



PROBUS CLUB OF BRACEBRIDGE

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TODAY

All Vets attending today's meeting are encouraged to wear their service medals

- Greeters:** Donna Dawson and Jo-Anne Snelgrove
- O Canada:** Mary Lou Chuter
- Welcome:** Members and Guests
- President's Remarks:** Ken Geller
- Reports:**
 Frances Balodis, Social Committee
 Donna Sale, Special Events
 Andrea Kier, Induction of new members

Special Presentation: Ken Geller

COFFEE BREAK

Speaker: Glad Bryce
Women in World War II

COMING EVENTS

December: During our meeting, we will be entertained by the 8-person group, Muskoka Dixie, to get us all into a properly festive mood.

December Speaker: No speaker this month



In October, our Care Bear sent a get well card to Bill Caughey.

LAST MONTH

Attendance: 96 members and 3 guests

Holiday Season Pot Luck

Bring a dish and stay to welcome in the holiday season with your friends

With Muskoka Dixie

At the Rotary Centre immediately following our meeting (11.45 – 12 noon)

Sign up today and indicate type of dish.

Bio: Our Probus Club

Revealing his quiet wit, Jack McIrvine presented us with a report on our club's archives, as if he were presenting the club's bio. He began at the beginning with the birth of Probus International in 1965, of its child, Probus Canada in 1987, and the birth of the Probus Club of Bracebridge, AKA Probus Club # 69 in 1996. Our club had 87 founding members (the largest list of founders in any Canadian club), 14 of which remain members today.



In 1998-9 the club gave birth to its archive, simply because a growing collection of files and folders

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Probus Club of Bracebridge 2014

Nov

Sign Up	Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact
	Wed.5 th	Probus	Rotary Centre for Youth	10am	
Yes	Wed.5 th	Probus	Presidents Luncheon in Honor of Heinz Puersten for receiving the National Probus Director Emeritus Award. At Riverwalk following meeting.	12:30pm	Ken Geller 646-2955
	Weekly Mondays	Fabric Engineering	Phone for location.	10am	Nancy Telfer 646-9766
	Weekly Friday	Outdoors	Phone for information.	10am	Marianne Meeuwisse 645-6549
	Thurs.6 th	Investment Club	RBC Investments beside the old Zellers Store.	9:30am	Alan Clark 646-9516
	Mon.10 th	Armchair Travel	Neil on Wheels, 11 States and 5 Provinces in 36 days, a cruise by motorcycle. Presented by Neil and Carol MacLellan @ St. Thomas Church, BB	2 – 4pm	George Moroz 646-0777
Yes	Mon.10 th	Theatre	Stage Door Canteen: A World War II Tribute Musical. Rene Caisse Theatre, \$20 for group of 10.	7pm	Don McDowell 646-1894
	Wed.12 th	Issues	<i>Global Overpopulation: Implications and Risks</i> Lake House Grill @Nipissing University, BB	10am	Peter Sale 764-3359
	Fri.14 th	Food for thought	Chicken and Chocolate @ 1032 Doyle Rd. Springdale Park.	5:30pm	Vicki Govan 645-8678
Yes	Wed.19 th	Dining Out	155 (Manitoba St.). Three course meal, \$45 tax and tip inclusive.	5:30pm social 6pm dinner	Brian Brocklehurst 645-5340
	Fri. 21 st	Happy Cookers	Theme: Fifties and Sixties	6pm	Mary & Alan Mcleod 637-0609
	Thurs. 27 th	Cooking Group 1	Christmas Dinner at Brian Brocklehurst's	5pm	Brian Brocklehurst 645-5340
	Thurs.27 th	Book Club	<i>Another Country, Another Life</i> by Patrick Boyer	10am	Mary Smith 646-8721
	Thurs.27 th	Happy Bookers	<i>Unbroken</i> by Laura Hillenbrand	10am	Andrea Kier 646-2955

Dec

Sign Up	Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact
	Wed.3 rd	Probus	Rotary Centre for Youth, entertainment by the Muskoka Dixie Band followed by our Holiday Season Pot Luck.	10am	
	Weekly Mondays	Fabric Engineers	Phone for location	10am	Nancy Telfer 646-9766
	Weekly Fridays	Outdoors	Phone for location	10am	Marianne Meeuwisse 645-6549
	Thurs.4th	Investment Club	RBC Investments beside the old Zellers Store.	9:30am	Alan Clark 646-9516
	Mon. 8 th	Armchair Travel	Greenland presented by Lynn and Bob Jacob. @ St. Thomas Church, BB	2pm	George Moroz 646-0777
	Wed. 10 th	Issues	<i>Impacts of Climate Change on Muskoka to 2050.</i> Lake House Grill @Nipissing University, BB	10am	Peter Sale 764-3359
Yes	Thurs.11 th	Social	Christmas luncheon at Patterson-Kay Lodge \$35	12noon	Joanne Krawczyk 766-9026
Yes	Fri.12 th	Theatre	Cellar Singers present The Messiah at the Bracebridge Catholic Church \$30	7:30pm	Don McDowell 646-1894

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in Dave Durant's basement needed organizing. The first club archivist began with one file drawer of odds and ends, but the archive has grown substantially since then. Growth was initially achieved simply by adding file drawers, but then the archive, a mere caterpillar, metamorphosed into a beautiful creature adorned with a succession of different computer storage media. At one point, early in Jack's tenure as archivist, he and Dave Durant discussed whether or not to computerize all the paper files from the early years. They decided to wait a year to see if anyone was demanding access. The old paper files, deeply treasured records, remain on paper to this day. Over the years, planned obsolescence has required regular updating of storage technology (most of the archive now sits on a thumb drive), but amazingly, the old paper files have not had to be updated once! (One supposes that in years to come it may be necessary to preserve the paper, and, since all languages change it may require the service of skilled translators to discern what the minutes of meetings were all about.)

The archive includes the standard club documents – constitution, by-laws, minutes of management meetings, financial records. It also includes newsletters, the e-mail messages that now accompany the newsletter when it is sent out, and membership rosters for each year. There are two large photo albums from the early years, but nothing more recent, and lists of speakers over the years, members who have given bios, and members of successive management committees. A special Year One folder provides information on the establishment of the club.

Jack reported that the newsletter began as a simple message on letterhead. It became a two-column job in 2000, then developed its own bannerhead in 2004. In 2009 it began to include colour and photos.

As in any bio, Jack closed with some thoughts of the future. He is certain that the archive will survive – that is the nature of archives – but he anticipates yet more shifts as technology marches forward. And it will wait, patiently, until one day

our club will have its first historian. Thank you Jack for an informative and humorous tale.

Reported by Peter Sale



Special Christmas Luncheon
Patterson-Kaye Lodge

Thursday, December 11th, 12 noon
\$35.00 per person, sign up today

Speaker: Ron Brent

Ron Brent became involved with Moosonee Puppy Rescue because of his love of flying. He began flying early, obtained his license in 1972, and is certified for float planes, land planes,



seaplanes, night instrument flying, etc, etc. You get the point. He owns his own plane, and told us how he uses it to commute among sites for his business – he tried to paint it as an efficient way to get from A to B, but I figured out that really getting from A to B is just an excuse to fly.

Moosonee Puppy Rescue is a Bracebridge-based charity which attempts to provide better lives, or lives as opposed to quick death, for puppies in the far north. In places like Moosonee, Moose Factory, Attawapiskat, and Kashechewan, dogs are work animals that are pretty much allowed to run wild when not working. Many more puppies are produced as a result, than are needed, and the usual practice is to periodically cull the pack. Moosonee Puppy Rescue brings veterinary service to these communities, and takes unwanted puppies and dogs south for adoption.

Initially, the charity used the train service for transport, but that was not getting vets, who are busy people, up to the communities, and was also

not good for moving sick or recuperating dogs south. This was how Ron became involved.

Ron focused on the trip that took a team of veterinarians to Attawapiskat for a four day clinic at the end of 2013 (Nov 29 to Dec 3). There were two planes involved. With two pilots, five passengers, and lots of equipment, the planes were heavily laden going up, and even more so on the way back south with 10 puppies in addition.

Ron vividly described the harrowing journey north in so-so weather, and the journey south with welcome mats out at each stop along the way because the bush telegraph had sent news ahead about what they were doing and about the puppies on board. The team of vets and vet techs worked non-stop 9am to 2am each day, and managed to spay or neuter 52 dogs and 2 cats, as well as dealing with repairs to fighting-caused damage such as a torn tear duct, or larger, nastier-looking cuts, as well as birth defects, and a broken pelvis (that dog came south to recuperate). Ron is committed, and is going back when the team heads north again next summer.

Reported by Peter Sale

years ago, also from White Rock BC, returning home after many years away. A 'retired' photographer, Judy will have an exhibition at the Gravenhurst Library in November.



Last but certainly not least was Pat Strachan, who moved to Muskoka 20 years ago with her late husband and club member, Brian. Many of us will already know Pat, who attended events with Brian. Pat has been a pharmacy assistant in the past. Please look out for these three members at events and club meetings, and find time to make them welcome.

New Members



In October, we welcomed three new members to our club. The first of these was Astrid Lancelle, a retired translator who moved to Bracebridge two months ago, having spent the last 7 years in White Rock BC where she was also a

member of Probus. With family scattered from Ontario to California and Hong Kong, we are glad she chose to come here.

Our second inductee was Judy Nicholson-Jeffries. She and her husband came to Bracebridge two



Outdoor Group



Dorset Fire Tower Trail, 3rd Oct



The Outdoor Group was at the Dorset Fire Tower Trail on 3rd October, and at the Bracebridge Resource Centre on October 10th. Hiking and fall colours were amazing. Yes, there were guests.

The Cranberry Marsh Tour, the Island Princess Cruise and some other ways club members have been enjoying themselves recently.

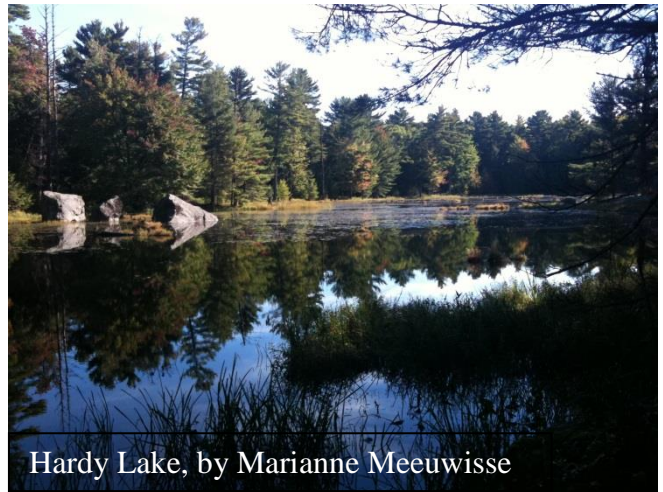


...and just because it's Fall...





And two of the many reasons we all live in Muskoka...



Hardy Lake, by Marianne Meeuwisse



Bracebridge Resource Centre, Peter Sale

...and again because it is Fall...

