



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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Be a Friend. Bring a Friend.

Our next General Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 in the Lions Den, P&H Centre at 10:00 a.m.

Our next Management Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday November 6, at 9:30 a.m.

See our newsletters on the national website:
www.probus.org/5ontario.htm

November speaker - Beth Gilhespy (Chief Executive Officer) from the Bruce Trail Conservancy

Our October speaker: Hanover Fire Chief Jeff Dentinger - fire safety for seniors



They have four levels of technical rescue – ice water, swift water, high angle and confined space. “We are the only ones I know of that have proficiency in all four. We train a lot so we are up on all of this. And we help other departments if they have these technical issues.”

Services include: fire suppression, medical response, haz mat, auto extraction, and lots of fire prevention and public education

Staff include: Fire Chief, 2 platoon chiefs, 2 captains, 2 lieutenants, 6 pump operators, 12 firefighters, 2 auxiliary firefighters. “I am full time and everyone else is on call – Christmas Day, Thanksgiving dinner – if the pager goes, they have to come.”

Up until September 17, they received 132 calls - only 127 calls all of last year. A medical call might be 20 minutes to one hour, structure fire up to 5 hours. “Their employer allows them the time off to fight a fire – employers are very good about allowing this as these people can’t make a living off of firefighting.”

Training is completed every week plus 4 weekend training sessions a year. “We have completed over 2,100 hours of training in 2018 up to September 20.”

What are the major causes of fire? Cooking is #1, faulty electrical is #2 – smoking not as bad as it used to be. Fire prevention ideas:

- Keep things by your bed that you need – like glasses, telephone, walking aides.
- Don’t open a door that’s hot to the touch - use your alternate exit.
- If you must escape through smoke, crawl low where it’s easier to breathe.
- In the event of a fire, do not use the elevator if fire alarm activated – use the stairs.
- Have a fire escape plan with TWO ways out of every room.

Empty ashes into a METAL container. “We get many calls get calls from people who dumped ashes into a pail. The fire doesn’t start right away – it melts the plastic pail and then whatever is around it starts on fire.”

Do not keep heaters near towels – 3 feet away from anything; make sure they are clean as dust over time is flammable. Do not keep heaters in bathroom as there is a risk of electrocution,

In your kitchen:

- Wear clothing with close fitting sleeves.
- Use a timer to remind you when something is finished cooking or needs attention- this is how 80% of kitchen fires start. If you are interrupted while cooking, turn off burners.
- Use pots and pans that are easy to lift.
- Turn handles of pots to the side so they’re not easily upset as walking by the stove.
- Turn off the burner before picking up pot (more so with coil stoves), use a pot holder.

In an apartment:

- Stairwells may be blocked by smoke or fire.
- Fire can spread quickly from one residence to another if doors are left open– most doors have one hour where heat can be held back.

- Ensure your smoke alarm is not past its end of use date – change your batteries twice a year as the clocks change. With new alarms, when the battery is done, smoke detector is done. All detectors have dates to say this is when they need to be replaced.

If you discover a fire:

- Leave the area.
- Close all doors in your path of exit – it makes a huge difference.
- Sound the fire alarm (if in a building with one).
- Use your escape plan to exit the building.
- Phone 911 when you are out of danger.

If you hear the fire alarm:

- Turn off all appliances you may have running. Take your key with you.
- Feel the door before opening or door knob – probably should not open door as you invite smoke and heat in.
- If door is hot, remain inside and call 911 from your apartment. Sleep with bedroom door closed.
- If door is not hot, leave the building using your escape plan and be sure to close all doors behind you.
- Once you've exited, never go back in – many fatalities have happened that way. People go back in for pets or children.

Alarmed for Life – program initiated by Hanover Fire Department. Focus is on going door to door - installation if required. There is funding for senior alarms.

“Stats for this program are very bad – only 30% compliance from the homes we've seen. Many have alarms but they over 10 years old. They still beep but no way sensors will still work.”





- Operation Christmas Child is designed to allow you to send Christmas gifts in a shoe box to children aged 2 to 14. Susan Sakal (above right) was on hand with shoe boxes and info at our meeting.

Group activities

- There are a number of activity groups that currently do not have coordinators – they include Board Games, Snow Shoeing, Pole Walking, and Cross Country Skiing. Please consider stepping up to be a co-ordinator for these activities.
- **Golf** - What a great summer for golf - pictured here is the Probus golf group enjoying a year end barbeque at Keith & Marg Wettlaufer's. We golfed 10 different courses including Pike Lake, Northern Dunes, Mount Forest, The Ferns, Highland Glen, Blackhorse, Stone Tree, Sauble, Scenic City and Homestead. We averaged 15 golfers per outing with a maximum of 20 golfers. Even though we were rained out five times we still managed to get in 16 rounds of golf. If you would like to enjoy some fantastic golf with a great bunch contact Shirley, Marie or Judy.



- Scrabble Group** - The Scrabble group was started last year by Linda McCulloch as a friendly, casual, get-together of folk who like a challenge with words. We meet every other Thursday at 2 pm in a home environment. Pictured below at our first game in Mildmay are Barb Hunsberger, Leona Hutton, Nina McTeer, Mike Taylor, Barb Smith, and Allan Simpson (out of camera range). At our second match in the home of Liz Pybus, Hanover, Allan Simpson was on fire. He spelled the word "ignition" which used up all his tiles, thereby earning him a fifty point bonus. We would like to challenge all men in Probus to join us and give Allan a run for his money! The next game is November 8th in Walkerton at the home of Nina McTeer. Contact Barb Smith if you fancy a couple of hours of mind games, gentle bantering with liberal use of the scrabble dictionary, followed by a cup of tea/coffee and a snack.



- Dinner Club** - A delicious meal was enjoyed in September at Trudy and Heinz Remer's home (pictured below left). Dinner Club members attending were Pat and Leigh Butler, Helen, John and Ed Pepler and Karen and Bob Farrow. Menu consisted of mushroom and crab vol au vent, arugula salad with grilled chèvre, pork tenderloin with fruit relish, finished off with a pear tart. The October 25 dinner at the Hobler's had the theme of Halloween in Mexico. The menu featured Roasted Pumpkin Apple Soup (pictured below, right); Mexican Chorizo Burrito and mini Churro taco bowls for dessert.



- Travel Group** - On September 18, 29 members of the Travel Group met at the Hanover Legion for their bi-monthly luncheon. The Legion Auxiliary served a tasty lasagna dinner

before our meeting started. There was discussion about booking trips for just PROBUS members and taking advantage of tours already planned that interested travel group members would like to take advantage of. This may be a better option and less likely to have the trip cancelled. **Our next meeting will be on November 20** at the Curling Club. Holiday experiences to Costa Rica will be shared by Peter and Jill Dalton. We will be deciding on a Wine and Brewery Tour for the early spring with the Wine Group, sharing the results of our latest travel survey, and choosing a date and time for a Walter Family bus trip for summer of 2019.

- **Craft Group** – On September 26, five Craft Group members gathered at the home of Rose Côté for a Drying Flowers and Making Grapevine Wreath workshop, lead by Wayne Pfeffer. He outlined the process to drying flowers and making grapevine wreaths. Next he guided participants through the process of creating a card using dried flowers and leaves he supplied. This was followed by making a grapevine wreath from grapevines Wayne picked that morning. Thank you Wayne for sharing your expertise, valuable information, and materials.



- **Photography** - Ed Agnew and Joan Roseborough will coordinate a new group – technical aspects and principals of photography. Learning to understand all of the functions and features of your camera. Bring your camera and instruction manual along with list of things you are having problems with. If interested, email Susan Leidel.

Coming events

- **December 12 - Yuletide Luncheon** (turkey dinner) – tickets will be available for purchase at our November meeting – cost is **\$25 for members and \$28 for guests**. After lunch, Karine Ringenberg, local music teacher, will accompany some of her music students who will be singing and playing instruments. Plus Karine has offered to play some Christmas music on the piano during lunch before her students sing/perform.
- **Scotch tasting** – November 21 at 1:30 – Curling Club – only 24 spots
- **Jewellery making** – with Sue Leidel in January
- **Comfort and wine** – coming up in March
- **Outdoor Christmas Container** - November 15, 1:30pm

Duration: about one hour

Location: Davishill Nursery, located on Hwy 4 mid way between Hanover and Walkerton

Cost: The base cost is \$50.00 (to be paid to Davishill Nursery upon completing the project). Included in the base price is greenery, berries, and a bow
Anything chosen to add to this base project will be added to the \$50.00



cost but is optional. This workshop is full, names can be placed on a waiting list.

Note: Participants are asked to bring along garden gloves and pruning shears.

- **Christmas Card Making** - November 28, 1:00-4:00pm

Location: Home of Jeannette Wilken

Cost: 4 cards for \$20.00 or 3 cards for \$15.00

Jeannette will have the card packages ready for participants and will provide all materials required to complete each card.

This workshop has space for one more participant. Please contact Rose Cote by email, joro.cote@hotmail.ca, or phone, 519-364-6707 to avoid disappointment.

Note: Participants are asked to bring along a pair of scissors and craft glue if they have it. No experience necessary.

- **Christmas Tree Ornament** - Early December, TBA

Location: Home of Jeanne Kucan or Rose Côté

More information to follow.



These activities are open to all PROBUS members.

The winner of 50/50 draw was Marg Girdler

The Suggestion Box is out at every meeting – any speaker ideas always welcome.

A reminder to members to “lug a mug” to meetings - help reduce our use of paper cups!

“Get connected- Stay connected”

