

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

## *April 2010*



### President's Remarks:

Our thanks to those members who have volunteered so far for positions on the Management Committee for the 2010/2011 term. Just to remind everyone, all positions are open except for President and Past President, and although we have volunteers for most of the positions you can still volunteer with emphasis on Vice President and Special Interest.

Remember, this is your club, and Probus depends on volunteers from the membership to operate. This is a good opportunity to get involved and have more of a say in our operation.

Our Annual General Meeting and luncheon this year is on June 8<sup>th</sup> at Kirrie Glen Golf Course. Tickets for the luncheon are \$15.00 per member, with the club subsidizing the other \$15.00

Bob Doig

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### This Month's Meeting: April 13, 2010

Greeters: Bev and Norm Iding  
Attendance: Thelma & Jim Marrin  
Tickets: Lynda Doig  
10:00 - 10:20 President's Remarks  
10:20 - 10:40 Biography – Wendy Truscott  
11:05 Speakers: Adele Allan, Ted & Susan Daglish – Thailand Travelogue  
12:00 Adjourn

### Next Month: May 11, 2010

Greeters: Barbara & Stan Hiseler  
Biography: Anne Villeneuve  
Speaker: TBA

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

**The problem with practical jokes is that very often they get elected.**

**- Will Rogers**

**Kindness is loving people more than they deserve.**

**- Joseph Joubert**



### 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](mailto:kpharoah@muskoka.com) 646-2104  
(Your pictures are also welcome ... full-res jpegs please)

## At our last meeting...

At the start of the meeting, Bob Doig explained the need for volunteers to join next year's Management Committee. We then took ten minutes with a member of our current Management Committee at each table to outline the various positions on the committee, and to answer any questions. As a result, we now have nominees for several positions, but still need nominees for the Vice President and for the Special Interest Groups leadership. We welcome nominees for all positions. If you have any questions or suggestions, feel free to call on our nominating committee, Ron Dyer and Peter McLaren.

## Speaker: Shirley Gates - Sleeping Children Around the World

Sleeping Children Around the World is a registered Canadian charity, founded in 1970 by Margaret and Murray Dryden. Their focus is on providing bed kits to needy children in developing countries, thus helping them to face the challenges of the coming day. A typical bed kit contains a mat, pillow, sheet, blanket, mosquito net, clothes outfit, towel and school supplies.

This organization is unusual in that it is operated entirely by volunteers, so that 100% of every donation reaches a needy child. They are planning bed kit distributions this year in India, Kenya, Philippines, Togo, Uganda, Tanzania, Nicaragua and Bangladesh. Each bed kit costs \$35. For more information or to make a donation, their website is [www.scaw.org](http://www.scaw.org)

## OUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2009 - 2010

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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](mailto:diannedarragh@aol.com)*

**Armchair Travel:** Contact ADELE ALLAN at 767-3728 or email her at [adelalla@yahoo.com](mailto:adelalla@yahoo.com) There will not be a meeting in April, because we will be making a presentation on Thailand at our April Probus meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

**Book Club:** Contact MARILYN CROFT at 764-0099 or email her at [cro55@on.aibn.com](mailto:cro55@on.aibn.com)

We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. This month we are reviewing "Good to a Fault" by Marina Endicott. We will meet at Bev Stewart's home at 1:30pm on Tuesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. If you would like help in starting a new book club, please don't hesitate to contact Marilyn..

**Bowling Club:** Contact LYNDA DOIG at 645 0391, ([past.tense@sympatico.ca](mailto:past.tense@sympatico.ca)). We got off to a good start last month. For anyone who missed out, it is 5 pin and it is on the third Friday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Riverside Inn. The cost is \$10.00 with shoes and \$8.00 without for 2 games. Names are drawn before each game to mix us up. Please call, email or see Lynda at the next meeting to sign up. The next night will be April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Come and join us for a fun night.

**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) and 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. Please join the guest list.

BETH & DOUG WILSON at 765-0398 for the Decadent Dining Out. Please join the guest list.

DIANNE DARRAGH at 765-0593 for Dine and Unwind. Please join the guest list.

CRAIG/LOUISE HOUSTADT at 641-1949 for the Prestige Diners. Please join the guest list.

RENA LIEBSTER at 646-8909 for Easy Dining. The Easy Diners meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of alternate months. Our next date is May 20<sup>th</sup> at Karen and Perry Bowker's. If you wish to be on the call list, please let us know.

GAIL OAKLEY at 645-8006 for the Out-to-Lunch Group. The next luncheon has not been confirmed. Please let Gail know if you are interested. Everyone is welcome.

**Computers:** COLIN BARCLAY at 684 8221 or email [cbarclay1@cogeco.ca](mailto:cbarclay1@cogeco.ca)

Free Workshops at the Bracebridge Library on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00 include..

Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> – Buying & selling on eBay, Kijiji and Craig's List.

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

**Crafter's Circle:** Contact ELIZABETH NORTHEY at 645 2057 or email [buscentr@sympatico.ca](mailto:buscentr@sympatico.ca). We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m. Our meeting in April will be held at my place. Please call ahead.

**Curling:** Curling will resume in November. Have a great spring and summer. Linda and Allen Edwards

**Hiking and Walking Club:** We will start the first 2010 hike at the FAIRY VISTA TRAIL in Huntsville on Tuesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:45am. We will meet in the trails parking lot 2 km east of the Hwy.#60 intersection of (Main St & Hwy 60) turn left on to the Golden Pheasant Sewage Treatment Plant. New members welcome. For more info, contact Herwig & Lynne Schroth 705-765-7394 or e-mail: [herlyn@muskoka.com](mailto:herlyn@muskoka.com)

**Investment Club:** Contact FRED GREEN AT 385-2241. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 LYNDA and KEVIN McALLINDON at 684-8456 or email [kmcallindon1@cogeco.com](mailto:kmcallindon1@cogeco.com) We meet on the 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

## ***SOUTH MUSKOKA PROBUS CLUB***

### **April 2010    MONTH-AT –A-GLANCE**

Apr. 12	Investment Club – 10:00 a.m. – Edward Jones Office
Apr. 13	General Meeting – 10:00 a.m. – Rotary Club
April 13	Armchair Travel Club will make a presentation on Thailand at the General Meeting. There will be no travel club meeting this month.
April 14	Learn the “ins and outs” of buying and selling online at the Bracebridge Library at 10:00 a.m. Reserve to attend. Call Cathy at 645 4171.
April 20	Crafter’s Circle will meet at Elizabeth Northey’s at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Please call ahead. 645-2057
Apr. 22	Video Group – 7:00 p.m. Call Linda and Kevin at 684 8456
Apr. 23	Bowling Club -7:00 p.m. at Riverside Inn
TBA	Out To Lunch. Call Gayle Oakley at 645 8006
April 27	The Book Club – 1:30 p.m. at Bev Stewart’s home. “Good To A Fault” by Marina Endicott.
Apr. 27	Bridge Club – contact Peter McLaren at 645-1015

### **Coming up:**

**Hiking** – Tuesday May 4th at the Fairy Vista Trail in Huntsville

**Easy Dining** – Thursday May 20<sup>th</sup> at Perry and Karen Bowker’s

### **To resume soon:**

Cycling  
Golf