

Beaver Valley Probus Club

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President's Message – John Berrington

Yet another action-packed July with Euchre, Cue Sports, Scrabble, Nature Walks, Pole Walking, two kinds of cycling, Casual Dining and Dining Around Town all taking place this week (and I'm sure I left some out!)

In the meantime, your Management Committee is working on a couple of projects; notably the Christmas party, and the complete redesign and relaunch of our newsletter, headed up by Seija Wolf and Sharon Black. We will continue to publish the newsletter online, but by using the potential of the internet for so-called "rich content" (pictures, video and sound clips, links to other web pages etc.) both the quality and quantity of information provided each month will improve substantially. At the same time, a print version will still be available for all those who require it.

Although the first full new format newsletter won't appear until September, we are planning a special trial edition for August which will demonstrate and explain some of the features of the new online version. Look out for it! **Also, see below details of the "Name Our Newsletter" competition and enter to win a year's free membership.**

Have a great summer – see you in September.

"Name Our Newsletter" Competition

Enter to win a year's free membership!

The **Beaver** Valley Probus Club newsletter is being relaunched, and we want to give it a name. Submit your suggestion by email (subject: Name) to beavervalleyprobus@beavervalleyprobus.com by July 30th 2011, and if your proposed name for the new newsletter is used, you will be awarded one free membership for 2012.

Criteria: - ORIGINALITY
 - LOCAL RELEVANCE

We lost one our members in June. Allen Barnstable passed away on Sunday, June 12th. Our condolences go to Carolin and the family.

Support Group – Carol Hethrington

I would like to sincerely thank all of our volunteers who re-signed up to continue helping with this important group. And welcome to our new members – we not only need your input but also your knowledge of our community. As usual we rely on ALL Probus members to notify our monthly contacts when a member needs encouragement to get through a difficult period. Please don't hesitate to call our monthly contacts or the Management Team.

July 2011 contact **Barb Thompson**
August 2011 contacts **Ken Browne & Colleen Brady**

SOCIAL – Stella Zahradnik & Vicki Kellar

Stratford – **Tue. Oct 4 2011** “THE MERRY WIVES OF WINDSOR” at the Festival Theatre, 2:00 pm \$97.00 includes theatre, bus & lunch. Twenty-four seats are available. Members, who have previously signed up for this, please confirm with cheque in hand at the back of the room. Extra seats will still be available; therefore those interested please check with Stella at the back of the room.

Memphis (the Musical Not the City!) ☺

The Social Committee is arranging for a bus trip to see ‘Memphis’, the Tony Award Winning Best Musical of 2010. We will be attending the 2 pm matinee performance on **Wed. Dec. 7th 2011**. For more information check the Theatre section of the Web-Site at www.beavervalleyprobud.com.

PROBUS GOLF EVENT

June 20th was a great day for golf at the Shelburne course. The weather was beautiful, the course was in perfect condition and so were some of the golfers. Good scores, good food and cool refreshments.

The winning team with a score of 2 under par was made up of **Terry Running, Bill Goldsmith, Lynne Merwin & Judy Plaxton**.

Individual winners were:

Closest to the pin	(Men): Ron Hartlen (Women): Linda Kirstine
Longest Drive	(Men): Wally Downer (Women): Lou Fowler
Closest to the Line	(Men): Graeme Kirkland (Women): Judy Plaxton

Probud Rendezvous 2011 in Vancouver from Sep. 13 – 15..

For more information go to:

www.probusrendezvous.com or take a link from our own web-site www.beavervalleyprobud.com

Tour packages and special flights are now available.

ACTIVITIES GROUP REPORTS.

Activities Convenor – Viv Alper

"Please be advised that all events and activities of the Beaver Valley Probud 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".

Casual Dining – Elaine McMurray & Janet Leigh

Casual Dining will meet in Thornbury at the Bayview Park Pavilion on August 11th. We will discuss at the July picnic what format it will take.

Garden Group – John & Carol Hethrington

The trip to Marvellous Edibles organic farm in June was a great success even though it was sprinkling rain! Among other things, we learned what “ORGANIC” *really* means! The vegetables, eggs and herbs we purchased were incredible, and lunch at the Walters Falls Inns was superb.

July 21st is our all-day bus trip to Nottawasaga Daylilies in Avening, with lunch at the Sovereign in Creemore and then visits to 4 outstanding private gardens - all for \$45 per person. We still have room on the bus, so call John or Carol for a seat, and bring your friends!

August 11th is our bus trip to The Artful Garden just outside of Bracebridge. This 2-acre garden and art show attracts hordes on the weekends, but we should get a personal tour with our Thursday morning arrival. We are organizing a light lunch at the Inn at The Falls overlooking Bracebridge Falls. The local “Hort” Society is organizing a tour of a few local private gardens after lunch; we should be home by 6 at the latest. The price for the bus, coffee on board, lunch and garden tour will be just \$55 per person. If you are interested, please send a cheque made out to Beaver Valley Probud to our address. For more information about The Artful Garden, go to www.theartfulgarden.ca

September 1st we will have our tomato taste testing at the Beaver Valley Flower Farm, cancelled last year because of tomato blight. Anastasia Sparling will have over 20 different kinds of tomatoes to sample, all colours, shapes and sizes to determine which you like best. You can buy what you like and order up the plants you find irresistible for your own garden next spring.

Gourmet Group (not really) – Debbie Catto, Wendy Gillies, Gayle Smithson, Bev Wright

We enjoyed a wonderful cocktail party for our final gathering for this season. We were fortunate enough to have good weather for our tranquil setting at John and Joan Merriam's wonderful home. It was a great setting for our gathering. There was a tasty assortment of finger foods - a complete range that included scrumptious desserts. All those present left with a great taste for more gourmet club congeniality. Our thanks go to all who participated and to the Merriams for their wonderful hospitality.

Meditation Group – Lorraine Lowe

Group members, please note, we'll see you AFTER Labour Day, for the first meeting of the fall season on Monday, September 12, at 9:00 am at Lorraine's house.

Nature Walkers – Walter Mount

The Nature Walkers have had three great walks so far this summer. If the temperature is under 25°C we will walk.

Scrabble Group – Jennifer Baker

A "BIG" thank you goes to Janet and Bruce Leigh for hosting the June Scrabble meeting at the last minute. An enjoyable afternoon was had by all who attended. July Scrabble, with lunch was held in Bayview Park overlooking the bay. I am looking for a host for September, so please contact me.

Singles' Fare – Gloria Thompson

Thank you goes to Sally Tuck for hosting our "all member" final BBQ at your wonderful country estate. All members will be contacted before a new list is sent out with scheduling for 2011-2012. Enjoy your summer everyone.

Stitch & Bitch - Sheila Churchill

The group has decided that effective July we will meet on the THIRD Monday of the month, rather than the first one as we do now. And yes, we will keep on stitching (and bitching) through the summer!

Target Shooting – Al & Sharon Black

They're at it again! Patti and George competed at the Collingwood Rod and Gun Club Annual Arcade Shoot. George also brought his friend Erwin to the competition. A total of 21 people competed for the glory and prizes. It was a close competition especially between George and Erwin, but in the end George finished 3rd closely behind two of the clubs better shooters. George's prize for his efforts was an electric screw driver and a great lunch.

Travel- Joan Liddiard

Many pages of interested people resulted in minimal commitments for Galapagos/Ecuador in Jan 2012, certainly not enough people to form a warm, friendly group. Therefore this trip has been cancelled. There is also a tour Sept. 17 to Oct. 02, 2012 to Sardinia and the Northern Lakes led by our own Adrienne Corte. The next newsletter will announce a new coordinator and assistant for the travel group.

ENJOY YOUR SUMMER!

