

Monthly Newsletter of the

Probus Club of South Muskoka



Club No. 119,
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www.smprobus.ca

November 6, 2013 @ 10:00 A.M.



Doors open at 9:30 for coffee and socializing

at the Bracebridge Sportsplex, 110 Clearbrook Trail

Greeters: Rena and Arno Liebster

Attendance: Alan & Queenie Reville

Tickets: Walter Collis

Guest Speaker: Terri Burton will speak on Emergency Medical Services

Next Month: Christmas Special!

A Message from the President

November is a month to Remember, Reflect and give thanks for our many blessings and freedoms that our many Veterans fought for us. On Remembrance Day we commemorate our brave Veterans who sacrificed their lives for our freedom. They did not live long enough to experience the privileges that we enjoy today. Our success stands on the shoulders of their sacrifice. Let us all remember and give thanks to these known and unknown heroes.

Elizabeth Northey and I will be representing our Probus Club at the District meeting in Bradford on Monday October 21st. We will share ideas and friendships, hopefully coming home with new ideas and making new friends.

Have a wonderful day. I will see you all at our meeting on November 6th.

Cathy Collard

AT OUR NOVEMBER MEETING: Revisions to the Club Bylaws and Policies

At the September Management Committee meeting, our policies and bylaws were reviewed and several changes were approved. As you may know, policy changes can be approved by the Management Committee itself, and so in the attached document you will see, in red type, what was changed. It is recommended that you simply read them online and save paper. Should you wish to have your own clean copy in the future, you can download one from our website, without the changes highlighted.

Similarly, a draft of the changes recommended to our Bylaws is attached, with changes and additions highlighted in red. Most changes are minor housekeeping, but significant changes are proposed to sections 2.5, 2.7, 3.6, 3.7, and 6.4 to bring the bylaws in line with what is in fact our current practice.

This is your advance notice that at the November meeting the membership will be asked to consider a motion to accept, in total, the changes as distributed here. There will be an opportunity for discussion, and should you wish to propose specific changes, you may ask the meeting to consider an amendment motion. Note that unlike other matters, Bylaw changes are considered to require an "extraordinary" majority, i.e. the approval of 2/3 of the members present at a general meeting.

AT OUR LAST MEETING:

Biography: Ken Estabrooks, Math is Magic

Ken was a math consultant at Monsignor Michel O'Leary school and developed a program called "math is magic" to help children who were having trouble. Among other things he found that he could teach algebra to 10 year-olds if it was presented appropriately and math can be taught through poetry and music. Girls are not bad at math (which I think some of us in the audience might have already known) and many girls Ken taught won math competitions. He told his grade 12 calculus students "if you can breathe, you can do my course".



Ken then went on to talk about some of the magic of math. He talked about prime numbers as the musical notes of symphony of the universe and told us that 2 to (almost) any prime number (2^p) minus 1 produces a prime number. The largest prime number known is $2^{43,112,699} - 1$ and many dollars are offered for the finding of a larger prime. Finally Ken introduced us to magic squares in which all the rows, columns and diagonals add to the same number. He showed us a 9 cell square and a 16 cell square. When the numbers in the 16 cell square are written as they appear on a calculator (as on the sheet behind ken in the picture), the sheet can be turned upside down or looked at from the back and it is still a magic square.

Guest Speaker:

Adventure on the High Seas – Bent Bertelson

Although Bent's talk is entitled adventure on the high seas, most of it actually took place in the vicinity of the Greek Island of Corfu. Bent and his wife, Anna, sailed a 42 foot ketch in Georgian Bay for many years but, after early retirement, bought a bigger boat and sailed mainly in the Mediterranean. The incident Bent presented occurred in 1987 after 5 years of relatively uneventful sailing. Most of the story was told through the presentation of a W5 investigative video.

Seven young Italian men approached Bent's boat in a dingy and tried to board. They were repulsed and, as they returned to their own boat, Bent heard one say "Ram them". The Italians did indeed attempt to ram Bent and Anna's boat not once but twice. Bent, meanwhile, had retrieved his gun from below and shot into the air over the Italian boat. The Italians tried to flee but were forced back into the harbour, after which the police were called. It was at this point that Bent found out that, due to pitching of the boats, he had not fired over the heads of the Italians, but had actually killed one of them. Bent was arrested and charged with manslaughter, which the prosecutor increased to a charge of murder. The Italians, meanwhile, were allowed to leave Greece with the payment of a small fine.



After 7 months in a Greek jail, Bent was released on bail. He and Anna were advised by their lawyer that the chances of acquittal were slim and they decided to flee, which they did. Flight meant, however, that there would be international warrants out for Bent's arrest and he could be extradited by the Canadian government. They considered it unlikely that this would actually happen and took their case to the

International Maritime Bureau. After an independent investigation, which included finding that several of the Italians involved had records for attempted murder and heroin trafficking, the IMB found Bent not guilty. Although he still had worries about international warrants, Anna was eventually able to ascertain through Interpol that there were no outstanding warrants. Today, Bent and Anna live quietly in Huntsville.

IMPROVE YOUR BRIDGE GAME

The Probus Club of Gravenhurst has space in bridge lessons with Jim Brubecker. These will be group lessons on **The Defense**, in Gravenhurst at the Seniors Centre starting on October 28 and running for 8 weeks. Cost is \$55 (including text book) or \$90 for a couple (1 text book) Monday mornings from 09:30 to 1200. \$2 room fee for each day. After expenses Jim is donating monies to Hospital in Bracebridge.

Contact Kelly Ward at KELLY_WARD@ROGERS.COM

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS:

Hi

We need someone to become the Special Interest Coordinator. Please give this opportunity serious consideration. If you believe you can do this, don't wait to be discovered. Special Interest groups are the most important friendship building aspect of Probus. This position takes a few hours each month and requires only basic computer skills.

For November, here is the information you will need to be in touch with your Interest Group. Even if you do not fancy the job as coordinator of Interest Groups, establishing a new interest group such as Computer, Creative Writing, Gardening or Wine Tasting will have to wait until a new Special Interest leader is named.

Please contact me. **Susan Daghish** 705-765-0330, 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:

Nov 26th the book is the Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by R Schloot. Contact Beverley Stewart riverwalkbev@gmail.com 705-646-9478. Probus Book Club meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 1:00pm.

Crafter's Circle: We meet 3rd Tuesday my home. Crafters Circle will meet at my home on Tuesday November 19th at 9.30am. Please call if you are planning to come. We welcome new members. 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.

Genealogy:

Tuesday, November 12th 1:00, upstairs at the Bracebridge Library
Unit 3 of our Genealogy Course is navigating Ancestry.com. We welcome new members. For further information contact Ted Daghish 705-765-0330, daglish@muskoka.com

Hiking and Walking Club:

The hiking club has wrapped up another enjoyable season. See you on the trails in the Spring!
Meets on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, April to October. We hike and then get together afterward for coffee / lunch.

Email janet.sharman@gmail.com or call 646-1398 to join, or leave, the hike notice email list.

Investment Club: The Investment Group will resume on Monday, Sept. 9th. at 10:00 AM at James Street Place . The Investment activity of our club meets on the second Monday of each month at the James Street Place. New members welcome – Contact **Ron Dyer** 705-645-0004 the.dyers@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.

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

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 **Dianne Darragh** at (705) 765-0593 or diannedar@aol.com.

Easy Diners: Is taking a respite because we need a new coordinator for this season.

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

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

SOCIAL/EVENTS:

CHRISTMAS LUNCH -- December 4th 12:00 PM at the South Muskoka Curling and Golf Club, following the regular December Probus meeting. Buffet lunch with three choices of main course, salad, dessert, tea/coffee. Cost is \$35 per person. Sign up with Margaret Smythes at the Probus meeting.



Christmas Party – Thursday, December 12 SOLD OUT WITH A WAIT LIST. Contact Jan Sharman or Ed Kapusniak at janet.sharman@gmail.com to be put on the wait list. **Patterson Kaye is offering an overnight room rate with continental breakfast for 2 for \$119. To reserve, Please contact Heather Fraser at PK Lodge to reserve and mention you are a Probus member.**

Valentine's Day Luncheon, Friday, February 14, noon at Patterson-Kaye Lodge. Sign up with Richard Robinson 705 767 3000 at the Probus meeting or mail your cheque to Richard Robinson, 988 Dickie Lake Road, Baysville, P0B 1A0. Make cheque payable to Probus Club of South Muskoka



Save the date! St. Patrick's Day Lunch at Casey's Irish Pub on March 17

The Probus Drive-About



A beautiful fall day and a good lunch at North Granite Ridge Golf Course



The Winners: The Weubber Duckies



Second: the Four Pistons



Third: Marrins and Robinsons

Best Costume!!



**Probud Club of South Muskoka
Management Team 2012-2013**



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Perry Bowker	765-0242	pbowker@sympatico.ca
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Christmas Luncheon

When: December 4, 2013

Where: South Muskoka Curling & Golf Club

Time: Immediately following our Probus meeting

Christmas Buffet

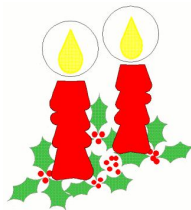
Roast Turkey and stuffing, tortiere,
vegetarian lasagne, vegetables,
Christmas salad, caesar salad, rolls,
tea/coffee and holiday desserts.

Cash Bar

The price per person will be \$35.00 including taxes
and gratuity, payable at sign-up.

Please make checks out to *Probus Club of South Muskoka*.

For more information, please talk to Margaret Smithyes.
email: jm.smithyes@sympatico.ca, phone: 705-645-2334



SOUTH MUSKOKA PROBUS invites you to join the fun at
our
VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON



Friday, February 14th at 12:00 p.m.

At the PATTERSON-KAYE LODGE
\$35 per person

Starter

Spring Green Salad
With Wine Poached pear Raspberry Vinaigrette

Mains

6 oz. Sirloin Steak
With Crab Meat Béarnaise Sauce
Croquette Potatoes
Seasonal Vegetables

~or~

Pan Seared Salmon
With Dill Sauce ~ Lemon Beurre Blanc
Steamed Rice
Fresh Seasonal Vegetables

Dessert

White Chocolate Panna Cotta
With Strawberry Sauce & Chocolate Cupid's Arrows
Tea, Coffee or Soft Drinks

** (HST and Gratuity Included in the price).*

Sign up as soon as possible with Richard Robinson 705 767 3000.
Make your cheque payable to South Muskoka Probus Club for \$35 per person.
Mail your cheque to Richard Robinson, 988 Dickie Lake Road, Baysville, POB 1A0