Union

Working for the International Red Cross, David had the challenge of introducing first aid programs into the former Soviet states of Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, and Russia. His job was to turn over a working and stable process to the medical people in each country. This involved creating the programs (tailored to include local issues such as alcoholism and radiation after-effects), training people so they could train others, and creating translated procedures and guides for each environment. Dave mentioned that each country faces massive challenges in delivering first aid, not the least of which is that only doctors are allowed to teach first aid. As well, there are no standards for medical training and treatment, and graft and corruption are rampant. So he was forced to adopt the traditional method of eating an elephant: “one bite at a time”. But he succeeded, and had pictures to prove it.

The projects were only half the story, however, and so Dave had interesting personal observations to share. He saw and photographed amazing sights in the Ukraine – the magnificence of St. Sophia’s church, and the desolation of Chernobyl. He lived for some time in Moscow and found it difficult (“facilities are in poor repair, and nothing really works well except the Metro”). But again there were many fascinating things to see: the GUM department store, the Bolshoi, the Kremlin, KGB headquarters (now a museum), and famous people’s homes.

Annual Fees Are Now Due

The annual fee for the 2007-08 year is \$30 per member. You may give a cheque to the Membership Secretary (Peter McLaren) at June meeting, or send it to the Probud mailing address (P.O. Box 266, Bracebridge, Ontario, P1L 1T6). Please ensure that your cheque is dated **no earlier** than June 1, 2007.

Calendar

Social and Travel: (see details on page 4)

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| June 19: | Island Cruise and Henry's Fish House |
| August 9: | Scenes from the 19th Hole – Dinner and Theatre at Red Leaves |
| September 19: | Taste the World – Gourmet Dinner and Wine-Tasting at Beau Ideal |
| April 30, 2008 | Dirty Dancing – Show at the Royal Alex, Dinner at Penelope, and bus transportation |

Events and Activities: (see the full details on Page 3)

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| June 26: | Probud Club Management Committee - 10:00 A.M. at the Rotary Centre |
| July 10: | Probud Club regular meeting – 10:00 A.M. at the Rotary Centre |
| | Annual General Meeting starts at 11:00 AM, followed by optional luncheon - \$10.00 |

The newsletter is distributed in advance of each month's meeting to all members who have given an e-mail address. Be sure to let the Membership Director know if your address (or any other contact information) has changed or is incorrect.

Send ideas, corrections, complaints, or praise to your Newsletter Editor at pbowker@sympatico.ca / 765-0242

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

If you are interested in forming another interest group (or if you just wish to share your ideas), please call FRED GREEN at 385-2241, or email him at jfgreen@muskoka.com.

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

This group meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 1pm at Bracebridge United Church. Next meeting: September.

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 closing luncheon is on June 26th at Linda Bates

BOWLING: (Contact **CAROL GREGORY** at 646-1970)

Nothing until next fall.

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

This group meets at St. Joseph's Church in Bracebridge at 1:00 pm on the last Tuesday of the month. Next event in September. 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*

COMPUTERS

The first meeting was to be held June 7. If interested in this group contact Colin Barclay at 684-8221

CURLING: (Contact **LINDA/ALLEN EDWARDS** at 769-2214 or e-mail al_lindaedwards@vianet.ca)

Curling will resume in the Fall

CYCLING: (Contact **Kevin McAllindon** at 684-8456 or e-mail Kmcallindon1@cogeco.ca)

The next ride is scheduled for June 14th at 10:30 am. If interested contact Kevin for information.

GARDENING

If interested in this subject contact **Nadya Tarasof** of Central Probus at 789-2869 or Kimlam@ican.net.

GENEOLOGY

If interested in this, contact **Ron Dyer** at 645-0004

GOLF: (Contact **MIKE GEORGE** (Bracebridge Probus) at 645-3838 or **Bob Darragh** 765-0593)

The first Golf is at Kerrie Glen Wednesday June 20 at 8-45 am. Cost \$33 +cart \$10 if needed.

A sign up sheet will be available at the meeting

Next month is at Bracebridge Golf Club on Monday July 16 \$20 cash

"H00KERS" and KNITTING BEE'S (Contact **JEANETTE HEENEMAN** at 764-1839)

Are ready to learn from each other, socialize and chat while knitting and crocheting. They will meet on the last Wednesday of the month in the afternoon. Call Jeanette to go on the waiting list.

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

A day trip is planned (by boat) to Beausoleil Island on Georgian Bay on Monday July 9th. Cost is \$16 for boat and parking fees. The boat leaves at 11am and returns at 3-30pm. First come first served. The boat only holds 12 people.

KAYAK/CANOEING

If interested in this, please contact **Joe Ursano** 645-8381

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

We meet on the Monday before the Probus meeting, at 10:00 a.m. at the Edward Jones office, 81 Manitoba Street, Bracebridge. The next meeting will be on July 9. New members welcome! It's a friendly group – no money involved.

MOVIE BUFS:

VIDEO GROUP (1) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. 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

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 and Travel" section of the newsletter for upcoming events.

The Cape Cod Caper (by Adele Allan)

This trip was a huge success. Fifty-four Probus members set out at 7:00 a.m. to arrive in Plymouth (via a night's stay in Albany) to tour the Plymouth Plantation and see the famous Plymouth Rock. That same day, we arrived in Hyannis for an amazing Welcome Dinner. From Hyannis we visited Martha's Vineyard for a day, Newport for a second day and then on to Province Town for a third day of many fun excursions. The group was amazing. We had hours of fun, videos and corny jokes from Colin Barclay. Our bus driver, Brad Hammond, was equally horrible at corny jokes. But we laughed anyway. Our final destination was Boston. We had a city tour, a memorable lunch on our harbour cruise. The highlight of the trip was our evening at the opening night for the Boston Pops. Not only were we entertained by the orchestra, we were witness to a brawl in the upper balcony. As if that were not enough excitement, we were awakened at 4:00 a.m. with a fire alarm at the hotel. We are looking forward to our BOSTON REUNION in August at Pat Tait's home. Where to next??



Visiting the statue of John Harvard at Harvard University

Upcoming Events:

Cruise and Dine

June 19 Again in 2007, this popular event is sure to interest you. We will cruise out of Parry Sound at 9 AM on the Chippewa II through the 30,000 islands, stopping at Henry's Fish House for lunch. (Henry's can only be reached by boat, so this is your best chance to enjoy this interesting venue.) The boat will accommodate 67, so first come, first served. Cost is still being finalized – contact Bruce/Elizabeth Hughes at 385-2020 or behughes@sympatico.ca.

Scenes From the 19th Hole!

August 9 Enjoy a 3-course early gourmet dinner (4:00 P.M.) at the Water's Edge Restaurant at the Lake Joseph Club, followed by the show at The Muskoka Theatre Project at Red Leaves (7:00 P.M.). Cost \$51.00 all-inclusive. Please make cheques payable to South Muskoka Probus Club. Contact Dianne Darragh, 765-0593 or diannedar@aol.com.

Taste the World

September 19 Once again we have a wine and dine event at the Beau Ideal Restaurant in Port Sydney! The evening begins at 7 PM with a greeting wine followed by a 4-course meal with accompanying wines with each course. A sommelier will be on hand to explain the wine choices. \$58.00 per person includes everything. Please make cheques payable to South Muskoka Probus Club. Contact Dianne Darragh, 765-0593 or diannedar@aol.com.

Dirty Dancing

April 30, 2008 Talk about planning in advance! We have tickets for the latest musical coming to Toronto. As usual, we will share a bus with members of the Gravenhurst club. The agenda includes shopping and lunch at Sherway Plaza, afternoon matinee at the Royal Alex, and dinner at Penelope. \$145 covers everything but your lunch. Contact Adele Allan, 676-3728 or adelalla@yahoo.com

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2006-2007

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