



The Beacon



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President's Message



Greetings to all members and congratulations to those who braved the bad weather to attend our last meeting.

We are now well into winter and we may consider (and hope) that the worst is over. Or do we have to wait for some lazy groundhog to forecast more or less winter for us!

While some of our members are in the South and some are preparing to go, there is still a large group that will stay right here. If you are one of those please look carefully at our social calendar or join an interest group. Activity makes the winter seem so much shorter.

You are all aware of the Spring Fling to be held in May in Peterborough and we have just been informed that there will be a Probus Rendezvous in Vancouver in September. It is to be a worldwide gathering of Probus members. Any interest? Lots of information to be passed on if requested.

The Management Committee met on Thursday, January 20 and the major item of discussion was membership. Our current limit is 180 and we have 182 members and 9 on the waiting list. However we never seem to be able to attract more than an average attendance of 110 to our meetings (last meeting, January 12, we only had 58). After considerable discussion, including legal limits on Hall capacity, we voted to raise our limit to 225 but with constant attention to the legal limits of the Hall. We therefore approved 9 new members.

We also discussed some members' comments re the Christmas lunch; yes we listened and will be guided by your views in future

The Town of Brighton is celebrating its 160th birthday this year and celebrations will run from mid February to the end of October. All local organizations, including Clubs, have been invited to participate by arranging an appropriate activity. The name for the year long celebrations as chosen by the Organizing Committee is "A Blast From The Past". Any member or group of members willing to participate will get support. Any volunteers?

Have a good week and hope to see many of you on the 26th - Jack

SOCIAL EVENTS

Friday, February 11, 2011

Our visit to Loyalist College begins at noon with a buffet lunch in Club 213. The tour will be conducted after lunch, with limited walking.

Cost \$13 per person, including tax; beverages are extra.

Payment must be made at the January 26 meeting.

When coming into the parking lot at the college, please let them know who you are and that you will be having lunch at Club 213. The cost will be \$2 instead of \$5.

Thursday, April 14, 2011

Elvis – From Memphis to Vegas

Capitol Theatre, Port Hope.

Lunch at noon at the Railside Restaurant followed by a matinee performance.

Sign up sheet available.

Cost of \$49 includes all taxes and gratuities.

March 9 is the cut off date for payment.

Brighton Probus Anniversary Lunch

- scheduled for April – more information to come.

Probus Spring Fling

Wednesday, May 18, 2010

To be held in Peterborough

Further details to follow. An interest sheet is available – limited tickets – first come first served.

Thursday, May 26, 2011

Geritol Follies Variety Show, Hamilton

A full day (9:00am – 9:00pm) with McCoy bus lines (yes, there is a toilet on board!) Cost of approximately \$130, includes lunch at the Sheraton Hotel, *Catch the Follies Spirit!* at Hamilton Place, and supper at the Mandarin.

Interest sheet available.

In the early planning stages for early August 2011 – a 4-night 5-day trip to the

Eastern Townships of Quebec and New Hampshire.

Interest sheet will be available.

PROGRAMME

TODAY - Wednesday, January 26, 2011

John Wonnacott describes his time “Living in the Arctic”.

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Member David Lawler – Digital Photos and Flowers

Wednesday, February 23

ENSS Principal Jeff Hawzenuk talks about his African trip.

INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

New Members welcome

Every 1st and 3rd Monday 1:30pm

Anglican Church Hall

Linda Barker

613-475-5344

Diane Frye

905-355-2307

Chapter One Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month 10:00am

Lin Barker

613-475-6142

Chapter Two Book Club

1st Thursday of the month 10:00am

Rosemary Kennedy

613-475-

1741

Scrabble Club (new members welcome)

Please note that we are now meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays in the month at 2pm. Call for location.

Celia Miles

613-475-1524

Single Diners (New members welcome.

Must be single and a member of the Probus Club.)

Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-

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you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you have a community event that you wish to be announced at Probus meetings, please contact Rose ahead of time at 475-2665.

Trinity United Church
Annual Valentine Turkey Dinner
Friday, February 11
2 sittings: 5:00pm & 6:30pm
\$15 per person

Branch 100 Royal Canadian Legion invites Probus members to attend their **Public Events Jan – Feb 2011**. Entrance is \$10 at the door and includes the buffet. Age 18 and over only.

Friday, January 28 – Bonhomme Pub Night Dinner/Dance (Quebecoise Menu 6-7pm) with music by Eric Baragar from 7pm.

Friday, February 11 – Valentines Pub Night Dinner/Dance (spaghetti dinner from 6-7pm) with music by Eric Baragar.

Friday, February 25 – British Pub Nite (Scotch pie from 6-7pm) Open Mic from 7pm. Bring your own instrument.

Sunday, February 27 – Jam Session 1-5pm, includes buffet.

Brighton Winterfest – see full list of events in the local newspapers.

