



# Beaver Valley Probus Club The Grapevine

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## Current Activities

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Book Club Chapter One

Book Club Chapter Too

Bridge

Canasta

Casual Dining

Computer

Cooking Together

Cue Sports

Digital Photography

Dining About Town

Euchre

Gourmet (not really)

Scrabble

Singles Fare

Ski Legends

Snowshoeing

Stitch & Bitch

Travel

Watercolours/Acrylics/Oils

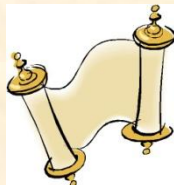
Wood Carving

You may notice that the Music and Meditation groups are not listed this month, and will not be in the future. The reason for is that their respective Co-ordinators, Geoff Lowe and Lorraine Lowe have decided that while the groups will continue, they will no longer do so under the auspices of our Probus.

I am sure you will join me in sincerely thanking both Lorraine and Geoff for offering these activities to us these past years.



*"Nature has undoubtedly mastered the art of winter gardening and even the most experienced gardener can learn from the unrestrained beauty around them." - Vincent A. Simeone*



## Bits and Pieces of our Rich Local History

Vicki has done it again! She has provided us with another interesting history lesson. She writes "Many of us regularly travel Hwy 26 and have seen signs indicating Craigeith and wonder what the sign actually indicates. Here are some facts " .....[read on.](#)

## Quick Tips

This section provides hints and tips associated with our Activity Groups. Our first comes with snowshoeing in mind. When temperature hovers right around the freezing mark, all the snow on the ground is fairly wet and sticky. This may lead to balls of snow clumping on your crampons. To discourage this from happening try spraying the crampons with WD40 before you head out.

Another thing you should try and avoid in order to reduce clumping, regardless of temperature, is walking through open water in your snowshoes. If your crampons get directly exposed to water they'll attract and capture the snow right on and between the crampons. So either find a way around the water or practice your long jumping skills.

## \*\*\*\*\* A Reminder \*\*\*\*\*

Our current year-end, January 31, 2012, is the deadline for the club to receive your membership renewals for the year Feb. 1, 2012–Jan. 31, 2013. Remember to allow at least a week if mailing your cheque and renewal form[s].

*"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probus Club are organized for the benefit and enjoyment of its Members. Individuals who participate do so at their own risk and are responsible for their own safety".*

## Million Dollar Quartet Theatre Event



After our great theatre experiences at Jersey Boys in 2010 and Memphis in Dec. 2011 we thought our Probus group should try the Toronto Centre for the Arts again in 2012. And they are living up to our expectations again by presenting the **Million Dollar Quartet** in July.

This smash Broadway Musical is inspired by the true story of the famed recording session that brought together rock'n'roll icons Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Jerry Lee Lewis and Carl Perkins for the first and only time. Check out the web site and videos at:

[www.dancaptickets.com/pages/mdq](http://www.dancaptickets.com/pages/mdq)

Please check out the Social Committee table at the next meeting to reserve your spot on the bus or to simply book tickets at the group rate. Our performance will be the 2PM matinee on Wed. July 11. The approx. cost for tickets and bus will be \$80 pp. Tickets only will be \$52. Don't delay in making your reservation as this hot musical trip will be sold out early!

### **Recycle Bin**



This is a new section  
"By the Members  
for the Members".

Do you have new/used items you no longer need but other club members may like?

Are you looking to acquire an item/service that perhaps another club member could help you obtain?

Email the editor with a description and photo (if desired) to be listed in our Grapevine Recycle Bin.

The Grapevine Recycle Bin is to be used for members' personal items/services ONLY. Any listing that does not conform to Club rules will be rejected.

To view this month's items [click here](#).

### **Message Board**

*Do you have a comment to make about a club event/activity?*

*Have you been somewhere or done something that you have enjoyed and would like to share with your fellow members?*

*Send your message to the editor to be posted on our Grapevine message board.*

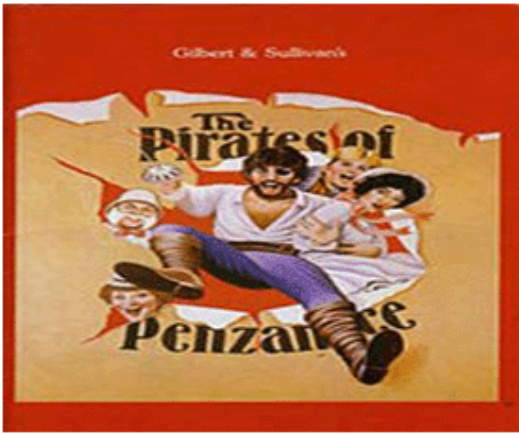
Our Grapevine Message Board gives all members an opportunity to have their say .....and we'd love to hear from you. We thank Murray Lamont for this great suggestion.

### **President's Message**

The Annual General Meeting of the Beaver Valley Probus Club will take place on Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in place of our regular monthly general meeting. The Nominating Committee (Barb Thompson, Vicki Kellar and John Berrington) are currently working on a slate of candidates for the 2012 management team to be nominated at the AGM. In the meantime, nominations to any elected position, accompanied by a letter of acceptance from the nominee, may be submitted in writing to any member of the Nominating Committee no later than February 11th. Please check the website for descriptions of the various position responsibilities.

As in previous years a special free lunch will be provided at the AGM. If you plan to attend please sign the sheet at the back of the room at the January 24th meeting, or call our Social Convenor, Stella Zahradnik. The deadline to register is Thursday, February 22nd.

This month's regular meeting will be my last as your President as I prepare to hand over to my successor in February. It has been an eventful year as membership in the club has continued to grow exponentially. This has been partly responsible for increased attendance at our monthly meetings. Whatever the reason, I have enjoyed meeting so many of you each month and look forward to continuing my involvement with the club as past President.



Come and enjoy  
**Gilbert & Arthur Sullivan's Pirates of Penzance**  
 at the Avon Theatre at Stratford on Tues Oct 16 2012 at 2:00pm.

Frederic, apprenticed as an infant to a crew of notoriously soft-hearted pirates, falls in love with Mabel, one of the many daughters of Major-General Stanley. But the terms of Frederic's indenture, along with his own keen sense of duty, keep the lovers apart. How can this sorry state of affairs be resolved?

Ticket cost is \$110 which includes theatre, bus & lunch.  
 Tickets will go on sale at the back of the room at our Jan 24th mtg.  
 Payment is by cheque only.

### Activity Group Updates

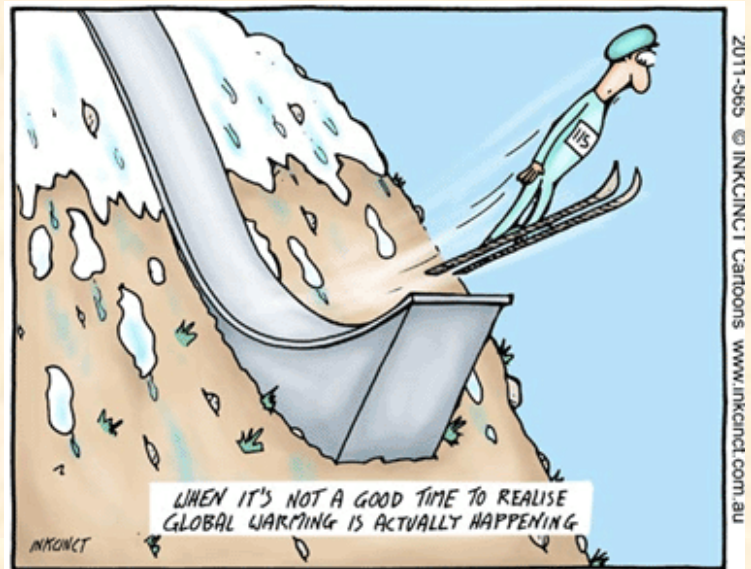
Over the last couple of months, your Activity Coordinators have been busily adding photos and recipes to their web sections. [Click here](#) and enjoy.

Our next **Singles Fare** lunch (1pm) is a trial "dine around". On Jan 29th, we will start with an appetizer house, move to another house for the main meal, and onto a 3rd house for coffee and dessert. We have yet another member who hopefully is a grandmother to twins....hoping they are all doing well.

We did not have a **Dining Around Town** evening in December but have made arrangements for a January and February evening of dining. On February 8 we will be dining at the Dam Pub in Thornbury (coordinator Joan Uglow). A menu and price will be available at the January 24 Probus meeting. Our plan for March 14 is to arrange an evening at Sirena's Ristorante on Hwy 26 in Collingwood (coordinator Phyllis Thomas). We expect this to be finalized by the end of January.

Upcoming events for **Ski Legends** are as follows:

- \*Monday January 9th Free Breakfast for members at TSC, 8:30am - 10:15pm.
- \*Wednesday January 11th Legends Ski Day at Craigeleith Ski Club.
- \*Friday January 20th Legends Ski Day Devil's Glen Ski Club.
- \*Thursday January 26th, Dinner Dance with Louis Lefaive at TSC, buy your ticket at the free breakfast January 9th and be sure to use your \$20.00 coupon as part of the payment. Reminder, there is a Memorial Service for Gord Hanson, a founder, builder and a driving force of the Ski Legends. The service is on Saturday January 14th from 4:00pm until 7:00pm at OslerBrook Golf and Country Club



**Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period? Please don't hesitate to call:**  
 Eileen Scott (January)  
 Sally Tuck (February)

or any one on the Management Team

## January's Speakers



**Sandy and Jamie Gott at Ice River Springs Water Co. Inc.**



Sandy Gott, co-founder, will speak about Ice River Springs and the company's history and impact in the community - in particular, how it was founded, how it has grown, its employment figures and general information regarding other positive impacts the company has made in the community. She will also discuss the Company's water-taking permit and how this is monitored, as well as the bottled water industry in general.

James Gott, son of founders Jamie and Sandy, will speak about the efforts of Ice River Springs to become more sustainable. This will include discussions on the Company's numerous green projects (solar, geothermal, transportation, packaging) and the impact each has had on the company. He will conclude by discussing the company's newest venture, the construction of Canada's largest plastic recycling facility - the first of its kind worldwide to implement bottle-to-bottle (or "closed-loop") recycling.

### Newspaper Editors

Seija Wolf  
Sharon Black

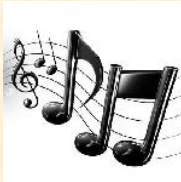
### Website

Al and Sharon Black

### Message from your Editor

#### Last call for photos you have taken in various provinces of Canada.

To date we have received only 7 photos to be included in our Member's Canadian Anthem presentation. We require about 25 photos that represent most provinces. Photos should be sent full size and please identify the location. If you are having difficulty sending your photos please contact Sharon Black to discuss various options.



### Name That Tune

[click here](#)

for a chance to win a \$50 gift certificate to a local restaurant.

### The Last Word

*Submitted by Barb Thompson*

O Winter! ruler of the inverted year,  
. . . I crown thee king of intimate delights,  
Fireside enjoyments, home-born happiness,  
And all the comforts that the lowly roof  
Of undisturb'd Retirement, and the hours  
Of long uninterrupted evening, know.

*By William Cowper, Task (bk. IV, l. 120)  
English poet & translator (1731 - 1800)*

Look forward to seeing you at our  
next meeting  
January 24<sup>th</sup>  
starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30