

TRENT HILL PROBUS

Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success is Participation

Monthly meetings: Currently suspended

Next meeting: To be determined



Hello Probus Members,

I hope you are all doing well and staying safe. We were asked by the powers that be to socially isolate, stay two metres apart, scrub our hands constantly and now, wear a mask covering our nose and mouth when we go out.

Today, as I write this, Doug Ford is announcing the Stage One opening of the economy. We all need to hear that, but like many, I am wondering if now is the right time? Will our counts of those contracting COVID 19 rebound? Still, it is encouraging, and by the time you read this, you will know if it was the right thing to do.

This week-end is the first week-end of the summer and cottagers have been told to stay home. If someone does come, they must bring all of their food and supplies. I saw more lights on my lake last night, so I assume that will be their pattern throughout the summer. Havelock-Belmont-Methuen has posted on Facebook that the maximum number of people together must be five or less, and they will assess that decision at the end of August. Country fans are all mourning the forced cancellation of the Jamboree. I am going to assume that other areas may also enforce that as well, and so that in itself will reduce the chances of having a meeting until at least the end of summer. However, keep checking your email. Miracles do happen.

Our Management Committee meetings are still going on using Zoom. We are going to start trying to figure out what our meetings may look like when we start back. The only thing I know for sure is that they will not look like our previous meetings with ninety in a room in tight rows and wonderful snacks and coffee offered buffet style. It will be interesting to plan and it will also be a challenge.

Those of us who are “elderly” or/and have one of the multitude of chronic illnesses or take a medication which will affect our immune system—may have to practice self-isolation and physical distancing longer than the younger, healthier folks. We, as a Management Committee, will do all we can to make everything as safe as possible for all our members. When we are allowed to meet, use your discretion. Only you can make the ultimate decision based on your health.

In the meantime, snap a picture of what you are doing or any projects you have finished or are working on. We want to keep our newsletter going throughout this pandemic, and we need material to put in it. Please send pictures, with a caption, to Susan—her email address is at the end of this newsletter.

In conclusion, with this little bit of good news with regards to the opening of the economy, stay safe and don't take chances with your health. You know what is best for you, follow your instincts. Stay calm and be kind to others.

Until we meet again,

Norah



Lesia painting summer chairs



Several Probus members at a Cirque du Soleil performance

This is Timeless.... It was written in 1869 by Kathleen O'Mara. Reprinted during the Spanish Flu Pandemic 1919

And people stayed at home
Read books
And listened
And they rested
And did exercise
And made art and played
And learned new ways of being
And stopped and listened
More deeply
Someone meditated, someone prayed
Someone met their shadow
And people began to think differently
And people healed
And in the absence of people who
Lived in ignorant ways
Dangerous, meaningless and heartless
The earth also began to heal
And when the danger end and
People found themselves
They grieved for the dead
And made new choices
And dreamed of new visions
And created new ways of living
And completely healed the earth
Just as they were healed.



From Laura McCulloch



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*If you want something included in the newsletter please ensure that I have it by the **22nd of every month.***

NOTE: My apologies. I received a photo of snow falling on May 11th. Unfortunately, the e-mail was accidentally deleted.