

Monthly Newsletter of the

# Probus Club of South Muskoka



Club No. 119,  
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[www.smprobust.ca](http://www.smprobust.ca)

June 5, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.



*Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and socializing  
at the Bracebridge Sportsplex, 110 Clearbrook Trail*

**Greeters:** Rosemary Reid and Christine Wilde

**Attendance:** Queenie and Alan Reville

**Tickets:** [Walter Collis](#)

***Guest Speaker:*** Kyle Vincent: Structural Defects and Pruning

***Special Interest/Bio:*** Carleton Miller: "What's a Guy From Calgary Doing In Muskoka"?

***Next Month:*** Brock Godfrey speaks on fraud awareness

## PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

PERRY BOWKER

HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

No it's not January, nor am I operating on some alternative religious calendar. But June 1 is actually the official start of our Probus year. A time for fresh beginnings, perhaps, or maybe a reflection on what's past. I can't recall when we've had such a full schedule of events, nor when we've launched a whole bunch new interest groups. I encourage you to check them out and get involved.

Our club is strong because we have such a capable and effective Management Committee and activity leaders. But that doesn't mean we can't welcome more. Our Annual General Meeting is coming up in August, and it would be great to see a few more members with new ideas coming forward to join the team. It's not hard or time-consuming and it's always fun - and as the electrician's motto goes "many hands make light work."

Are your dues all paid up for the coming year? If not, contact our membership chair immediately.

***FAMOUS QUOTES:*** Summer is a promissory note signed in June, its long days spent and gone before you know it, and due to be repaid next January.

***Hal Borland***

## **AT OUR LAST MEETING:**

### **Special Interest: Margaret McLaren: Why Birds Sing**

Marg pointed out that birds have two sets of vocal cords (syringes), which enable them to make two different sounds at once. She showed sonograms indicating harmonics and frequency of sound. While birds hear much the same pitch range as humans, their ability to discriminate time is much greater. What we hear as a buzz, they hear as separate sounds. What is song? The technical definition of a songbird is one that has a muscle on its leg, enabling it to lock on to a perch, but not all songbirds are musical and it is not only birds that we think of as songbirds that sing. Crows, for example are songbirds! Grouse, owls and woodpeckers are not songbirds but they all make sounds intended to attract a mate, which is a main function of bird song. The other main function is to stake a claim to a territory for nesting. In order to identify neighbours, birds match songs. This saves energy since they know it is a neighbour singing and not a stranger intruding on their territory. Most singing happens in the mornings because of the lighter air quality and the fact that insects are not yet out.



Marg suggests making a short list of bird songs when beginning to learn identification, using these classifications: 1) Those who make Robin-like songs 2) Trillers 3) Whistlers 4) Those who sing complex songs. There are also birds specific to towns (Mourning Doves, House Wrens), grasslands, shrubs (goldfinch, song sparrow), and forests (Scarlet Tanager, many in the Robin-like category). The most common forest bird in Muskoka is the Red-Eyed Vireo. We were treated to a wide-ranging sample of bird "song"

### **Guest Speaker: Elizabeth Hughes-- How to Shop and What to Look For**

Based on years of experience with the Ontario Consumer Price Index, a department of Statistics Canada, and on having written and taught the training manual for those working on the C.P.I. before she retired, Elizabeth brings a vast knowledge to her subject. The C.P.I. may be the most important part of Stats. Can., as it establishes the cost of living for an average family at a given time, and decisions such as determining the Old Age Pension are based on it. Therefore, great care must be taken by those who check prices and quality in various stores and businesses.

Among Elizabeth's many tips were these: Your clothing label tells in which plant your article was made. CA plus a number indicates Made in Canada and at which location. Just google the number. (R.N. is the American code). If there are two numbers, the one on the washing label supercedes. Sometimes the price of an article, e.g. a man's shirt, won't have changed for years but on close inspection you will notice a lower thread count which enables the price to remain the same. The quality of men's clothing has deteriorated over the past 20 years, so watch for no placket or flange on a shirt cuff, no flaps for pockets, fewer buttons. (The buttoned-down shirt has virtually disappeared.) Men's suit prices have remained much the same but such things as vents, pocket flaps and self-lining are gone. In sport or golf shirts, look for a binding on the neck and vents on the side hem, which give more comfortable wear.

You can follow Canada's Food Guide by only shopping the outside aisles of grocery stores. Larger stores usually have fresher products because they move quickly but aren't always cheaper. Watch expiry dates in discount stores. When purchasing paper towels and tissues, check on the number of sheets and size of sheets to determine best buy. Some products have actually been reduced in amount but not in package size (toothpaste, coffee). Much of this happened with the shift to metric. Forget laundry concentrates, and use smaller amounts of big boxes. Buy mattresses and cars in Feb.; dishes and silverware in June. Gas used to go up on Weds. but is no longer consistent. When buying audio/video products check that the store will stand behind their warranty. Wrinkle-free clothing, once ironed, is no longer wrinkle-free!

## ***SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:***

Hi

Here's the information you will need to be in touch with your Interest Group. Most groups will stop over the busy summer months. If you are interested in joining a group, or helping to establish a new group in the autumn such as Computer, Creative Writing, Gardening or Wine Tasting, please contact me. **Susan Daglish** 705-765-0330, [daglish@muskoka.com](mailto:daglish@muskoka.com)

### **Interest Groups**

**Art:** The Art group is meeting weekly at the Gravenhurst Senior Centre at 10:30 to 1:00. Bring a lunch. There will be a fee of \$2.50 for the use of the room. For more information contact Carol Leeming 705-687-1357.

**Book Club:** Probus Book Club June 18th meeting is at Riverside Inn at noon. This is our last meeting for the season. We will enjoy each other's company and choose the books for next season. So bring your pick of a book and a suggestion for our classic book choice. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm. Contact Bev Stewart at [riverwalkbev@gmail.com](mailto:riverwalkbev@gmail.com)

**Crafter's Circle:** Crafters Circle will meet June 18th 9.30am @ my home. Crafters Circle meets 3rd Tuesday my home. If you are interested in being part of this group or would like more information about our group, please contact Elizabeth Northey at (705) 645 2057 or email [buscentr@sympatico.ca](mailto:buscentr@sympatico.ca).

**French Conversation:** The French conversation group meets at 1-3pm on the third Wednesday of each month at the home of a member. We are not completely fluent (some more advanced than others) but all can carry on at least a simple conversation in French. Contact Margaret McLaren at 705-645-1015 or [mpmclaren@sympatico.ca](mailto:mpmclaren@sympatico.ca).

**Genealogy:** At our planning meeting we decided:

- our meetings will be on our old Probus day, the second Tuesday in the month which means the next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 11 at 1:30
- we are all in the same space. We are interested in learning about our ancestors, and want both guidance and inspiration to motivate us.
- the Bracebridge Librarian Ruth Holtz will lead us in a four-session genealogy course.
- in June, we will meet in the Bracebridge Library on the upper level.
- the next three sessions will be on Tuesday, September 10, Tuesday October 8 and Tuesday November 12. By then we should know where we want to go as a group. For further information contact Ted Daglish 705-765-0330, [daglish@muskoka.com](mailto:daglish@muskoka.com)

**Music Appreciation:** . Music Appreciation is completed for this season. We a great year. 24 people signed up last September and around 10 came to each monthly event. We learned about so many things: jazz music, violin making, folk music, playing bells, music composition, Early recorded music, Organ Music, and went to several concerts. It has been a lot of fun. We must thank all those musicians who shared their passion with us and gave so freely of their time and energy: Bev Robertson, Doug Banwell, Paul Dodington, Suzanne Rutherford, Ruth Wagner, Mary Lou Chuter, James Wells. To them a hearty Thank You! For information, call Rena Liebster 705-646-8909 or email [renarno@sympatico.ca](mailto:renarno@sympatico.ca).

**Spanish - as a travel language,** Peter Gairruso 645-1812

Next meeting to be confirmed by the leader (see above)

**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 Lynda and Kevin McAllindon at (705) 684-8456 or email [kmcallindon1@cogeco.com](mailto:kmcallindon1@cogeco.com).

**Investment Club:** The Investment activity of our club meets on the second Monday of each month at the James Street Place. New members welcome – Contact Bill Dedrick 705-765-0536 [catd1@sympatico.ca](mailto:catd1@sympatico.ca).

## Hiking and Walking Club:

Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Please tell us if you plan to come and if you plan to join us afterward for coffee / lunch.

**Tuesday, June 11, 8:30 a.m.:** MNR Trial. Back by popular demand we have another bird watching (listening?) hike led by our resident ornithologist *Marg McLaren*. PLEASE NOTE THE EARLY TIME! (blame the birds). Hwy 11 North, turn left onto High Falls Rd., immediately turn right into the parking lot. Coffee (or a really early lunch to be determined?)

**Tuesday, July 9, 10:00 a.m.:** Hardy Lake Trail. If open, this will be a hike up the north-east trail towards Lake Muskoka and back, otherwise, we'll do a figure of eight hike (about 6km either way). Parking lot is well marked on the North side of Hwy 169, 18km West of Gravenhurst and 8km East of Bala. Lunch at *Boston Pizza (Gravenhurst Wharf)* following our walk.



Email [janet.sharman@gmail.com](mailto:janet.sharman@gmail.com) or call 646-1398 to join, or leave, the hike notice email list.

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

**Decadent Dining Out:** Has been disbanded. A big "thank you" to Thorna and Walter Collis for their contribution to the Club. It is very much appreciated.

**Dine and Unwind:** Our casual dining evenings consist of eight 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. To join the guest list contact Margaret McLaren at (705) 645-1015 or [mpmclaren@sympatico.ca](mailto:mpmclaren@sympatico.ca).

**Easy Diners:** Easy Diners will rest for the summer. It was a great season. There will be a new coordinator for the next season starting in September. Thanks to all Easy Diners for great food, creative evenings, and wonderful company. Rena

**Prestige Diners:** We are six 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. For more information and to join our guest list, contact Bill and Penny Barker at (705) 762-5524.

**Out-to-Lunch Bunch:** Don and Nansi Nikiforuk, (705) 646-1452 or [don.nansi@sympatico.ca](mailto:don.nansi@sympatico.ca)

**Red Dragons:** Ellen King at (705) 645-2305. Please join the guest list.

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - August 7, 2013

The Annual General Meeting meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 7, 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, election of members to the 2013-14 Management Committee, and installation of the new Committee. Only paid up members may vote.

Following the formal proceedings, Janice Woods of the Canadian Automobile Association will be speaking to us about "Seniors Travelling Safely".

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 (Grilled Chicken Breast with Wild Mushroom Marsala Cream Sauce or Grilled Atlantic Salmon with a Citrus Glaze). A Dessert buffet and coffee/tea are included, all for \$35.

If you wish to attend the luncheon, bring a cheque to the June meeting, contact Peter McLaren, 705-645-1015 or send an e-mail to [mpmclaren@sympatico.ca](mailto:mpmclaren@sympatico.ca).

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### SOCIAL/EVENTS:

**ELVIS FESTIVAL/CONCERT** Only 5seats left! See the attached poster. Please contact Dick Robinson at [richard@artinmuskoka.com](mailto:richard@artinmuskoka.com) or (705) 767-3000 ASAP if you wish to attend. Cost is \$130 per person.

**DECADES MUSICAL REVUE.** Please see the attached poster for this event. There are places still available but members are encouraged to commit ASAP if they are interested to Dick Robinson at [richard@artinmuskoka.com](mailto:richard@artinmuskoka.com) or (705) 767-3000

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### CANADIAN MILLIONAIRE'S ROW BOAT TRIP ON LAKE ROSSEAU On the PEERLESS II

Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. Cost: \$30.00 per person. The boat will start boarding at 2:15 p.m. from the Locks at Port Carling. It will leave at 2:30 p.m.

Park at either the Municipal Office or Library lots. Both are on your left 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 or Bruce Hughes with your cheque. Only 45 spaces are available. For any questions our number is 705-385-2020 or [behughes@sympatico.ca](mailto:behughes@sympatico.ca). We hope to see you there. Bruce and Elizabeth.

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### Summer Dinner / Theatre

Thursday, July 11 @ 5:30 pm., Blithe Spirit, Trillium Court, Gravenhurst Op. Noel Coward dinner/theatre catered by Riverwalk Restaurant. Tables of 8. \$48.25.

Wednesday, August 28 @ 5:30 pm., Sadie Flynn Comes to Big Oak, Trillium Court, Gravenhurst Op. Norm Foster dinner/theatre catered by Riverwalk Restaurant. Tables of 8. \$48.25.

Bring cheques made out to the Probus Club of South Muskoka to the June meeting or mail to Ed Kapusniak, 1333 Highway 118 E, Bracebridge, P1L 1X1. (don't forget: name, email or phone # and tell us who you want to sit with). See flyer for more details. [ed.kapusniak@gmail.com](mailto:ed.kapusniak@gmail.com).

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**CHRISTMAS PARTY-- Thursday, December 12, 6:00 p.m.:** Muskoka Memories Steakhouse & Seafood Restaurant (Patterson-Kaye Resort & Spa). DJ Jason Stanton (Muskoka Touring Company). Cocktail Hour ... Dinner ... Dance ... ??? ... more details to follow.  
Contact Jan Sharman or Ed Kapusniak at [janet.sharman@gmail.com](mailto:janet.sharman@gmail.com)

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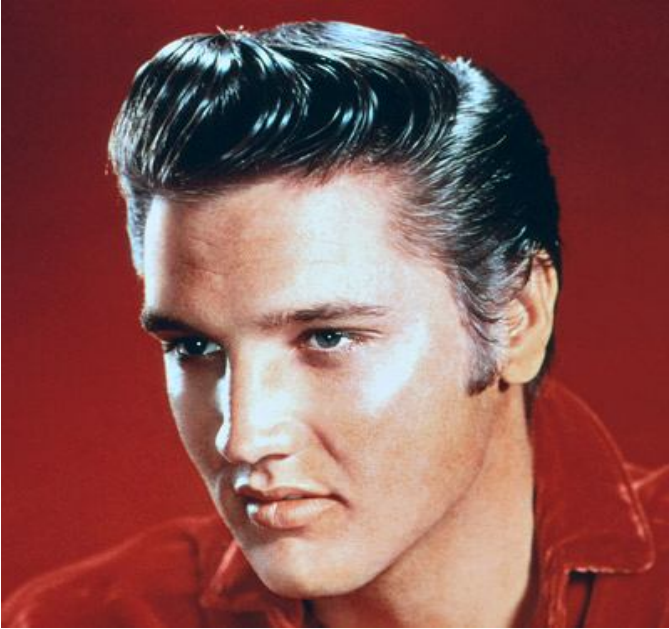
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# JOIN US<sup>7</sup> FOR ELVIS AT COLLINGWOOD



*Haven't you  
always wanted to  
go???*

**SUNDAY  
JULY 28**

**•BUS**

**•SHOW**

**•DINNER**

**\$130**

**Per person**

Join us for a fun day of Elvis impersonators at the Grand Final of the Elvis Festival on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be leaving from Bracebridge at 8:00, drive to Collingwood and have some free time to join in the street festivities, and then see the famous Elvis Gospel Concert with Elvis impersonators from all around the World. After the show, we will walk over to the HURON CLUB RESTAURANT for a delicious dinner. The HURON CLUB is full of atmosphere and situated in an historic building. You will be able to choose from several menu selections. We will then head home by bus after a fun-filled day.

**SOUTH MUSKOKA PROBUS CLUB  
OUTING...**

CONTACT: Richard Robinson

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***LIMITED NUMBER OF  
PARTICIPANTS***



**Summer Dinner/Theatre**  
**at the Trillium Court**  
**Gravenhurst Op.**  
**(295 Muskoka Rd. S.)**

**Thursday, July 11**

**Blithe Spirit – a comic play by Noel Coward – Dragonfly Theatre Co.**

**Cocktails and socializing (cash bar) @ 5:30 pm followed by**

**Dinner catered by Riverwalk Restaurant @ 6:00 pm**

**Play (in the Trillium Court) starts at 7:30 pm**

**Cost: \$48.25**

**Wednesday, August 28**

**Sadie Flynn Comes to Big Oak – comedy by Norm Foster – The Garage Door Players**

**Cocktails and socializing (cash bar) @ 5:30 pm followed by**

**Dinner catered by Riverwalk Restaurant @ 6:00 pm**

**Play (in the main theatre, upstairs) starts at 7:30 pm**

**Cost: \$48.25**

Bring your cheque to the June Probus meeting or mail it to:

**Ed Kapusniak, 1333 Highway 118 East, Bracebridge, P1L 1X1.**

- ✓ **deadline Wednesday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> (or until shows sell out),**
- ✓ **include your name and email address / phone number,**
- ✓ **make cheques out to *Probus Club of South Muskoka*,**
- ✓ **tell us who you want to sit with (tables of 8),**
- ✓ **ticket pick-up at the box office on the night of the show.**

For more information talk to Jan Sharman or Ed Kapusniak.

email: [ed.kapusniak@gmail.com](mailto:ed.kapusniak@gmail.com), phone: 705-646-1398



# DECADES...

## A MUSICAL REVIEW & LUNCHEON AT DEERHURST SHOW SEPT. 24<sup>TH</sup> -



**Join us at Deerhurst, Huntsville, for a  
fun day!**

Join us on Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at Deerhurst for a delicious luncheon followed by the DECADES MUSICAL REVIEW in the afternoon. This is a high energy, Las Vegas style show. Cost: \$65.

Sign up with Richard Robinson 705 767 3000 / [richard@artinmuskoka.com](mailto:richard@artinmuskoka.com) or sign up at our monthly Probus meeting.

THE SOUTH MUSKOKA, HUNTSVILLE LAKES AND GRAVENHURST  
 PROBUS CLUBS  
 Invite you to join us for

## LES MISERABLES



Wednesday, November 7, 2013  
 At the Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto

**\$165.** PER PERSON

This price includes on-bus breakfast, return bus transportation, before-show presentation, LES MIS, dinner at Papillion French Restaurant, all taxes and tips

**YES,** I want to go and I have attached my cheque (sorry – no post dated cheques) for \_\_\_\_\_ to cover the cost of \_\_\_\_\_ adventures.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number

I wish to be picked up in \_\_\_\_\_ Bracebridge \_\_\_\_\_ Gravenhurst

**PLEASE SEE AGENDA ON THE BACK OF THIS SHEET**

## AGENDA

7:30 a.m.	Pick up at the train station in Bracebridge
7:45 a.m.	Pick up at Canadian Tire in Gravenhurst
9:15 a.m.	Comfort Stop in Maple
10:30 a.m.	Arrival at Princess of Wales
11:00 a.m.	Pre-show presentation in Princess Of Wales Theatre
NOON	Lunch in Theatre District (not included)
2:00 p.m.	LES MISÉRABLES
5:00 p.m.	Dinner - Papillion French Restaurant
7:00 p.m.	Departure for Muskoka

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### **Les Misérables**

Cameron Mackintosh presents his acclaimed new production of Boublil & Schönberg's legendary musical, LES MISÉRABLES, with glorious new staging and dazzlingly reimagined scenery inspired by the paintings of Victor Hugo.

This new production has been acclaimed by critics, fans and new audiences and is breaking box office records wherever it goes.

The New York Times calls this production of LES MISÉRABLES "an unquestionably spectacular production from start to finish." The London Times hails the new show "a five-star hit, astonishingly powerful." The Star-Ledger says "a dynamically re-imagined hit. This LES MISÉRABLES has improved with age," and NY1-TV proclaims "this new production actually exceeds the original. Musical theatre fans can rejoice: 'Les Mis' is born again."

Based on Victor Hugo's classic novel, LES MISÉRABLES is an epic and uplifting story about the survival of the human spirit. The magnificent score of LES MISÉRABLES includes the classic songs "I Dreamed a Dream," "On My Own," "Stars," "Bring Him Home," "Do You Hear the People Sing?," "One Day More," "Empty Chairs at Empty Tables," "Master of the House" and many more.