

Monthly Newsletter of the
Probus Club of South Muskoka
September 2010



This Month's Meeting: September 14, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

Come early for extra social time & coffee. The doors are open at 9:30

Greeters: Barb & Stan Hiseler

Attendance: Jim and Thelma Marrin

Tickets: Walter Collis

10:00 - 10:20 President's Remarks and announcements

10:20 Special Interest Groups Fair

11:05 Speaker: John Little – "Ideal Training Program for Seniors"

12:00 Adjourn

Note: quite a few events and activities will be announced today – bring your chequebook!!

Next Month: October 12, 2010 @ 10:00 A.M.

Greeters: Barb & Stan Hiseler

Speaker: Glad Bryce – "First In, Last Out" – the story of the RCAF Women's Division

An "Oop-ology".

Showcase Muskoka - Pool's Paradise, Aug. 4: *The Gravenhurst Opera House wishes to apologize to Probus Club members for the confusion which arose with the table arrangements at the dinner theatre. The inconvenience caused is very much regretted.*

Words of Wit and Wisdom

Happiness is having a large, close-knit family in another city.

- George Burns (Comedian, 1896-1996)

If you can distinguish between good advice and bad advice, you don't need advice.

- Van Roy



Care Bear:

If you know of anyone who is ill or has suffered bereavement, please call Bob Doig 645-0391

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 no extra copies will be available there. Be sure to let the Membership Director (Don Nikiforuk, 646-1452 or don.nansi@sympatico.ca.) 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 or 765-0242
(Your pictures of people and events are also welcome ... full-res jpegs please)

At our last meeting...

Internet Safety

Before the coffee break, Perry Bowker gave a brief presentation, with examples, of some of the dangers that can be encountered with e-mail and web-surfing. These include unwanted messages (spam), fraudulent offers and solicitations, impersonations, viruses, and identity theft. Question period followed, and suggestions were made for protecting your computer.

Guest Speaker – Dr. Eva Olsson



Dr. Olsson was a survivor of the Holocaust, and she has dedicated her life to telling her story as a way of teaching the need for peace and justice, especially in schools and universities.

She described her harrowing years as a young girl being moved from camp to camp as others around her, including most of her family, were executed by the Nazis. Her recounting of some of the seemingly trivial events that she later realized meant the difference between survival and death were captivating.

Her overall message to the audience was that inhumanity to others can arise anywhere. They are shockingly short steps from bullying to discrimination to hatred of the 'other'. Hatred of others is taught and learned. Everyone, especially grandparents, must be constantly on the lookout and take action when they see that happening.

A Report from the Bucket List Club ... By Allen and Linda Edwards

The Haliburton Forest Tour

Included in the price was a tour of the Wolf Lodge (which our group did in the morning). The Wolf Lodge is a short distance from the main camp and you get to see a information film on wolves, tour the museum and watch for wolves from two observation areas. After the Wolf Lodge we had lunch and met our guides for 1:30 p.m.

The Canopy Tour was 4 hours. You are greeted by your two tour guides and then taken by small tour van, to the location where you start the trip. You hike a short distance, are given paddles and life jackets, walk along to the lake where you board two war canoes and paddle across the lake. When you reach the other side you store your paddles in and life jackets and hike up to the next building where you are given your climbing equipment. Everyone is given a training session and then we proceeded to hike up to where the walk in the trees started. After everyone has walked the 26 sections we climbed over onto a platform where everyone had something to drink and snacks to eat. After 5 more sections to walk along, we reached the end of the tree top walk and climbed down the ladder to reverse our trip of hiking and paddling back to the van and then back to the camp. Everyone seemed to really enjoy the experience.



Photos by Allen and Linda Edwards

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

These groups meet more or less regularly to pursue a common interest. While some may be full due to physical constraints, most welcome guests to fill in when regular members are absent. If you are interested in forming an 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: First meeting of the season is on October 13 at 1 P.M. at the Bracebridge United Church. All are welcome. Contact ADELE ALLAN at 767-3728 or email her at adelalla@yahoo.com

Book Club: Contact MARILYN CROFT at 764-0099 or email her at cro55@on.aibn.com We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:30. This month the group will meet at Pat Tait's on September 28th to read *The Bishop's Man* by Linden MacIntyre.

Bowling Club: Contact LYNDA DOIG at 645 0391 or email her at past.tense@sympatico.ca . Bowling will resume in October. Let's try to get more members out to this fun event. It's a night of exercise and camaraderie well worth enjoying.

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 ELI ZABETH McMILLAN (764-1979), are the contacts for the Bracebridge Club. Bridge will resume on Tues. September 28th at James Street Place from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Bucket List Club: So far 26 members have joined. Last Month's Forest Tree Top Walk in Halliburton was so exciting that members have requested a repeat. Anyone on the waiting list or any other member who is interested in organizing it for September, please call Margaret McLaren at 645 1015.

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 *Decadent Dining Out*. Please join the guest list.

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

BILL/PENNY BARKER at 762-5524 for the *Prestige Diners*. Please join the guest list.

RENA AND ARNO LIEBSTER at 646-8909 for *Easy Dining*. The Easy Diners meet on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months. Our next dinner is on September 16th at the Liebsters.

THELMA MARRIN at 645-9760 for the *Out To Lunch Bunch*. Our next luncheon will be on Wed. Sept. 22 at 12:00 at 155 on Manitoba Street. Please contact Thelma for more information. Everyone is welcome.

Computers: *Colin Barklay will not be chairing the group in the Fall. Thanks for all your time and effort, Colin. Any computer/technology enthusiast willing to take his place, please call Dianne at 765-0593.*

FREE WORKSHOPS at the Bracebridge Library will resume in September when Cathy returns. Admission is on a first come first served basis. Please call Cathy Ashby at 645 4171 to register. More news to follow.

Crafter's Circle: Contact ELIZABETH NORTHEY at 645 2057 or email buscentr@sympatico.ca We meet on the 3rd Tuesday of every month at 9:30 a.m. **Our meeting on Tuesday September 21 will be held at Elizabeth's.** New members welcome. Bring a project you are already working on or dig out a half completed one and start working on it again!! Please call ahead.

Hiking and Walking Club: Our next hike is October 5th in Port Carling -- "HIKE AROUND SILVER LAKE" . We will meet in the lower parking lot at the Port Carling Community Centre at 9:45am. (Hwy.# 118 & Bailey St.) and lunch at ELLA's place afterwards. Contact HERWIG and LYNNE SCHROTH at 765-7394 or e-mail herlyn@muskoka.com.

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 LYNDA 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.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES / EVENTS

Taste of the World

September 14th, 6:30 PM at the Crossroads in Rosseau. This event is fully booked, but Dianne Darragh will put your name on a waiting list. diannedarragh@aol.com or 765-0593.

Evita

The South Muskoka and Gravenhurst Probus Clubs will travel to the Stratford Festival on Thursday, October 7. The trip includes round-trip transportation, private tour of the Costume and Props Warehouse, lunch in the Chalmer's Lounge at the Avon Theatre, show ticket for Evita at the Avon Theatre, and dinner at The Olde English Parlour. **Sorry, we Are Sold Out !**

Terracotta Soldiers

On Wednesday November 3 we will visit "*The Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army*" at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto. Our program includes a one-hour private lecture on the history of the Terracotta Army, followed by private tour of the exhibit and dinner at Chic Chinoise Pan Asian Restaurant. Cost is \$115 per person which includes bus transportation and all taxes/gratuities. This is a partnership with the Gravenhurst and Muskoka Lakes Clubs. If you wish to reserve your spot, please email Adele Allan at adelalla@yahoo.com or phone 767-3728.

Christmas

Plans are being laid for events in December. More information will be forthcoming, but the tentative date are:

Christmas Luncheon - Friday December 3rd at 12:00 noon at the South Muskoka Golf and Curling Club in Bracebridge.
Cathy Collard and Beth Wilson are organizing.

Christmas Dinner and Dance - Wednesday December 8th at the Riverside Inn - Peter and Margaret McLaren are organizing. More details to follow.

Next Year

These are not firm ... yet ... but the Events team is investigating Dog-Sledding and a Pig Roast in the new year. Your comments and additional ideas are welcome.

Billy Elliott

Plans are being laid for a day trip to Toronto on May 18, 2011 to see Billy Elliott. Watch for details

A Reminder ...

Probus Canada has negotiated a travel insurance arrangement for Probus members. We hear that the rates may be quite favourable, especially for snowbirds. If you are interested, check the Probus website www.probus.org/instrvl.pdf or call Lisa Hansen at 1-888-412-8822 for more information.

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2010 – 2011

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Month-At-A-Glance ... and More

September 7	Hiking - Hardy Lake Provincial Park at 9:45 AM
September 13	Investment Club - Edward Jones Office at 10:00 AM
September 14	Monthly Probus Meeting - Social time 9:30 AM, Meeting starts at 10:00 Guest Speaker John Little - "I deal Training Programs for Seniors"
September 14	Taste of the World -- 6:30 PM at the Crossroads in Rosseau
September 16	Easy Diners - at Arno and Rena Liebster's
September 21	Crafter's Circle - 9:30 at Elizabeth Northey's
September 22	Out-to-Lunch-Bunch - at "155" on Manitoba Street at 12:00 Noon
September 28	South Muskoka Management Committee meets at 9:30 AM
September 28	Bridge Club - 1:00 PM at James Street Place
September 28	Book Club - 1:30 PM at Pat Tait's
October 5	Hiking on the Silver Lake Trail - 9:45 at the Port Carling Community Centre
October 12	Monthly Probus Meeting - Social time 9:30 AM, Meeting starts at 10:00
October 14	Armchair Travelers - 1:00 P.M. at Bracebridge United Church
October 26	South Muskoka Management Committee meets at 9:30 AM
November 2	Terracotta Soldiers at the ROM
November 9	Monthly Probus Meeting - Social time 9:30 AM, Meeting starts at 10:00
December 3	Christmas Luncheon -- 12:00 noon at the South Muskoka Golf and Curling Club
December 8	Christmas Dinner Dance at the Riverside Inn

To resume soon:

Bowling

Curling