



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton Probud Club

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## President's Message



Greeting to all members. Our maximum membership level has been reached so I cannot include a greeting to new members! However renewal of membership is due by the end of August so we may have space for some on the waiting list by September.

I hope everyone is planning to attend the annual picnic - the new venue at Pine Ridge Golf Course should be attractive to both golfers and non-golfers. Pine Ridge is an easy drive from Brighton, car-pooling is available if required and the facility is such that we can proceed, rain or shine. Excuses for non-attendance will therefore be hard to find!

The need to cancel the boat cruise is most regrettable, not only because so many were looking forward to a great outing but also because of the wasted hours expended by the Social Committee members. I'm sure there will have to be some changes in the method used in future to plan events. I know the Committee will have more to say on this matter. But I want to remind all members that the time, the use of personal telephones, automobiles and the hours spent in planning meetings is all voluntary, no one gets paid and last minute cancellations due to drop-outs are very discouraging.

We're most fortunate that Past President Chris has been able to fill all Management Committee positions for the coming year. Many thanks to those who have stepped forward to help. This will be my responsibility for the following year so I urge everyone to start thinking about their participation on the Management Team for the Probud Year 2012/13

On a final note, never complain about getting old, instead think of those who will never have that privilege.

Jack

## SOCIAL EVENTS

**Saturday, June 25, 2011**

**Boat cruise** on the *Star Island*, first cruise of the season out of Kingston.

Unfortunately this event has had to be cancelled since some people dropped out and others had elected to drive on their own – thus there were not enough people to fill the bus without taking a loss.

*In future outings will be advertised as an entire package with all or none going by bus. Also, when members sign up for an event, a cheque will be required at that time – ample notice will be given prior to an event so that members can check their calendars and make sure they can attend. There will be no refunds – purchased tickets will have to be sold privately.*

**Wednesday, July 13, 2011**

**Annual picnic at Pine Ridge Golf Club**

Fun from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Golf from 10:00am – noon – sign up separately please. Non-golfers will be able to play cards, scrabble, charades, bingo, putting, dancing, etc. There will be a 5-piece band from 12:30pm – 4:00pm. Lunch is at 12:30pm with a choice of chicken or beef.

Cost \$15 for members, \$35 for non-members.

**Payment required at June 22 meeting.**

(The picnic will replace our regular general meeting.)

**Tuesday, August 23, 2011**

**Lunch plus winery tour**, with a stop in Bloomfield in the morning. More details to follow. Interest sheet available.

**Thursday, September 15, 2011**

**St. Jacob's Tour Day**

\$70 per person including lunch with Franklin Tours who will pick up at the Legion. Payment must be made at June 22 meeting.

**Friday, November 18, 2011**

**Lunch at Café 213**, Loyalist College plus possible briefing. Interest sheet available.

## Some events currently being planned:

**October 2011** – Car Rally  
Kitchener Oktoberfest

**November 2011** – Lunch & Theatre

**Thursday, 1 December 2011** – Christmas Dinner & Dance at Timberhouse.

**December** – a “naughty”panto?

## PROGRAMME

**TODAY - Wednesday, June 22, 2011**

Trenton Base Commander Col. Dave Cochrane will speak on changes at the base.

**Wednesday, August 10, 2011**

Brian Bowden will talk about raising llamas.

The Program Committee is looking for members who are interested in making a short presentation (10-15 minutes) about themselves, their background, their hobbies or anything else that might be enjoyed by other Probus members. Pat Brearley would love to hear from you.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

As mentioned in the April 27 newsletter, annual membership fees are due and payable on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August of each year – **no extensions**. Bring your cheque to the June, July or August meetings – or ask a friend to do so. A postdated cheque is acceptable.

There is no management meeting in July. New membership chairs to attend the August management meeting. No Beacon is published in August.

## **PROBUS-CANADA RENDEZVOUS 2011**

If you happen to be in Vancouver in September, you may be interested in attending this special event that is scheduled for September 13-15. If interested, please contact Jack Gibbons. More details can be found at <http://www.probusrendezvous.com/>

## **BEACON MAILING**

We encourage those members with e-mail, if they haven't already done so, to receive their Beacon on line. An e-mail list for this purpose is maintained on Google and password protected. Copies of the Beacon are printed for those who do not have an address and should be picked up at the general meeting. If you can't do this, ask a friend or neighbour in Probus to pick it up for you. This way mailing costs can be kept to a minimum. To read the Beacon you need to have Adobe that can be downloaded for free.

## **INTEREST GROUPS**

### **Bid Euchre for July & August**

For anyone interested in learning to play bid euchre, we will hold small groups in our homes for you. Please call

*Liz & Carm* 613-475-4904

*Karen & Keith* 613-475-0211

### **Chapter One Book Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:00am

*Lin Barker* 613-475-6142

**Single Diners** (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Probus Club.) Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-1304 or *Marion McIlveen* 613-475-2202 if you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

## **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.

### **Sunday, June 26, 2011**

#### **Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour – Hillside Havens and Lakeside Retreats**

10:00am – 4:00pm – in support of Northumberland Big Sisters, Big Brothers.

Visit seven idyllic rural properties in the Cobourg area. Tickets \$25. The closest place to buy tickets is NBSBB Second Helping Store in Colbourne. Or call 1-888-278-2484.

### **July 1, 2011 A Callathumpian Parade!**

[*a noisy spectacular parade*] – get into your red & white or period costume, bring a noise maker and join in the fun. All part of Brighton's 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Meet at Memorial Park for the parade start at 10:30am. The parade will be led by a band to King Edward Park.

### **Friday, July 1, 2011 Proctor House**

There will be house tours and strawberry shortcake from 11:00am to 3:00pm. Always a treat!

## **OOPS**

New member Joy McRae's name was misspelled in the last Beacon.



**Happy  
Canada Day**

