



Beaver Valley Probud Club The Grapevine

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Current Activities

by Viv Alper

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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)
- Meditation Practice
- Music
- Scrabble
- Singles Fare
- Ski Legends (begin Dec.)
- Stitch & Bitch
- Travel
- Watercolours/Acrylics/Oils
- Wood Carving

A Timely Message - Gifford, an 11 year old great-grandson, of Jim and Ann Lis Couse, wrote this Remembrance Day short story and entered it in the National Poster and Literary contest for students across Canada. He was the Royal Canadian Legion's National junior essay winner in 2010. Jim, a veteran of WW II, with the permission of his grandson is pleased to share this story with all of us.

"Two Minutes" by Bruce Gifford Marpole

For the eleven years of my life, I have gone with my family to the Remembrance Day service and stood in silence for two minutes. Along the way, I started to wonder why men, women and children across Canada stand in silence every November eleventh. What I have learned is that this time of reflection and prayer encourages people to remember the brave soldiers who died on our behalf, the civilians and other people who have suffered during war and the peacekeepers and soldiers who are at war today.

Taking time to honour the soldiers who have fought and died in battle is something we can do to make sure their sacrifices are never forgotten. When we go to school and the sound of the bagpipes drifts away, we all take two minutes to imagine how it would feel to lose a son, brother or parent to war.

This Remembrance Day, I thought about the many other people affected by war including: civilians, prisoners of war and children like me. Two minutes of silence can feel like an eternity when you imagine how frightening it must be, being trapped in a war. The feeling of terror and confusion would fill every minute, of every day, in a war torn country.

Since the Remembrance Day ceremony it has been difficult to stop thinking about the tears I saw in a Veteran's eyes. Maybe their minds were overseas with the soldiers who are trying to bring peace to the world today. Sometimes it doesn't make sense to a person my age why we continue to fight after so many lives have been destroyed. It is my hope that peace will be achieved for all countries during my life, and taking time to respect our war veterans is a small step in this direction. When I am in a room beside veterans who have risked everything to make this world a better place, the meaning of two minutes of silence every eleventh hour on the eleventh day on the eleventh month becomes very clear.

Thanks to all the Coordinators who gave us a wonderful summer of our favourite activities. Also to Ken Kelley for taking over for Ingrid Richmond and the Euchre group.

"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".



CONGRATULATIONS to Terry Blackman who received an award on Thursday, October 27th, 2011 at Stone Tree Golf Course from the Community Care Access Centre - Grey Bruce. This award was presented to Terry and others to recognize and celebrate "Heroes in the Home" for the exemplary care they provided.

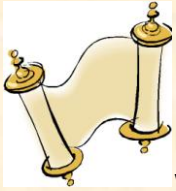
Reminders of Upcoming Club Events

Dec 6 **Christmas Brunch @11 a.m.** – Alpine Ski Club – tickets available from Stella-reservations from Vicki ... [\(details\)](#)

Dec 7 **Memphis (the Musical not the City)** – Departure from BVCC at 9:45 am – Contact Vicki ... [\(details\)](#)

Experience and Share

Our next article in this series is about how a few of our Probus members turned a very “special piece of wilderness” into a “Protected Treasure” and a place for all to enjoy. For a story of “Blood, Sweat and Cheers” [click here](#) .



Bits and Pieces of our Rich Local History

Everyone who is interested in our local history will enjoy sharing and reading articles in this section of the Grapevine. Our first article in this series is submitted by Vicki Kellar and is about the little hamlet of Banks [read more.](#)



The number of Community Announcements seem to be growing. So it would seem an appropriate time to remind everyone that announcements are made only by the VP and that an email notice should be received by the Sunday prior to the monthly meeting. Members can also have material relative to the announcement on the Community Information table.....*Vicki Kellar*

On a separate note, please bring your own coffee/tea cup to the meeting to reduce our environmental footprint.... *Vicki Kellar*



President's Message

While most of us are beginning to think about preparing for year-end festivities, our Nomination Committee is busy developing recommendations for new appointments to the Probus Management Team. As our club continues to grow, so does the demand for all the services provided for our members; the social events, theatre visits, the Grapevine newsletter, the speakers at our monthly meetings, membership services etc. None of these things would happen without the contributions of a few dedicated volunteers. We would like to hear from members who would be willing to set aside a couple of hours each month to help chart the direction of the club for the coming year as Directors at Large. The work is not arduous or time-consuming and it can actually be fun! Please contact any member of this year's management team if you are interested in playing a part.

While on the subject of volunteering, I have to advise that the Coordinators of the Nature Walking, Gardening, Hiking, and Canoeing/Kayaking groups have indicated their intention to step down after many years of dedicated service to the club. If you enjoy participating in these activities and would like to see them continue to thrive, do consider taking over as a coordinator, either alone or together with others with similar interests. Simply communicate your interest to our Activities Convenor, Viv Alper, or any of the coordinators concerned.

Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period? Please don't hesitate to call:

Carol Hethrington (November)
Doreen Bowins (December)
or any one on the Management Team

[Click here to read an important message about your 2012 Membership Renewal.](#)

Activity Group Updates

More pictures have been added to several sections of our Website. [Click here](#) and enjoy!

Our **Back Roads Cycling** group is at it again. Congratulations to Wiwi Thomsen and Terry White who competed in the local Centurion Bike Event in September. Both Terry and Wiwi placed in their events. Wiwi placed 1st in the women's age 70-80, 25 miles and Terry placed 3rd in the men's age 70-80, 25 miles. Terry also competed in the Police and Fire Fighters Games in New York in August. He received a silver medal in the street race Grand Masters E division.

LOCAVORE theme at **Singles Fare** was well done....local squash, potatoes, apples, pork.....with delicious preparations and sauces. Our theme for Sunday, Nov 27th at 1PM is French cuisine. The hosts are Bev Jahn and Pat Lunan (and her new kitchen). Thereafter, we break until the end of January. Bon appétit!

In September, 31 **Dining About Town** participants expressed their appreciation to Isobel and Bruce Gardiner for organizing this group over the last few years. For more detail and a photo [click here](#). On November 9 the group heads to Tesoro in Collingwood for an evening of Italian dining. Tesoro has been voted Collingwood's favourite Italian restaurant. The menu arranged for our group offers an Antipasto Mistro Platter followed by salad, then as a main entre a choice of one of the many traditional Italian pasta dishes followed by Assorted Gelato.

Weather permitting, the **Snowshoe Group** will have weekly outings in January and February. The locations chosen will provide easy to moderate exercise and will include stops to admire the surroundings. Those interested will meet for lunch after the outing. Bill Rogers is able to borrow free snowshoes from a sports store in Collingwood for those who don't have snowshoes but would like to try snowshoeing. New members are welcome.....[details](#).

Ski Legends is up and running again as winter approaches. Upcoming member events are 1. Skis & Biikes Open House, Tuesday December 6th, 7-9 pm. A chance to do some Christmas shopping with a 20% discount, pick up your badge, buy your party tickets and find out about ski trips. Skis & Biikes will continue to offer a 15% discount throughout the ski season. 2. Free Breakfast Mix and Meet - Monday January 9th at TSC 8:30-10:00 am, another chance to pick up your badge and to buy party tickets. 3. Dinner Dance - Thursday January 26th at TSC with music by Louis Lefaive and The Kings of Swing. Keep your eyes posted for information on Ski Days at local private clubs and the upcoming Luncheon and Apres ski. See you on the slopes.

The 2011 **Hiking** Season came to an end on October 27th. This is the end of the 10th Probus Hiking season, of which the last five years have been organized by the existing committee. This is however, the committee's last year, which means new Hiking Activity coordinators will have to volunteer. The present committee would be pleased to help you get started with the organization and communication aspects of the coordinator's role. Please let Viv Alper or any member of the present hiking committee know if you are interested.

With many thanks to Walter Mount who generously led **Nature Walking** again this season, he has decided to end coordinating the group. A new coordinator will be required for this activity to continue in 2012 and Walter will be happy to share copies of all his past outings and his help in getting started.

You will see the following in our website and in the Grapevine: [details](#), [click here](#), [read more](#) or [any words usually in blue and underlined](#).

When you do, hover over the words underlined with your mouse cursor and depress your left mouse button to obtain more information on the subject.



[click here](#)

for a chance to win 1 free membership

Newspaper Editors

Seija Wolf
Sharon Black

Website

Al and Sharon Black

Constructive comments and suggestions from our members are always appreciated.

Message from your Editors

We are very much encouraged by the interesting articles sent to us to be published in "The Grapevine" by the following members: Dave Allin, Al Black, Jim Couse, Paul Green, Nancy Hart, Carol Hethrington, Vicki Kellar and Ingrid Quickert. Their lead stories, as well as, the quiz image, the cartoon, photographs and links to external websites are excellent examples of what we can expect in future issues.

All members are encouraged to look for opportunities to submit articles. Keep those stories rolling in complete with photos, links, etc.

"The Grapevine" is by the members, for the members.

Its success depends on all members of the club. Don't feel that you have to know anything about web design. Just find those opportunities and submit your articles to be included. Your only limitation is your imagination.



November's Speaker

Our next speaker, Peter Lang, began flying professionally in 1975 piloting the DeHavilland Twin Otter in northern Ontario, and later in the high arctic where he flew "off strip" in support of resource exploration, scientific study and Dew Line re-supply.

In 1978 he was hired by Air Canada however during an industry wide slowdown in 1981 Peter left Air Canada and joined the Canadian Armed Forces where he trained as a fighter pilot. As an air superiority and ground attack fighter pilot flying the CF-18, he intercepted Soviet bombers, developed tactics for attacking cruise missiles, flew sovereignty missions in the high arctic and was a squadron test pilot.

In 1988 he returned to Air Canada where he has flown the Douglas DC-8, DC-9, Boeing 727, 747 and 767. Peter currently holds the position of Captain on the Boeing 777 and operates domestic and international flights to most parts of the world.

Title: SAFE FLIGHT

A pilot's approach to safety and risk management in the conduct of an overseas airline flight.

We've all gritted our teeth as we struggle through the interminable intrusions of airline passenger security screening, or yawned our way through that banal preflight tape recording of emergency exit locations. But have you ever thought of the hundreds of unseen risk management and safety measures that are implemented on every flight to ensure safe and efficient travel through the hostile environment at 35,000 feet. In his presentation, the speaker, a Boeing-777 Captain, will take the audience on a behind the scenes look at safety and risk management techniques employed in the conduct of a transoceanic flight. Learn what's going on behind the cockpit door to ensure your flight is safe and uneventful while you dine on rubber chicken and strain to hear Seinfeld re-runs.

Look forward to seeing you at
our next meeting on November 22th
starting with Fellowship at 1-1:30 p.m.

The Last Word

submitted by Sharon Black

"November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.

With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.

The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."

- Elizabeth Coatsworth