

Monthly Newsletter of the
Probus Club of South Muskoka
August 2012



Club No. 119,
Chartered June 12,
2001
www.smprobust.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING August 1st, 2012 @ 10:30 A.M.

at the Kirrie Glen Golf Club, 1838 Highway 118 West

(See the attached detailed notice)

Come early for extra social time & coffee. The doors open at 10:15

Greeters: Sharyn Parno and Bill King

Attendance: Alan and Queenie Reville

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| 10:30 | Announcements |
| 10:45 | Business Meeting and elections |
| 11:15 | Guest Speaker: Gary Denniss – "History of Muskoka Schools,
Churches, and Hills" |
| 12:00 | Adjourn, followed by optional luncheon |

Next Month: Wednesday September 5th, 2012 @ 10:00 A.M.

Our first meeting at the Bracebridge Sportsplex, 110 Clearbrook Trail

Greeters: Penny and Bill Barker

Guest Speaker: Johl Anderson, arborist – "Muskoka's Trees"

Words of Wit and Wisdom

A foolish consistency is the hobgoblin of little minds,
adored by little statesmen, philosophers and divines.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson (*Essayist & poet, 1803 - 1882*)

There is no such thing as a free lunch.
- Robert A. Heinlein (*Author, 1907 - 1988*)



Care Bear:

If you know of anyone who is ill
or has suffered bereavement,
please call
Lynne Schroth 705- 765-7394 or
Marlene Robinson 705-767-3000

At Our Last Meeting ...

New Members

We welcomed seven new members: Jeanette and Don Bemrose, John Bryan, Roseanne and Jon Fenwick, Peter Lawson, and Doris Smellie.

Biography – Elizabeth Northey

Elizabeth mentioned she had been reluctant to give a biography, but realized that putting one together would become a valuable record for her family of her early life in Scotland, before emigrating to Canada.

She was born in Grangemouth, just after D-Day. As a child, she and her friends found great places to play, although there were few frills available during the war. Rationing required her mother to plan ahead, and sharing and trading of ration coupons was a community project. When she was older, she became a Girl Guide and eventually travelled quite a bit around Europe. When she was 14, her father dies and she had to leave school to earn money for the family. She got a job with British Petroleum. The general expectation of young women was to be a secretary, but in time she became an accounting machine operator, a highly skilled profession at the time.

When still a young woman, she saw advertisements about emigration to New Zealand, Australia, and Canada. She applied to Canada and was accepted, arriving on our shores in 1965.



Guest Speaker Angus Murray – “Climbing Mount Everest”



Angus grew up in Burlington, Gravenhurst, and Toronto. Encouraged by his father at an early age, he took up many outdoor activities, including hiking, cycling, and climbing around in tall buildings under construction. Although his mother was less enthusiastic about the latter, he eventually became an expert mountain climber, and began to dream of one day climbing Mount Everest.

In his pursuit of risky adventures, Andy became very attuned to analyzing and managing risk – indeed, today he is often consulted on the subject. And he realized that climbing mountains is extremely risky, even fatal, unless extensive and detailed preparations are made. He took a year off work to prepare himself for Everest. He lined up a trusted climbing partner; learned what equipment he would need, and shopped carefully for it. He researched what food can be eaten when frozen (who knew?) He found sponsors to help pay for the trip (the fee just to be on the mountain is \$30,000). Finally, he was ready to go, in the late spring of 2010.

It takes almost two months to do the climb. First, a ten-day trek to reach the Base Camp, passing memorials to those who have died on the mountain. Then, for several weeks, they climb ever higher and return, to acclimatize to the terrain and the altitude – reaching Camps 1, 2, 3, and then 4. The lower sections are a maze of unstable, automobile-sized blocks of ice and deep crevasses; the upper reaches are narrow and windy ridges with severe drops on both sides. The way is hard and dangerous, and freeze-dried bodies lying beside the trail are a visible reminder of

the dangers ahead. The final push takes 36 or more hours without rest. The trail up the side of the mountain is essentially single-file, either up or down and there are many climbers there at once, coming and going. It's very important to conserve enough energy and supplementary oxygen to get back down – many have died on the return. Once again, Andy's planning and cool head paid off and he returned safely.

Angus says he may try for other high mountains someday, but in the meantime he enjoys leading group expeditions to Mount Kilimanjaro.



The path to the summit



I made it!

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

These groups meet more or less regularly to pursue a common interest. Some may be full due to physical constraints, but usually welcome guests to fill in when regular members are absent. If you are interested in forming an interest group, Special Interests Chair Rena Liebster can help you get going - (705) 646-8909 or renarno@sympatico.ca.

Note: The Armchair Travel, Bucket List, and Curling groups have been discontinued due to lack of participation

Book Club: We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month, but are taking a summer break. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 25th. Contact BEV STEWART at 705-646-9478 or riverwalkbev@gmail.com for details.

Bowling Club: Bowling is discontinued for the summer and will re-commence in September. Contact LYNDIA DOIG at (705) 645-0391 or past.tense@sympatico.ca.

Cooking/Dining: Each of our dining groups has its own approach to the enjoyment of good food and fellowship.

Decadent Dining Out: THORNA and WALTER COLLIS at (705) 646-0613. We are a group of nine that meet on the fourth Thursday of each month to dine out at an area restaurant. Each member takes their turn to choose and arrange for the location. Sometimes we meet at a member's home to enjoy a libation prior to dinner. Guests are welcome if the dining facility can accommodate. Please call Thorna or Walter.

Dine and Unwind: DIANNE DARRAGH at (705) 765-0593 or (diannedar@aol.com) Our casual dining evenings consist of 8 regular diners, but we like to seat ten, so we encourage anyone to call us and join us as our guest. We are a fun group who really enjoy company. We usually dine on the second Wednesday of the month. Please join the guest list.

Easy Diners: RENA AND ARNO LIEBSTER at (705) 646-8909 or renarno@sympatico.ca. We meet on the 3rd Thursday of alternate months in a member's home and invite a chef to serve appetizers and a full-course meal for us, at a fixed price, usually \$30 per person (including tax and gratuities, but BYOB). Dinners can be sit down or buffet style. We try to keep our numbers to 16 each time to make it worthwhile for the chef, so if some cannot come we have an on-call list. Contact Rena if you are interested in joining. Our next event is September 20th at the Daglish's.

Meeting Day Lunchers: Go for lunch after the monthly Probus meeting. Anyone is welcome to sign up with Cathy Turley during coffee break.

"The Original" Out To Lunch Bunch: This group is anyone who likes to visit an interesting place for lunch. We usually meet the third Wednesday of each month. Everyone is welcome. **A new convenor is required for this group.** Please call contact Sue Daglish (705-765-0330 or daglish@muskoka.com) if you are interested in volunteering.

Prestige Diners: BILL and PENNY BARKER at (705) 762-5524. The Prestige Dinners are 6 couples who enjoy Eating Out. We meet once a month if possible, and we chose a different restaurant in Muskoka or North Simcoe County. Each couple chooses an outing and sets the date. In the Winter months, 3 couples try to meet in South Florida to enjoy the Southern cuisine. For more information and to join our guest list, contact Bill or Penny.

Red Dragons: ELLEN KING at (705) 645-2305. Please join the guest list.

Computers: **FREE WORKSHOPS** are offered at the Bracebridge Library. Admission is on a first come first served basis. Please call Cathy Ashby at (705) 645-4171 to register.

Crafter's Circle: Contact ELIZABETH NORTHEY at (705) 645 2057 or email buscentr@sympatico.ca. We usually meet the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting is Tuesday August 17th at 9:30 AM at Elizabeth's home. Please call ahead if you plan to come.

Hiking and Walking Club: Wed. August 22nd, 10:00 AM at the Bracebridge Resource Management Centre. Jim and Thelma Marrin have kindly volunteered to lead a 6 km hike. Meet them in the parking lot. (On #11 north, go past High Falls Road, turn right into the Resource Centre). Lunch to follow at Boston Pizza, Home Depot Plaza. **Please note:** Starting in September, Probus hikes will be on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. The **September 11th** hike will be in Algonquin Park. Contact Jan and Ed janet.sharman@gmail.com (705-646-1398) to be added to (or removed from) the hiking club list.

Investment Club: We're taking a break for the summer. Next meeting September 10th, 10:00 AM at James Street Place. New members welcome – no real money involved! Contact BILL DEDRI CK (705) 765-0536 or e-mail catd@sympatico.ca

Music Appreciation: RENA LIEBSTER at (705) 646-8909 or renarno@sympatico.ca. On Friday Sept 21st at St. Thomas Anglican Church, James Wells will talk about the history of the organ. (organ grinders not excluded). For more information, contact Rena.

Video Group: We meet on the fourth Thursday of the month in each other's homes to view and discuss interesting films - some new, some classics, some foreign. We are initiating two guest spots per month, when space allows. To sign up for this rotating guest list, call LYNDIA and KEVIN McALLINDON at (705) 684-8456 or email kmcallindon1@cogeco.com.

Would any interest group conveners like to have their very own page on our website? If so, Please contact our webmaster, Perry Bowker (pbowker@sympatico.ca) and it will be done.

SOCIAL ACTIVITIES and EVENTS

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING and LUNCHEON -

Wednesday August 1st -- See the attached announcement for complete details.

"CANADIAN MILLIONAIRES ROW" CRUISE ON THE "PEERLESS II"

Tuesday, August 21 at 2:30 P.M. Elizabeth Hughes has organized a cruise from Port Carling through Lake Rosseau on this historic boat. \$30 per person. See the announcement attached to this letter.

IT'S A RED AND WHITE AFFAIR !

Tuesday, September 18 @ 6:00 P.M. at the Riverwalk. Enjoy appetizers and a great meal prepared by Chef David Friesen, accompanied by wines chosen by Sommelier Scott Northey. **You are welcome to bring a friend or two!** Make your cheque for \$75 per person payable to the Probus Club of South Muskoka. (See the attached flyer for full details and an application form)

"Bridge Over Troubled Waters" Driveabout and Lunch

Thursday, October 11 @ 9:45 from the Bracebridge Home Depot parking lot Your pit crew (Nansi & Don Nikiforuk, Ed Kapusniak & Jan Sharman) will be accepting entries (AKA signing people up) starting with the July meeting. Sign up as a team - don't forget to come up with a catchy team name - or individually and we will match you up. Each vehicle will need a driver, navigator, a back seat navigator and/or back seat scribe. You will be given notes with mileage distance points and clues. We're shooting for a 2-hour route and will provide a sealed "panic envelope" for each vehicle in case you get lost! Cost of \$22.50 p.p. will include prizes and a lunch with choice of menu. (See the attached Flyer)

And, in the planning stages ...

November: Possible Grey Cup Party. Stay Tuned....

December 12: Christmas Luncheon at South Muskoka Golf Club; Christmas Dinner Dance (co-hosted with Muskoka Lakes Probus Club) at the Riverside Inn.

May 2013 TBA: Another of Adele Allan's action-packed theatre excursions to see **The Book Of Mormon**.

YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2011 – 2012

Co-Presidents:	Paul and Wendy Truscott	(705) 767-3420	pwtruscott@yahoo.com
Vice-President:	-- OPEN --		
Secretary:	Elizabeth Northey	(705) 645-2057	buscentr@sympatico.ca
Treasurer:	Bonnie Christie	(705) 646-2095	bngchristie@bell.net
Speakers:	Donna Worth	(705) 646-0050	donbur94@muskoka.com
Newsletter:	Perry Bowker	(705) 765-0242	pbowker@sympatico.ca
Membership: *	Don Nikiforuk	(705) 646-1452	don.nansi@sympatico.ca
Special Interests:	Rena Liebster	(705) 646-8909	renarno@sympatico.ca
Social / Events:	Adele Allan	(705) 767-3728	adelealla@yahoo.com
	Dick Robinson	(705) 767-3000	marlenedick@hotmail.com
Members-at-Large:	Peter Milner	(705) 645-7980	jpmilner@sympatico.ca
	Cathie Turley	(705) 646-2370	cturley@bell.net
	John Vellinga	(705) 762-5115	jmvellinga@sympatico.ca
Care Bears	Marlene Robinson	(705) 767-3000	marlenedick@hotmail.com
	Lynne Scroth	(705) 765-7394	herlyn@muskoka.com
Past President:	Ron Dyer	(705) 645-0004	the.dyers@sympatico.ca

* Has your address changed? Be sure to advise the membership chairperson if your address, phone, or e-mail changes



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

August 1	Annual General Meeting and Luncheon – 10:30 A.M. at Kirrie Glen Golf Club
August 14	South Muskoka Probus Management Committee meets at 9:30 AM at James Street Place
August 17	Crafter's Circle – 9:30 A.M. at Northey's
August 21	Boat Cruise on the Peerless II - 2:30 P.M. from Port Carling
August 22	Hiking – meet at Bracebridge Resource Management Centre at 10:00 A.M.
September 5 *	Probus Regular Meeting at the Bracebridge Sportsplex – coffee and conversation at 9:30 A.M., Meeting starts at 10:00 A.M.
September 10	Investment Club – James Street Place at 10:00 A.M.
September 11	South Muskoka Probus Management Committee meets at 9:30 AM at James Street Place
September 20	Easy Diners – at the Daglish home
September 21	Music Appreciation at St. Thomas Anglican Church
September 21	"Red and White Affair" – 6:00 P.M. at Riverwalk
September 25	Book Club

* Reminder -- In September, our monthly meeting date changes to the first Wednesday of each month, at the Bracebridge Sportsplex. Mark your calendar now for the rest of the year:

Wednesday, October 3rd
 Wednesday, November 7th
 Wednesday, December 5th

Website: www.smprobust.ca

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - August 1, 2012

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 1, at the Kirrie Glen Golf Club, starting at 10:30 A.M. (Doors open for socializing at 10:15) After the usual announcements, business to be transacted will include hearing of reports from the Treasurer and other members of the Management Committee, consideration of Bylaw changes (see below), election of members to the 2012-13 Management Committee, and installation of the new Committee. Only paid up members may vote.

Following these formal proceedings, we have an exciting guest speaker, Mr. **Gary Denniss**, who will relate the history of Muskoka Schools, Churches, and Hills. He has presented to us in the past, and is a treasury of anecdotes about Muskoka names and places.

After the meeting, you are invited to stay and enjoy a **special luncheon**. Tickets are required, and will not be available at the door. We are asked to choose in advance from Salad (mixed greens or Caesar) and Entrée (Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom Marsala Cream Sauce or Grilled Atlantic Salmon). Dessert buffet and coffee/tea included, all for \$35.

If you have not enrolled yet, contact Don Nikiforuk, 705-646-1452 or don.nansi@sympatico.ca.

Matters to be considered at the Annual General Meeting:

Bylaws:

The Management Committee recommends approval of changes to Bylaws 4.2 and 5.2 which will bring the reference to the date of our Annual General meeting and our monthly meeting location in line with our current practice.

- o Bylaw 4 Section 2) states, in part: "... the Annual General Meeting in June". The Management Committee will bring a motion that this clause be amended to remove "in June".
[Rationale: the reference to June is in conflict with our current practice]
- o Bylaw 5 Section 2) states: "General meetings of the club shall be held on the second Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. at the Rotary Centre of Youth in Bracebridge, or other location as deemed necessary." The Management Committee will bring a motion that this clause be amended to change the meeting time and location to ... "the first Wednesday of each month at the Bracebridge Sportsplex"....
[Rationale: We have decided to change our regular meeting time and location.]

Elections:

The following individuals have agreed to stand for election to the Management Committee:

President	Perry Bowker
Vice President	Cahy Collard
Secretary	Jan Davidson
Treasurer	Elizabeth Northey
Membership	Peter McLaren
Speakers	Shirley Gates
Social	Adele Allan
	Richard Robinson
Special Interests	Susan Daglish
Newsletter & Website	Wendy Truscott
Care Bears	Marlene Robinson
	Lynne Schroth
Members at Large	Cathie Turley
	Peter Milner
	John Vellinga
Past Presidents	Paul and Wendy Truscott

**PROBUS CLUB OF SOUTH MUSKOKA
MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
REGATTA RESTAURANT, GRAVENHURST
AUGUST 9, 2011**

Called to order by Ron Dyer, President, at 10:42 a.m.
Welcome and singing of O Canada.

Number present: 65

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Note: The Minutes, Financial Review and Bylaw Amendments were sent to members with the August newsletter.

1.0 Minutes: (Carol Ursano)

Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 8, 2010 Annual General Meeting as presented moved by Carol Ursano. Seconded by Margaret McLaren. Carried.

2.0 Financial: (Bonnie Christie)

Bonnie reported that at this time, we have \$5247.00 in the bank which represents 2/3 of what we need for annual expenses. Our recent rent increase resulted in an increase in club dues to \$35.00 per person. We will need to closely watch our finances in the next year.

Financial Review: Review Engagement Report. (Terry Anderson)

The committee which conducted the annual review, consisted of Terry Anderson, Donna Worth and Perry Bowker. Terry complimented Bonnie on her wonderful books, and thanked his co-accountants for their excellent work. Terry asked if anyone had any questions regarding the report. No questions.

Motion to accept the 2011 Financial Reports as presented moved by Bonnie Christie. Seconded by Carol Ursano. Carried.

3.0 Bylaws: (Perry Bowker)

Perry briefly reviewed the amendments to the Bylaws. No questions. He suggested that the membership vote to accept the 6 amendments as a block. No opposition.

Motion to adopt the bylaws as proposed, made by Perry Bowker. Seconded by Arno Liebster. Carried.

4.0 Election of New Management Committee for 2011-2012 (Bob Doig)

The following is the slate of candidates presented by the Nomination Committee:

Co-Presidents:	Wendy and Paul Truscott
Vice President:	vacant
Secretary:	Elizabeth Northey
Treasurer:	Bonnie Christie
Membership:	Don Nikiforuk
Speakers:	Donna Worth
Special Interests:	vacant
Social:	Adele Allan
Newsletter:	Perry Bowker
Member-at-Large:	Cathy Turley
Past President:	Ron Dyer

Motion to accept the slate of officers as described made by Bob Doig. Seconded by Joe Ursano. Carried.

5.0 New Business:

5.1 Introductory Remarks by Incoming Co-Presidents: (Wendy and Paul Truscott)

Paul presented his hip joint gavel, designed to keep order in future meetings

5.2 Presentation of President's Plaque: Paul presented Ron with the president's plaque, commenting on Ron's calm manner in dealing with the recent rent negotiations. Ron thanked everyone on the former team for their hard work.

5.3 Former Management Team: Each member was presented with a uniquely Muskoka thank you card, handmade by Wendy from birch bark.

5.4 New Management Team Members: Elizabeth Northey, Secretary, and Cathy Turley, Member-at-Large, were welcomed to the new team.

6.5 Message to the Membership: Paul noted that the club is only as strong as its executive committee. He encouraged the members to consider taking the vacant positions, either as individuals or as part of a pair. Paul promised that they would listen to ideas and suggestions of the members in order to help the club to grow strong and thrive.

6.0 Next Meeting of the Old and New Management Teams: August 23, 9:30 a.m. at the Rotary Centre for Youth.

Next General Meeting: September 13 at 9:30 at the Rotary Centre for Youth.

7.0 Adjournment: The motion to adjourn was made at 11:28 a.m. by Rena Liebster. Lunch followed.

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REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To: The Members of the Probus Club of South Muskoka

We have reviewed the Balance Sheet of the Probus Club of South Muskoka as at May 31, 2012 and the Statement of Operations for the year then ended.

Our review was made in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements and accordingly consisted primarily of enquiry, analytical procedures and discussions related to information supplied to us by the Treasurer.

A review does not constitute an audit and consequently we do not express an audit opinion on these Financial Statements.

Based on our review nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that these Financial Statements are not in all material respects in accordance with Canadian generally accepted accounting principles.

Terence Anderson, C.A.

Perry Bowker

Cathie Turley

**July 9, 2012
Bracebridge, Ontario**

PROBUS CLUB OF SOUTH MUSKOKA

BALANCE SHEET
as at MAY 31, 2012

	2012	2011
ASSETS:		
Cash in Bank	\$9,563	\$15,233
Prepaid Expenses for Social Events/Trips, and annual dues	190	0
Total Assets	\$9,753	\$15,233
LIABILITIES and MEMBERS' EQUITY:		
Prepaid Fees for Social Events/Trips	\$4,701	\$9,986
Members' Equity	5,052	5,247
Total Equity	\$9,753	\$15,233

STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED MAY 31, 2011

	2012	2011
REVENUE:		
Members Annual Dues	\$5,145	\$4,425
Initiation Fees	300	210
	\$5,445	\$4,635
Meeting Fees (net of draw prizes)	1,190	1,325
Total Revenues	\$6,635	\$5,960
EXPENSES:		
Probus Canada Insurance and Dues	\$375	\$438
Catering	2,038	1,952
Name Badges, Pins, Plaques	191	421
Rotary Centre Rental	3,253	1,605
Administrative Expenses	930	768
Speaker Honoraria	1,000	1,200
Annual Meeting Luncheon	0	2,510
Social Committee Events/Trips (See Note 1)	-1,212	-894
Bank Charges (net of interest earned)	5	4
Donations and other	250	-
Total Expenses	\$6,830	\$8,004
REVENUE less EXPENSES:	-\$195	-\$2,044
Plus: Members' Equity, beginning of year	\$5,247	\$7,291
MEMBERS' EQUITY, end of year	\$5,052	\$5,247

Note 1: Social Committee Events: (Expenses less Revenue)

Billy Elliott	- \$395
Stratford	- 141
Air Show	- 72
Christmas Dinner-Dance	- 22
Warhorse	- 555
Wildlife Centre	- 27
6 Other events broke even	0
Net Cost *	- \$1,212

(* This means these events had a net surplus - refunds are made only if the net per attendee exceeds \$10)

**CANADIAN MILLIONAIRE'S ROW BOAT TRIP
LAKE ROSSEAU**

on the PEERLESS II

Tuesday, August 21st, 2012

2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$30.00 per person

The boat will start boarding at 2:15 from the Locks at Port Carling. It will leave at 2:30 p.m. Park at either the Municipal Offices or Library parking lots. Both are on your left side coming into Port Carling from Bracebridge.

There will be drinks available on the boat. Enjoy a lunch or dinner before or after in Port Carling.

See Elizabeth Hughes with your cheque. Only 45 spaces available. For any questions my number is 705-385-2020 or behughes@sympatico.ca

**Hope to see you there.
Elizabeth**

IT'S A RED & WHITE AFFAIR

Wine Tasting Dinner

Tuesday, September 18th, 2012
6.00p.m.

Riverwalk Fine Dining
1 Manitoba Street
Bracebridge

Enjoy appetizers, main course and dessert, created for us by Chef David Friesen, accompanied by wines chosen by Sommelier Scott Northey.

\$75.00 per person

Please make your cheque payable to Probus Club of South Muskoka
and give to Bonnie Christie or Elizabeth Northey

Please wear Red and White to the dinner if possible

I/WE will be attending "It's a Red and White Affair"

Name(s).....

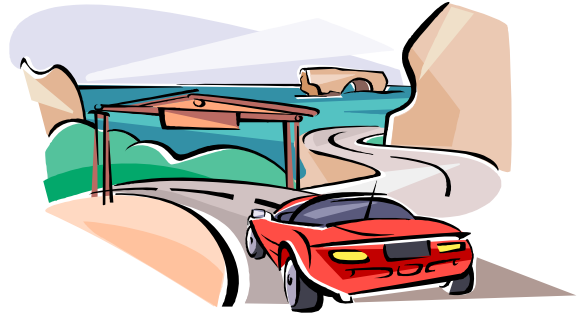
Cheque for \$..... Attached.

Probus Club of South Muskoka

Bridge Over Troubled Waters

Driveabout and Lunch

Thursday, October 11th



We hope you will join us for the 1st Annual Scenic Driveabout

Departing at 9:45 a.m. from the Bracebridge Home Depot parking lot,

we have planned a scenic tour of approximately two hours.

You will be given clues to the route, and questions to answer enroute.

Your final destination will be at a spot for lunch.

Sign up as a team of four or individually and we will match you with others.

Cost is \$22.50 per person which includes lunch and prizes.

See one of the Pit Crew (Jan, Ed, Don and Nansi) to sign-up or for questions.

*So fasten your seat belts and join us
for the fun!*

