



Beaver Valley Probus Club

The Grapevine for June 2015

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Current Activities

by Convener Joan Hammond

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Backroads Cycling
Birding
Book Club Chapter One
Book Club Chapter Two
Book Club Chapter Three
Book Club Chapter Four
Book Exchange
BVP Computer Group
Canoe / Kayak
Casual Dining
Chess
Cooking Together
Cue Sports
Digital Photography
Dining Around Town
Dining with Flair
Euchre
Gardening
Golf
Hiking
Marsh Street Painters
Nordic Pole Walking
Recreational Cycling
Scrabble
Singles Gourmet
Ski Legends
Snowshoeing
Stitch & Bitch
Support Group
Table Tennis
Travel Group
Wood Carving
Activity groups are self sustained.
Participate – Volunteer
but above all-have fun and enjoy

"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".

President's Message



As I prepare this message, June is bursting forth with the maturing of shrubs and flowers – a welcome relief from a long winter and late spring.

Close to 250 people attended the May meeting to hear Melanie Wills speak on Lyme disease. Melanie, who has Lyme disease, is completing her doctoral degree in molecular and cellular biology at the Canadian Institute of Health Research. She recently co-founded the Canadian Lyme Science Alliance. There was tremendous interest in her remarks.

The May/June period continues to be a very active time for our members. The E.C. Carr Observatory volunteers provided over 60 of our members with a unique experience and a great deal of information.

At the monthly meeting in May, a "book exchange" was launched by Nancy Hart; and Ann Parsons announced the revival of "Dining Around Town".

Over 40 of our members have paid for and plan to attend on Thursday, June 18th; a tour of the SS Keewatin, a passenger liner that once sailed between Port Arthur on Lake Superior and Port McNicoll on Georgian Bay. This ship has been beautifully restored.

The annual Golf Tournament takes place on June 22nd at the Shelburne Golf Club. The Bocce tournament and summer picnic will take place on July 14th, and a group will be going to Penetanguishene on July 30th to hear "Legends... of Rock 'n' Roll".

At our June 23rd meeting the speaker will be Doris Sensenberger, MSW, Executive Director of Home Horizon, an organization active in our area providing transitional support services for women in need. You will find her presentation to be interesting and informative, and you will be reassured that this organization is accomplishing a great deal for women in need.

I look forward to seeing you on June 23rd.

Howard Kitchen

ANNUAL GOLF EVENT – Monday, June 22, 2015

LOCATION: Shelburne Golf and Country Club

FORMAT: Shotgun 18 hole, team best ball

TEAMS: Organizers make up mixed teams based on golfing experience. All skill levels welcome.

TIME: 8:15am: Check-in and Goodies. 9:00am: Tee-off

COST: \$68.00 --- Includes morning coffee and muffins, power cart, lunch
Contact Bob Smithson or Garry Lamont



If you have not yet paid, take your Cheque for \$68.00 made out to Beaver Valley Probus Take it to Bob Smithson or Garry Lamont without further delay to make sure you are included and can play.

Upcoming Club Events

Come and enjoy **Carousel**, a Rodgers & Hammerstein musical, at the **Avon Theatre in Stratford**
Wednesday Oct 7, 2015, 2:00pm.

Far ahead of its time in confronting the issues at the heart of a troubled relationship, this wrenching musical drama features a luscious score that includes "You'll Never Walk Alone", "If I Loved You" and "June is Bustin Out all Over". Ticket cost is \$114.00 which includes theatre, bus and lunch at Anna Mae's in Millbank.

A waiting list has been started. PAYMENT BY CHEQUE ONLY. Stella Zahradnik

Our Annual Probus picnic

Will be on Tuesday July 14 as well as our bocce tournament at Rice's Pond located on 10th line, fire no. 416266. Bocce participants are to assemble at 2:30pm for a 3:00pm start. Dinner will begin at 5:30pm and will be catered by Sue Hickling/Lora Bay. The menu will be buffet style (includes vinaigrette coleslaw, spinach salad, **CHOICE of BBQ ROTISSERIE CHICKEN OR GRILLED SALMON**, assorted rolls, assorted squares garnished with strawberries. Disposable plates and cutlery. Beverages are not included so please bring your own. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. There are some picnic tables available but you may want to bring your own tables. The cost is \$20 per person; guests are welcome at \$25 per person. Please make cheques payable to Beaver Valley Probus Club. The cut off date is July 5th Tickets are available at our June 23rd meeting payable by cheque only.

FOR THE BIRDS

Our family lived in Streetsville, Mississauga for 20 years, and were fortunate to have a field behind our house for those 20 years; which was never developed. Therefore, we had numerous bird species coming to our small backyard, and attending our bird feeder in the winter. When we moved up to 'Frog's Hollow Road' several years ago, my wife and I were concerned that we may not see as many birds. Silly us! We have the Peterson Field Guide, Eastern Birds... 'Large Format Edition', along with binoculars and camera sitting on our kitchen table. Not a day goes by without any or all of these items being picked up. For example, I was looking out the window a few days ago and saw this long-legged, long-necked speckled bird strutting across our septic bed mound, (it's a popular spot). I grabbed the bird book, looked up 'smaller waders', and up popped the 'Upland Sandpiper'. I could rhyme off a long list of the many species that we have seen, but anyone who is a 'birder' is welcome to visit my Facebook page, where I usually post any new sightings. ...Live long and look up!

Peter and Elske Edwards

Visit to the E.C. Carr Astronomical Observatory

Probus members who were guests at the E.C. Carr Astronomical Observatory, on the west side of the Blue Mountain overlooking the Beaver Valley, experienced a very informative and exciting evening learning about Astronomy. About fifty acres of land for the observatory were donated by Cliff Carr from Thornbury. Volunteers from the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada (RASC) Toronto Centre warmly welcomed the May 28th Probus visitors and invited them before dark to experience the Solar System Walk. This consisted of informational signs for each planet which were placed along the drive to indicate their relative positions with respect to the sun.

Following that, Ian Wheelband, a long-time member of the RASC gave a presentation on many aspects of Astronomy, ranging from an explanation of black holes to why Pluto is no longer considered a planet, and his reasons for calling his telescope a time machine. Because distances in space are so vast, light, despite its incredible speed of 300,000 kilometres a second, still takes considerable time to reach us. For example, our closest star, the sun, is about 150 million kilometres away from us but the sunlight we see now left the sun eight minutes ago. Many stars in other galaxies are millions of light-years distant so what one sees through the telescope is the universe as it was millions of years ago.

After the talk and refreshments the Probus group, guided by red lighting, went outside to experience the night sky. Because white light decreases one's night vision, the whole facility is lit with red lights. Tony Horvatin, Past President of the RASC Toronto Centre helped people look through the telescope in the Geoff Brown Observatory, a building with a roll-off roof. Outside was another observing pad where Ian Wheelband helped another group of stargazers. Although the moon was very bright and interfered with seeing many stars, members were still able to view the moon's craters and look at some planets. Two amazing sights were the rings around Saturn and the four moons of Jupiter.

For some photos [Click here](#)

"Please remember to wear your name badge to all Probus events."



Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting at the Beaver Valley Community Centre on Tuesday June 23rd starting with fellowship at 1.00-1.30pm

Activity Group Update

SINGLES GOURMET: We had a tasty and interesting mix of flavours for our Asia theme dinner. Our season wrap-up BBQ is on 21 June at 4pm. Sally Tuck has a wonderful deck, pool, BBQ, view and home so we are happy to visit her for the BBQ. We restart our program at the end of Sept. Pray for a warm summer. People say that drinking milk makes you strong..Drink 5 glasses of milk and try moving a wall. CANT. Drink 5 glasses of wine and the wall moves itself.
Gloria Thompson

TRAVEL: Hoping that there will be a brochure ready, for the next Probus meeting, outlining the Portugal islands program, 07 May 2016.
Peter and Gloria

BOOK EXCHANGE: Nancy Hart has suggested a book exchange for all the book lovers in the Club. We will have a table at the next meeting. Please bring a book and take a book. The books should be in good condition and current. This is a trial run.

DINING AROUND TOWN: Good news! "Dining Around Town" is back with some exciting venues. Sign up at the next Probus meetings or call
Barb Edwards or Ann Parsons

HIKING GROUP: Our first 2015 Hike On a sunny May morning Catharine Pepper and Susan Boehm led an enthusiastic group of 15 Probus Members down the Eleventh Line to the Georgian Trail and back via the Deer Trail, near Collingwood.
[To see all the photographs click on this picture](#)



The Master Gardener's Corner

Things to do in or for your garden in June.

from *John Hethrington*

Things to do in your garden each month taken from the Ontario Master Gardener Calendar by John Hethrington, Past President, Master Gardeners of Ontario. For more information, or your copy of the 11" x 17" calendar of the full year's tips for a \$1 contribution to Master Gardeners.

- Get the last annuals planted. Add a little fertilizer and water well. It has been very dry this year. (This comment will probably make it rain!)
- Fertilize perennials, roses, shrubs and vegetables according to package instructions. Dig it in lightly around each plant.
- Start cutting your lawn higher and leave cuttings on the lawn as "green" fertilizer.
- Prune spring blooming shrubs and trees (lilac, forsythia) after they have flowered.
- Prune evergreens and hedges now, not later in the summer.
- Finish removing all daffodil and tulip flower stems. Leave leaves to mature. Add a little bone meal around bulb clumps to promote bulb growth for next year.
- Stake or cage tomato plants, dahlias, gladiolas, peony plants, etc.
- Thin vegetable seedlings and plant successive crops. (Plant a second crop as first is maturing e.g. lettuce, spinach, radishes.)
- Seed flowering cabbage/kale into garden rows for later transplanting.
- Plant seeds of fast growing flowers such as cosmos, marigold, calendula, etc.
- If desired, move houseplants outside to protected areas.
- Deadhead faded blooms on plants such as petunia, rose, verbena, etc. This will promote continuous blooms and bushy plants throughout the second half of the summer season.
- Weed and water garden beds as needed.
- Add mulch to suppress weed growth and hold in moisture.
- Cut back by a third, late bloomers such as mums and asters. This will make them bushier and give them a mounded shape for the fall.
- Turn compost regularly and check moisture level.
- Take cuttings of perennials, shrubs, roses, etc. for rooting.
- **Watch for local Plant Sales like the huge one at St. George's Anglican Church in Clarksburg on Saturday June 20 2015. Starts at 8 am. Come early for the best selection of wide varieties of perennials, shrubs and large tomato plants at really reasonable prices.**

In Memoriam

COUSE, Ann Lis - Passed away peacefully at home in Thornbury on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Ann Lis was a member of the Beaver Valley Probus club from its inception in 2001. Along with her husband Jim they were very active and involved in the Hiking and Snow Shoeing groups.

Our Speaker for June

Doris Sensenberger, MSW, Executive Director of Home Horizon

Doris has been the Executive Director of Home Horizon since its inception in 2006.

Many ordinary families in The Georgian Triangle are at risk of becoming homeless. They may be leaving an abusive situation, suffer sudden illness or lose a job.

Home Horizon provides stable housing for up to one year. Clients receive personal counselling and attend workshops which help them build new life skills and confidence. Children have a stable school and parents gain strength in their parenting abilities.

When they are ready to move on, Home Horizon helps them seek a permanent home of their own.

The program has been very successful and has assisted 87 families, with 148 children, gain permanent housing.

Over the 9 years of operation we have collected the following statistics;

- 14 families on our waitlist, on average
- 7 youth on our waitlist, on average
- 95 % of our families are in permanent housing and stable up to 7 years later
- 60 % of families return to school to increase education / income
- 80 % of our families come from abusive families
- 91% of our families are homeless

Home Horizon transforms the lives of homeless women and children through support, counselling and housing
“From homelessness to a permanent home”



The Quiz this month tests your general knowledge from the 50s

[Clicking here](#)

Much easier than last months quiz which some people had real problems with.

Only one correct answer for the May quiz. Congratulations
George Baker.

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Putting and Lunch

Wednesday, Sept 9 Georgian Manor Resort Golf at 11 am.

Followed by Lunch and Prizes \$28.00 all-in-inclusive (Cash Bar)

Contact Ron Hartlen

2015 Bocce at the Picnic

July 14th, 2:30 assembly for 3:00 start

Special thanks to the Team Captains who have confirmed their teams.

We will be in touch with teams not confirmed and have a number of members who are interested in playing, if last minute arrangements are necessary.

We will be available at the June 23rd Probus meeting to help or answer any questions.

Finally a reminder for all Bocce players to pick up their "picnic ticket" in advance.

Dave Perham & Ken Kelley

Support Group

Do you know of a member who needs encouragement to get through a difficult period?

Please do not hesitate to call **Mary Anne Lawrie** who is the contact for June or any one of the Management team.

Next months contact is Barb Thompson.

The Last Word

Submitted by Past President Catharine Pepper

Finally my winter fat is gone.
Now I have spring rolls.