

# Monthly Newsletter of the **Probus Club of South Muskoka**

## **November 2008**



### **Presidents' Remarks**

Peter McLaren

We got us a little bit of Ms Summer last week, which leaves us wondering what Mr. Winter holds in store. The pundits at Environment Canada have guessed that it'll be a fairly benign one, but, then again, they said that we'd have a hot and dry summer. Meanwhile, our club members continue to soak up culture. A busload went to Toronto last week to watch "Joisey Boys", a story of Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons, and for our December General Meeting, we've lined up those singing sensations, The Elderberries, who will lead us in some songs of the season.

Meanwhile (again), on the business front, we continue to look for members to give their bios. If you are interested please let one of the folks on the Management Committee know. These member participations help create a wonderful sense of community within our group and contribute mightily to the personality of the club.

Peter McLaren

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### **This Month's Meeting:** - November 11, 2008

Greeters: Elizabeth & Ken Northey

10:00 - 10:10	President's Remarks
10:10 - 10:40	Biography - Ken Pharoah
11:05	Hillary Clark Cole - Sculptor "Who Art I?"
12:00	Adjourn

### **Next Month:** (December 9, 2008)

Greeters: Elizabeth & Ken Northey  
Biography: Ken Pharoah  
Entertainment: The Elderberries

### **Words of Wit and Wisdom**

**If you think nobody cares if you're alive, try missing a few car payments.**  
- Earl Wilson

**If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you.**  
- Francis Roberts



#### **Care Bear:**

If you know of anyone who is ill or has suffered bereavement, please call Rena or Arno Liebster at 646-8909.

The newsletter is distributed in advance of each month's meeting to all members by e-mail or post. Please print a copy and bring to the meeting if you wish to take notes, as only a few copies will be available there. 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 [kpharoah@muskoka.com](mailto:kpharoah@muskoka.com) 646-2104  
(Your pictures are also welcome ... full-res jpegs please)

## At Our Last Meeting ... (October 14, 2008)

### Guest Speaker: Bob McDonald, "Being There: Science as I Have Seen It"

Bob was born in Orillia. He has been communicating on science subjects internationally through television radio, print and live presentations for more than 30 years. His weekly CBC radio show, "Quirks and Quarks" has a national audience of nearly 500,000 people.

Bob spoke about his particular interest in space and space research. He included several anecdotes garnered from discussions with leaders in space programs and from his own experience in a weightless environment. Bob also provided many examples of the wonderful intellectual capital we have in Canada and our country's contributions to space research.

On the subject of global warming, Bob explained that though the earth had gone through periods of warming before, this one was different. Scientists are particularly concerned about the speed of the current warming trend and predict that the polar ice cap in the north will be gone by the year 2050. Nevertheless, Bob was optimistic that because Canada is very good at fundamental science, we will find ways to thrive in a warmer climate.

Bob urges all of us to think about where we live and how precious it is.



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## Special Interest Groups

*If you are interested in forming another interest group (or if you just wish to share your ideas), please call GAIL OAKLEY at 645-8006, or email her at [geoakley@sympatico.ca](mailto:geoakley@sympatico.ca)*

### **Armchair Travel:** *MIKE or MIDGE CARSON, 645-7394, or ADELE ALLAN, 767-3728)*

Joe and Carol Ursano have just returned from their trip to Puglia, Italy, “the new Tuscany”. They will be taking us on a guided tour of this wonderful area on Wednesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. Please join us. Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at Bracebridge United Church at 1:00 pm.

### **Book Group:** *(Contact MARILYN CROFT at 764-0099)*

Will meet at Rena Leibster’s home on November 25<sup>th</sup>. Time 1:30 p.m. The book is “The Bastard of Istanbul”.

**New members are welcome.**

### **Bridge:** *(Contact JEANETTE HEENEMAN at 764-1839)*

Bridge will have a new location this year. Time from 1 pm to 4 pm, it will be at James Street Place, 148 James St., Bracebridge. Cost: \$2.25

### **Cooking/Dining Group:** Groups are full, but if interested in being on a waiting list, please contact:

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

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

**BETH & DOUG WILSON** at 765-0398 for the *Decadent Dining Out*

**DIANNE DARRAGH** at 765-0593, email [diannedarragh@aol.com](mailto:diannedarragh@aol.com) for *Dine and Unwind*

**CRAIG/LOUISE HOUSTADT** at 641-1949 for *The Prestige Diners*

### **Computers:** If interested in this group contact **COLIN BARCLAY** at 684-8115.

The November Workshop will be the creation of a Christmas Newsletter. One-on-one training is available by contacting Kathy Ashby at the Library 645-4171.

### **Curling:** *Contact LINDA/ALLEN EDWARDS at 769-2214 or e-mail [al\\_lindaedwards@vianet.ca](mailto:al_lindaedwards@vianet.ca)*

Will start on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm in Gravenhurst. Registration is at 1:30 and all are **welcome**.

### **Cycling:** *Contact KEVIN McALLIDON at 684-8456 or e-mail [Kmcallindon1@cogeco.ca](mailto:Kmcallindon1@cogeco.ca)*

### **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)

### **Hookers & Knitting Bees:** *(Contact JEANETTE HEENEMAN at 764-1839)*

Due to scheduling problems of the group any members who have met, have joined the “Knitters for Global Warmth” which meets in Huntsville on the every third Thursday of the month from 2 – 3:30 pm. This group works for needed countries and has speakers. Donations of yarn would be welcome. Anyone interested please contact Jeanette.

### **Hiking & Walking:** *(contact HERWIG or LYNNE SCHROTH at 765-7394 or email [herlyn@muskoka.com](mailto:herlyn@muskoka.com)).*

Hiking will resume in April/May of 2009.

### **Investment:** *(Contact FRED GREEN AT 385-2241)*

Meeting on Monday before Probus at 10 am at the Edward Jones Office, 81 Manitoba Street, Bracebridge. **New members welcome – no money involved.**

### **Movie Buffs:**

**VIDEO GROUP (1)** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month. 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 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Group is full at this time, but for information or to go on a waiting list, contact **ANNE OR FRED GRANT** at 687-5633.

## Social Events

*(Contact **Dianne Darragh** at 765-0593 or the social committee)* Events such as day trips, tours, and luncheons are usually planned for the third Thursday each month.

### **Christmas Dance**

December 10<sup>th</sup> at the Riverside Inn. Call Richard Robinson at 767-3000, or see him at the next meeting for tickets.

### **Robbie Burns Dinner**

January/09 at the Delta Sherwood Inn. More details at the next meeting.

### **Casino Rama Lunch and Show**

February/09. More details at the next meeting.

## Theatre & Travel Events

### **Sound of Music**

We will be organizing a trip to Sound of Music for late spring. More details will be available once Mirvish Productions opens the new block of tickets. Adele Allan 767-3728.

### **Toronto Symphony**

Ben Tassie of Muskoka Probus is organizing a bus trip in January to the Toronto Symphony. More details to follow.

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### **And Finally:**

In order to reduce the amount of paper distributed at our monthly meetings, we will not be placing copies of the newsletter on each table. If you need one at the meeting, please bring your copy with you.