



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Your Management Committee consists of:

President – Margaret Peckham
First vice-president – Betty Perkins
Second vice-president – Bev Hambly
Past President – Brian Ross
Secretary and archivist – Jan Stocovaz
Treasurer – Lorna Eadie Hocking
Program chairs – Don Smith and Pat Butler
Membership - Brian Ross
Communications – Allan Simpson
Activity Group chairs – Georgia Kreager
Greeters and Hospitality – Mary Norwood and Evelyn Dargie

Next General Meeting: Wednesday April 13th at 10 a.m. in the Lions' Den in the P&H Centre.

Next meeting of the Management

Committee will take place on Tuesday April 5th at 9:30 a.m. in the Classroom of the P&H Centre.

Welcome to new members: Standing in for President Margaret Peckham was our Secretary, Jan Stocovaz. On behalf of the Club, Brian Ross welcomed the following new members: Darlene Bohnert, Nancy Browne, Howie Cronin, Pat Cronin, and Linda Vallie. Welcome to the Club! We now number 190 members.

Did you know? For those who play bridge, the P&H Centre has purchased a new table and a set of four chairs to accommodate PROBUS bridge players in the nook by the windows and history showcase. We appreciate this purchase.

Georgia Kreager reported generally on upcoming events for the activity groups: photography, pickleball, knitting, pot luck vegetarian treat, twilling in the crafts group, and a painting workshop with artist Bev Morgan. To judge by the melting snow, the cross country ski and downhill ski groups have made way for a resumption of Linda Scully's hiking group. Please check the calendar on our new web site (www.hapc.ca) for times and places of activities and special events.

Name badges: Brian Ross reported that those who ordered a second name badge to wear during PROBUS activity groups should pick up their badges and pay for them. The next order for more name badges will be placed in late May in time for the June meeting.

Cancelation policy: The only situation where we would cancel our monthly general meeting would be when the P&H Centre is closed. In that event, we would make every effort to contact the membership via e-mail and via the web site.



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Due to the absence of chair Margaret Peckham, Jan Stocovaz presided over the General Meeting in March while Bev Hambly took notes.

Guests: To recognize the impact of PROBUS across Canada in March, members were encouraged to bring guests to our March General Meeting. Guests who were introduced by their sponsors were Ron Zavitz, Helen Tomlin, Stan Teggart, Deb McCaslin Teggart, Jane Fisk, Leanne Bester, Dana and Rob Davidson, and Wanita and Russel Halliday.



We applauded the presence of these guests at this special meeting to honour PROBUS month in Canada. Jan gave a brief history of the founding of the Club in Britain, then in New Zealand in 1974, Australia in 1976, and Canada in 1987. There are now over 4,000 PROBUS branches around the world. We are celebrating PROBUS month here by launching our own internet site March 16th. Check us out at www.hapc.ca (Hanover Area PROBUS Club). Jan referred to the electronic message sent to all members to determine those who do not wish to have their pictures or images published in our newsletter or on the web site. Those names have now been ascertained. Contact president Margaret Peckham if you wish to add your name to that albeit short list.

Jan made us all aware that Margaret, Pat Butler, and Georgia Kreager were interviewed by Lee Evans on 91.3 FM (Bluewater Radio) about our Club. A newspaper article also appeared in "The Walkerton Herald" and "The Post" to inform more of the public about our Club.

Brian Ross who devoted many hours into making this **web site** a reality, spoke of all the information that members can access : information for people considering joining PROBUS, contact info, application forms, a map of our location, and e-mail addresses



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of members of the management committee
as well as past issues of our newsletters.

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Suggestions Box: Allan Simpson replied to two suggestions from the suggestion box. Questions from the audience will be repeated by the person holding the mike so that everybody can hear better. (Thanks to Brian, the microphone finally kicked in and worked for the meeting.)

Joke of the day: One of the jokes referred to the Grandpa who gave an inappropriate answer to what Grandpa thought was a question about sexual intercourse. Remember the confusion with “bunk beds” and the fact that Jimmy Jones’ mom wanted to have a talk with Grandpa.



Ed King, visitors Rob and Dana Davidson, and Marion Badger enjoyed the social break

Thanks to all who bought tickets in the *We Win You Win* raffle. Jeanne Lisenchuk had the luck of the Irish with her when her name was drawn. The leprechauns were on her side that day.



Bill Wilson, Bert Badger, and Larry Howes lined up by the food and treats counter during our coffee and conversation break.



Visitor Helen Tomlin, and members Jeanne Lisenchuk, Fern Peppler, and Connie Shafer enjoyed a savory coffee.



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To honour St. Patrick's Day and get in the spirit, most of us partook of the tasty Irish cupcakes from O'Schultz's. Our congeniality ladies made sure that we could also opt for healthy fresh fruit. Top o' the hat to our hosts.



Don prevailed upon a few members to have another cupcake before heading home.



Carolyn Fisher, Joyce Leifso, Al and Lorraine Morrow caught up on the news during the coffee break.

Guest speakers, our own Marilyn and Brian Ross, were given an introduction by Margaret Elliot Niesen where we learned of Brian's career in the Niagara wine industry, a background which no doubt helped them considerably while exploring the vineyards of Germany and France.





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Brian and Marilyn's retirement in 2006 was followed by major involvement in their community and a love of travel. Brian had put much time into preparing a very professional power point presentation, showing us in beautiful colours their five biking trips in Europe. One particularly interesting aspect of these trips was the challenge to limit themselves to two sets of travel clothing, a good set of clothing, a and-held GPS, camping and biking gear.



They used a "bob" or small trailer to stow most of it. Having to deflate one's tires before loading their bikes on to the plane, created challenges upon arrival, i.e. flat tires.

They used maps to make us aware exactly where their biking travels took them. Campgrounds were well equipped with showers, laundromats, and sometimes swimming pools, but when rain turned the campgrounds into soggy mires, they did not hesitate to avail themselves of hostels and inns.



For their first biking trek, they wisely chose a very flat country, the Netherlands. We visited such cities and towns as Appeldoorn, Arnhem, Nejmegen, Den Haag, Haarlem, and of course the 32 hectares of flowers in the Keukenhof Gardens. In 2009, guten Tag Deutschland; they began by following the wine valley of the Mosel River, taking in the history of Germany's oldest city, Trier,



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Koblenz, Bernkastel-Kues. We heard the Sunday morning church bells chiming in beautiful medieval Heidelberg, and walked the cobblestone streets of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. They suggested that one can easily buy fresh produce in the open air markets, then cook it up in the camp grounds. Following the Romantische Strasse, they biked on to Augsburg and marveled at its 30 fountains. Looking for excitement, they boarded a small "luge" for a slick 1.6 km rush down a mountain slope on an Alpine coaster.

Good travel is enriched by sampling the regional cuisines: pork hocks and beer or white sausage, pretzels and beer in Munich. This appreciation of local foods continued during their biking trek through France in 2011: mustard in Dijon, Burgundy wines in Beaune, Châteauneuf du Pape in the Rhône, pickled garlic cloves in Provence, and Médoc wines in Bordeaux. Architecture, romance and fairy tales were interwoven into their visits of the Châteaux of the Loire Valley in 2013: Chambord, Chaumont, Ussé, Chenonceau, Angers, and Amboise.

With these richly rewarding experiences and acquaintances along the way, it is likely that we have not seen the end of Marilyn and Brian's biking experiences in Europe. Merci beaucoup and vielen dank.

Al Morrow expressed our thanks to Marilyn and Brian for sharing with us these travel experiences. How do they remember all that information? Good logs and diaries go a long way, and super organizational skills too



Marilyn and Brian Ross are thanked by Al Morrow.



Our travel experts confer, Telf and Brian.



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Rose Côté and Nancy Browne also confer.

Linda Vallie issued a challenge at the meeting. Get in shape and see the great outdoors. It's an invitation to accompany Linda on hikes along the Bruce Trail, each hike averaging 6 to 14 km through rugged beautiful countryside. Linda intends to do this every Thursday throughout the summer.

Our Guest speaker in April will be a very respected ornithologist and naturalist.



Peter Middleton was an outdoor education teacher and principal who, for the most

part, taught from the Bruce County Education Centre. He has contributed to North American breeding bird surveys, he has studied endangered species recovery programmes, and contributed to the Ontario Breeding Bird Atlas. He aims to teach the youth of today the importance of the natural environment to their future. We look forward to benefiting from his leadership in these fields.

As I grow older.....

My mind
doesn't just
wander...



Sometimes
it
buggers off
completely!

The Bruce Grey Film Society is presenting their 13th film festival April 8,9,10 at the Paramount Theatre.

Friday , April 8 , Lady in the Van..8.00p.m.

Saturday , April 9 , 45 years ..8.00 p.m.

Sunday , April 10, Spotlight ..1.30 p.m.

Ticket packages are available at Millennia Books .



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The PROBUS **Craft Activity Group** will be meeting at the studio of local artist, Bev Morgan, on Monday April 4 at 1:00 p.m.. Bev will give the group a tour of her studio and we will complete a make-and-take watercolour card. This activity is now full.

On Wednesday, April 20, PROBUS member, Donna Clark, will give a workshop on paper quilling. This will take place at 1:30 in the Pool Observation room.

The book club met on February 23 to discuss the book, *The Tastemakers: Why We're Crazy For Cupcakes But Fed Up With Fondue* by David Sax, a writer specializing in business and food who resides in Toronto. This book details how and why food fads become part of our culture. Cupcakes, special grains including chia seeds, curry, bacon, and even the cultivation of the Red Prince apple grown in nearby Thornbury, Ontario are featured. At our next meeting on March 29 at 1 p.m., we are changing it up a bit and will discuss the non-fiction book *Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One*

Man's Fight for Justice by Bill Browder. Please contact Margaret Peckham if you are interested in joining the Book Club.

Durham Art Gallery

Opening Reception for Hacking Time and Traces of West Grey
Saturday, April 9, 2-4.

Traces of West Grey is a selection of photographs by Jaimie and Tess Bainborough, Ulli Bodner, Lyjah Mellor, and Gabriel Sugarman, promising artists from our Youth Photography Workshop taught by Sarah Tacoma. Inspired by their immediate surroundings, they produced images of water, land and sky, while directing our vision towards destroyed furniture, hydro lines and jet streams, foaming water and pop cans. By making visible the natural patterns of time, we are shown that our momentary presence is always recorded by nature - even after our bodies are long gone.

The shows continue until May 15. The youth exhibition is sponsored by Shelburne Kitchens and Launch Pad Youth Activity and Technology Centre.