

Monthly Newsletter of the
Probus Club of South Muskoka
November 2009



Presidents' Remarks:

During the first week of October, my wife and I happened to be at the Bayfield Mall in Barrie. When we entered "The Bay" store we were surprised to see a large display of Christmas trees and decorations. We weren't the only ones to stop and stare as other shoppers did the same. One lady commented that this was really pushing the season since it was early October and at that time we hadn't yet had Halloween. Seems to get earlier every year, but I guess it is inevitable. Whatever you wish to call it, or whether you celebrate it or not, that holiday season is again on the way. This year, our December meeting will feature Lake Country Harmony, who will entertain us with tunes of the season. Also, don't forget our Christmas Dance/ Party coming up in December, which is being held at the Riverside Inn. Just a reminder--- When you changed your clocks on Nov.1, did you change the batteries in your smoke detectors?

Bob Doig

This Month's Meeting: - November 10, 2009

Greeters: Alan & Queenie Reville (*We love you all, but no handshakes during this flu season*)

10:00 - 10:20	President's Remarks
10:20 - 10:40	Special Interest Group Presentations
11:05	Speaker: Constable Ezra Zugehour, OPP Canine Unit
12:00	Adjourn

Next Month: (December 8, 2009)

Greeters: Alan & Queenie Reville
Entertainment: Lake Country Harmony

Words of Wit and Wisdom

Virus is a Latin word used by doctors to mean "Your guess is as good as mine".

- Bob Hope

If life was fair, Elvis would be alive and all the impersonators would be dead.

- Anonymous



Care Bear:

If you know of anyone who is ill or has suffered bereavement, please call
Peter McLaren
645-1015

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 646-2104
(Your pictures are also welcome ... full-res jpegs please)

At our last meeting October 13 2009

Biography: Paul Truscott

Paul was born and raised in Toronto, and is a graduate of the University of Toronto's Medical School. Though he specialized in family practice because he wanted variety in his work, his career included many experiences in the Scarborough General's Emergency Department, and later as Chief of Staff at Scarborough Centenary Hospital. Paul also worked as a Coroner in Toronto, a hospital surveyor in Alberta, Manitoba, British Columbia and Ontario, and has chaired the Annual Scientific Convention for the College of Family Physicians. Since retirement, Paul has had a few health challenges himself, and firmly believes that every health care worker would benefit from being a patient at some point.

Though Paul and Wendy attended the same high school, they actually met in Muskoka. They married in 1962 and have two daughters, a son, and four grandchildren, and remind us that "Family is where it's at." The Truscotts moved to Muskoka permanently in 2007, and attend Bethune United Church in Baysville.

Over the years, Paul's recreational interests have included scouting, piano, golf, gardening, yoga and sports, (including the Toronto Argonauts), traveling and reading non-fiction. Paul claims to be a classic Type A perfectionist, (with a few other descriptors), but knows how important it is for us to laugh at ourselves.

Speaker: Ted Barris

Ted Barris is an accomplished author, journalist and broadcaster. As well as regular contributions to the Globe and Mail and National Post, Barris has authored 16 non-fiction books, including his latest publication, "Breaking the Silence".

When asked if a veteran in the family ever shared wartime experiences, most people say, "Never talked about it." No one was ever supposed to see veterans get emotional, show vulnerability, or know the hell of their war. About 25 years ago, Ted began breaking through that silence. As a result of his work, Barris has earned trust among Canada's war veterans. He has found that they will talk to him, set the record straight and put a face on the service and sacrifice of men and women in uniform. Indeed, over the years, nearly 3,000 of them have shared their memories, describing combat, imprisonment or lost comrades from the World Wars, the Korea War, or even Afghanistan. This new book outlines his experiences in these interviews.

Ted's broadcast work has been heard and seen on CBC Radio & Television, the CTV Network and TVO as well as on National Public Radio in the United States. His writing is published in Legion Magazine, Esprit de Corps, 50Plus (CARP) magazine and Masthead. He also writes a weekly newspaper column - the Barris Beat – now available online at barrisbeat.blogspot.com

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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 DIANNE DARRAGH at 765- 0593 or email her at diannedarragh@aol.com

Armchair Travel: Contact ADELE ALLAN at 767-3728 or email her adelalla@yahoo.com The November meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 11th at 1:00 p.m. at Bonnie & George Christie's. The presentation will be "Iceland: More than Reykjavik". Extra cookies if you can correctly pronounce Icelandic place names! Travel tips and more. Arlie Freer is organizing this event - (645 4585).

Book Club: Contact MARILYN CROFT at 764-0099. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30. The group will meet again on November 24th at Lynda McAllindon's home to discuss "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova.

Bridge: This group plays with The Bracebridge Probus Club on the last Tuesday of the month. PETER McLAREN at 645-1015 will be our contact. PAT DAVIDSON (645-8483) or ELIZABETH McMILLAN (764-1979) are the contacts for the Bracebridge Club. Bridge will start this month. Please see the Month-At-A-Glance Calendar.

Cooking/Dining: 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 for Dine and Unwind

CRAIG & LOUISE HOUSTADT at 641-1949 for the Prestige Diners

RENA LIEBSTER at 646-8909 for Easy Dining. The Easy Diners meet on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months. Our next date is November 19th at Nancy and Bill Barber's. For more information please call Rena. New members are welcome.

GAIL OAKLEY at 645-8006 for the Out-to-Lunch Group. The next luncheon is on November 18th at Jack Marlins Cottage Grill in Bracebridge. New members are welcome.

Computers: COLIN BARCLAY at 684 8221 OR e-mail cbarclay@cogeco.ca

FREE WORKSHOPS at the Bracebridge Library on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 include:

Nov.11 – Creative with Word – Level 1

Nov.18 – Boost Your Brainpower – keep your memory in shape

Nov. 25 – Creative With Word – Level 2 – Christmas newsletter

Dec.2 – Creative With Word – Level 2 – Christmas newsletter

Several other workshops are coming up including:

Facebook/Twitter: an introduction, Greeting cards, Internet and email (etiquette, security tips, tricks, short cut keys), Keeping your computer in top shape, Interesting Websites, and Camera/Photos (sorting, creating folders and sending attachments).

Admission is on a first come first served basis. Please call Cathy Ashby at 645 4171.

Curling: LINDA and ALLEN Edwards at 769-2214 or e-mail al_lindaedwards@vianet.ca. Curling will begin this month on Sunday November 15th in Gravenhurst from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Please arrive at 1:30 to allow time to make up the teams. Everyone is welcome to come out and enjoy this fun afternoon.

Cycling: Contact KEVIN McALLINDON at 684-8456 in the spring if you wish to venture out for a ride.

Golf: Contact BOB DARRAGH at 765- 0593. Next spring I will be the contact for our club, and we will be golfing with the Probus Club of Muskoka Lakes. Looking forward to hearing from you then.

Hiking and Walking: Contact HERWIG or LYNNE SCHROTH at 765-7394 or email herlyn@muskoka.com. Hiking is over for this year. We will resume next spring.

Investment Club: Contact FRED GREEN AT 385-2241. Meetings are on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00 a.m. at the Edward Jones Office, 81 Manitoba Street, Bracebridge. New members welcome – no money involved.

Movie Buffs: Contact LYNDIA and KEVIN McALLINDON at 684-8456 or email kmcallindon1@cogeco.com We meet on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Our group is full at this time, but contact us if you wish to go on the waiting list.

Stitch and Blab Club: Contact ELIZABETH NORTHEY at 645 2057. We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. This month it will be on November 17th at Rena Liebster's home. Anyone interested in more information should contact Rena at 646 8909 as we will be in England.

Social Events

(Contact Cathy Collard at 646-8848 or Beth Wilson at 765-0398. Events such as day trips, tours, and luncheons are usually planned for the third Thursday each month.

Lunch & Tour at Touchstone: Thursday, November 19th, at 1:00pm. See Beth or Cathy for details.

Christmas Dinner & Dance: Wednesday, December 9th at the Riverside Inn. Cocktails at 5:30 and Buffet Dinner at 6:30. Cost is \$55 each. Cash bar. Dance to the music of "Moonglow". Book your reservation with Richard Robinson, 767-3000

Robbie Burns Luncheon: Sunday, January 24th at 11:30am, at the GreenStone Lodge. A tribute to the life, works and spirit of the great Scottish poet. Lunch is \$32 per person including taxes & gratuities. Cash bar. Book your reservation with Joni Addis, 765-1118

SOUTH MUSKOKA PROBUS CLUB

November 2009 MONTH-AT-A-GLANCE

Nov. 9	Investment Club – 10:00 am. – Edward Jones Office
Nov. 10	General Meeting – 10:00 am. - Rotary Club
Nov. 11	Armchair Travel – 1:00 pm. at Bonnie & George Christie's – Topic - Iceland
Nov. 15	Curling – 1:30 pm. in Gravenhurst – Game is from 2:00 – 4:00
Nov.17	Stitch and Blab – at 10:00am. at Rena Liebster's home.
Nov. 18	Out-To-Lunch Group – 11:30 at Jack Marlin's Cottage Eatery
Nov. 18	Boost Your Brainpower at 10:00 am. - Computer workshop at BB Library
Nov. 19	Easy Dining at Nancy and Bill Barber's
Nov. 19	Touchstone Lunch and Tour – 1:00 p.m. at Touchstone
Nov. 24	Book Club – 1:30 at Lynda McAllindon's – "Still Alice" by Lisa Genova
Nov. 24	Bridge Club – Contact Peter McLaren at 645 1015
Nov.25	Creative with Word Level 2 – 10:00 am. at BB Library – Christmas newsletter
Nov. 26	Movie Group – 7:00 p.m.
Dec. 2	Creative With Word Level 2 – 10:00 a.m. at BB Library – Christmas newsletter
Dec. 7	Investment Club – 10:00 a.m. – Edward Jones Office
Dec. 8	General Meeting – Rotary Club – Lake Country Harmony Choir
Dec. 9	Christmas Dinner and Dance – Riverside Inn

To resume in the spring:

Cycling
Golf
Hiking