



# Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Your Management Committee consists of:

President – Margaret Peckham  
First vice-president – Betty Perkins  
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

**Yuletide Luncheon:** Just a reminder that tickets, @ \$25 per person, may still be available for a delicious turkey dinner with three courses, catered by Elsie Frook. The doors of the Hanover Canadian Legion hall will open December 9th at 11 a.m. for socializing, buffet dinner will begin at noon. You may, if you wish, bring a friend or a partner who is not necessarily a PROBUS member, but the maximum number is 100. The deadline for purchasing a ticket is November 28<sup>th</sup>. You may do so by phoning Lorna Eadie Hocking at 519-364-6808.



This dinner will precede our regular general meeting on Wednesday December 9<sup>th</sup>. Those members who don't come to the Yuletide luncheon may come after 12:45 p.m. The meeting and the guest speaker will begin at 1:00 p.m.



**The Hiking Group** enjoyed sunny warm weather for their hike around Andre's Alpaca Farm on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. The owner, Henry Mengers, has shown his alpacas at many exhibitions and has made these animals available for community events.



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Our hikers made the trek to Henry and Karen Mengers' farm, just south of Campbells Corners.

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**New members:** Membership chair, Brian Ross, welcomed into the Club today the following new members: Ted and Sue Blackburn, Dona Smillie, Bernice Frook, Valerie Bennett, Ed and Frances Agnew, Joanne Lindblat, and Bettina Neable

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Joel and Rose Cote sign in as guests.



Ted and Sue Blackburn sign in as new members.

**Guests** were presented by sponsoring members. Present at the November general meeting were Marilyn Hopkins, Marg Wellard, Darlene Mills, Carol Day, Dianne Mather, Rose and Joel Cote, and Hugh McKay.



**Activity Groups:** Jan Stocovaz spoke on behalf of the Chair of the activity groups, Georgia Kreager. Any member wishing to join an activity group should now contact either Georgia or the co-ordinator of that particular activity group. Their names and contact numbers will be listed in your new Membership booklet for reference.

The Knitting Group will next meet on Monday November 23<sup>rd</sup> and thereafter every two weeks: Dec, 7, Dec. 21, Jan. 4. Bring your knitting and join the group in the



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entrance lobby of the P&H Centre. Knit one, purl two. Check out these sites for ideas: [www.loveknitting.com](http://www.loveknitting.com) and [www.docknits.ca](http://www.docknits.ca)

Dan Hobler recounted the numerous outings that the Wine Tasters' Group continue to make. He recounted some exciting tales from their recent tasting trips to the Beaver Valley and the Georgian Hills Winery. Kunkel Buslines have offered this group a sweet discount deal on their next outing to make up for an unexpected thrill breakdown on a recent trip.

Wayne Pfeffer invited us to bring ideas and discuss ideas for the Travel Group. They will meet at Trixie's Tavern in Ayton at 11:30 a.m. on December 17<sup>th</sup>.

Is Comfort Food your cup of tea? The Potluck group will be meeting next at the home of Paul Weir on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Marg Peckham reported on the Book Club. The avid readers in the non-fiction group will be meeting on Tuesday afternoons, beginning in January. They have found a common interest in foods. The first book to be discussed is The Dorito Effect. The Fiction group is looking for a co-ordinator to start the ball rolling for this group. If that is you, contact Marg.



**Suggestion Box** Marion Badger has suggested to the Programme Committee that they consider lining up a speaker for the subject of organ donations.

Lorna followed up on a previous suggestion that the coffee and tea break be shortened from the traditional half hour. Following discussion at the Management Committee, Lorna passed along the rationale for maintaining the 30 minutes: time to set up the projector and AV equipment for our guest speaker, the sale of tickets for various events, the signing up for activity groups, and of course, time to line up and get your coffee or tea and treats, and then socialize.

**Joke time** Lorna regaled us with not one but a string of jokes. Don't forget the genie who offered the 50 year old man 3 wishes. His last wish was that his partner/wife should be 30 years younger .... And poof!



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The fellow by magic moved into the body of an 80 year old man. There is an Aesopian moral to this story. I leave it to you.



## A LOOK *at the* BUDGET

**Budget for 2015-2016:** Lorna presented the budget which will not be reproduced here since a copy was e-mailed to everybody just prior to the general meeting. This allowed everybody time to peruse and assess it, and then raise any pertinent questions. The expected income for the year is expected to be \$6,675. Following the example of our governments who aim to achieve balanced budgets, Lorna then itemized our perceived expenses for the year. Based on an expected membership of 170, the expenses equal the income exactly, \$6,675. The membership liked what we saw and approved the budget forthwith.

**Name badges:** Brian Ross had placed an order earlier, but it appears to have gone astray. He will therefore replace the order to PROBUS Canada for the required badges

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for our new members and for those who joined last year but had not yet received their badge.

Brian reported that interest had been expressed through the activity groups that some members would like to have a second badge to wear when participating in PROBUS activities outside our general meeting. A show of hands indicated how many members were interested in purchasing a second badge at a price of \$6.75 if there is a sufficiently large number required. Those members were asked to sign up immediately after the meeting so that their names might be included in the larger order to be placed the next day.

Even as we get to know more and more people and make more friends within PROBUS, these name badges do facilitate the flow of conversation and everyone feels more comfortable when we can easily identify others. Good idea!

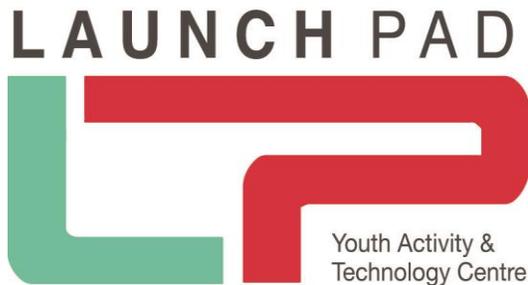
**Check "The Post"** Our president, Margaret Peckham, wrote an article for "The Post". Managing Editor, Jim Merriam, agreed to enlighten the public in this way about our PROBUS Club. Some Group Activity photos were also included to show just how active this group is. Thanks Margaret.



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Jack and Jeanne were as attentive to our guest speaker as others.

## Our guest speaker: Kirk Scott



Garry MacGregor introduced our guest speaker, a free lance journalist who has also worked for CKNX. Since 2005, Kirk developed a strong interest in recording the stories from the veterans of the second world war and the Korean war. He has also gleaned materials from the Billy

***Launch Pad is looking for a Handy Person to volunteer their time once a week. We have a lot of little details that need repairing or work on and we don't really have the skills to do it all. Various things to do. Ideally once a week for a couple of hours would work out great. Being available during the open hours of the centre would be ideal (3:30pm to 8:00pm). This way youth members might be interested in the work you're doing and want to help or participate. Launch Pad is Youth building skills centre for 12-18 year olds. We often have skilled community members come into the centre to pass those skills onto our members. We would love more volunteers to connect with our youth. Our programs vary, so if you're interested in volunteering or becoming a mentor, then please contact Jacinda Rudolph at [yatc@hanover.ca](mailto:yatc@hanover.ca) or [519 506-6300](tel:5195066300).***



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Bishop Museum and local branches of the  
Canadian Legion

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As we approach Remembrance Day, we think of our veterans. Kirk Scott explained how he was motivated to pursue this theme in his research. Reading The Boat by Walter Gibson was the key that unlocked the door. He decided as well to video tape the stories these veterans had to tell of war experiences. In all, he has taped 153 veterans. For his presentation, he focused on veterans from Hanover and area. Some of the adventures and misadventures were related by familiar faces such as Scotty Duncan, Glen Rawson, Lloyd Klemmer, Orville Seip, and Fred Tilker.

At one point during their service, they were asked to write a letter to their family and loved ones, a letter which would then be put on file. At the time of the death of the serviceman, the letter would then be retrieved and forwarded to the deceased's

loved ones. A gut wrenching experience which made the young man realize what he was sacrificing in doing his service to his country. One veteran spoke of being in London for VE Day in 1945 as the music played "When the Lights Go on Again". Another spoke of the thrill when, after 6 years of imposed darkness in southern England, when victory came, the allied fleet as one turned on their lights in the harbours of Britain.

In the question and answer period, we learned that there were no psychiatric services to help these servicemen recover from the post traumatic stress disorders with which we are so familiar today. Most veterans simply did not talk about the horrors they had lived. Few questions were asked along that line in interviews.



Bev Hambly expressed our appreciation for Kirk's research and presentation on this thought provoking theme.



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**Next Guest Speakers** will feature representatives from three youth centered endeavours in Hanover which are serving youth in our south Grey Bruce area. Brandon Koebel is the co-ordinator for Youth Roots while Jacinda Rudolph represents the new Launch Pad Youth Activity and Technology Centre. Both have received initial funding through large grants as well as donations from local businesses. Youth chaplain and advisor from Youth Unlimited, Paul Neuman, will also contribute to this presentation. They will bring us up to date on these two new major projects aimed at involving our youth, aged 12 to 18, in leadership roles and education. To make Hanover and area a “youth friendly” community, offering meaningful opportunities to our young people, this is their mission. Learn more about these innovative projects in their early stages. Get the inside info on the Youth Summit to take place in Hanover in May 2016.

**Did you know** all you dog owners, that Hanover’s new Playground for Paws is now open? Thanks to a donation of \$20,000 from Rotary, the Rotary Dog Park, located within the Rail Lands Leisure Park, will offer an open space for dogs to run freely off leash. A few conditions apply: 1) the dog must be licensed 2) the dog must be spayed or neutered 3) the dog must be up

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to date in its vaccinations. To access the Dog Park, you may park behind the Catholic Education Centre or access it from the trail system. Smaller dogs will have their own area. Arf arf .



Has PROBUS gone to the horses?

On November 17, the **Hikers** hit the race track on a balmy sunny day, making several laps before refueling in the Raceway Coach House. A great turn out, thanks to Lynda Scully and her team. Physical fitness – keeping up with the horses. Thanks to Gord Duggan and Randy Rier for leading the tour of the horse stables.



The final tour of the year will be the



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Neustadt Village Christmas tour on Thursday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

**Vous voulez parler francais?** Marilyn is ready to start up the French conversation group again this year, starting off the New Year on the right foot. If interested, remain after the January general meeting. The group will determine which time and days suit most people. Otherwise you can contact Marilyn Ross at 519-364-1990 or e-mail her at [marilynross13@gmail.com](mailto:marilynross13@gmail.com). Venez au cercle francais.



Bravo!

**Gourmet Dinner Party** Do you enjoy a variety of foods? Do you like to prepare and cook interesting foods? THEN ..... A Dinner Party with other like minded people and lots of good food, and conversation is what I am suggesting. This will be gourmet or as simple as you wish. This could even have a theme. The dinner

would be for 6-8 people, in your home. Everyone will have something to do for the dinner. We may even have some gourmet wine to go with dinner. If you are interested, contact Fern Pepler at 519-364-1665. I will call everyone together to discuss the plans and get your input.

