



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

January, 2015

Recap of our December Meeting

The dynamic duo performed for a well-attended audience of about 100 members. Peter Hambly introduced our guest speakers. Shannon Wood, followed by Don Smith, shared their expertise from Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority. Their subject was the Greenock Swamp, the largest forested wetland in southern Ontario. It is classified as a Class One Wetland, feeding into the Saugeen and Sauble River systems. This 20,000 acre tract was first owned and developed by Henry Cargill; he developed the flour mill and lumber industry, dug canals in which to transport the lumber.



The power point presentation afforded us many archival photos as well as plans for a hiking trail soon to be developed. Serving as a giant sponge, this swamp conserves water during heavy rainfall, then releases it to the area in times of drought. Eleven species of birds of prey inhabit this swamp and twenty-two species of orchids thrive here. We are most fortunate to have this swamp in our vicinity.

New Official Name Tags

Did you pick up your official PROBUS pin, official name tag, and booklet with the names and all the vital info about our membership and the Club? Members initialed their name to prove receipt of the above. If you



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were unable to attend in December, the above items will be on display for you to pick up at the next meeting. If an error or typo has been made, please bring it to our attention so that it can be rectified and not repeated another year.



Mike Taylor picks up name tag with friend Linda McCulloch

We added to the festive spirit of Christmas by ordering in special cupcakes, even gluten free cupcakes, and healthy apples to accompany the coffee and tea.



Christmas treats from Schultz' Bakery

The Town of Hanover had decorated the Lions' Den with a beautifully lit Christmas tree, and Marilyn Ross and helper Lynn Hallman laid out some ornamental decorations and table cloths. Poinsettias were on display, and then given away as gifts to the lucky four members who had the good fortune to be sitting on a lucky smiling face chair. Christmas cheer in a flower.



Mary and Pat Mulhern receive new membership booklets.

Presentation of Official Document

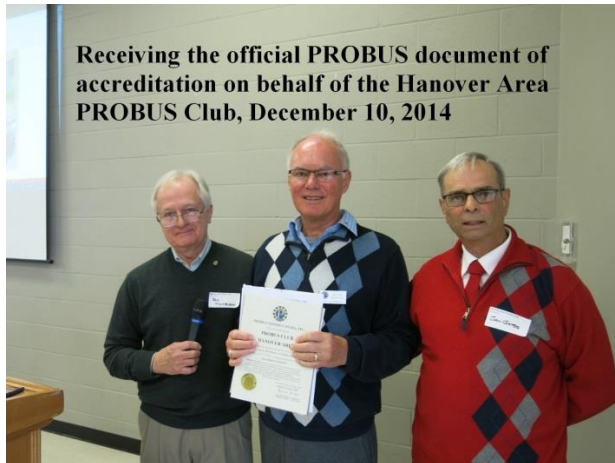
Past president Rad Michieson and Vice-president John Gates of the Kincardine Men's PROBUS Club were our special guests. They had attended our inaugural founding meeting in September, and returned in December to present our Club with its official document of accreditation.



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Since President Brian Ross was ill, Margaret Peckham as VP, had filled in capably for him. Allan Simpson, as Chair of the original steering committee, set up to establish a club in Hanover, accepted the document on behalf of the members of Hanover Area PROBUS Club.



Kincardine's role has been paramount in the successful establishment of our Club thanks to financial backing, friendship, and aid in processing the accreditation.

Next Speaker: Songwriter, singer, comedienne, the lady you recall from This Hour Has 7 Days, the recipient of Gemini Awards, and now residing in Holstein, our local celebrity will grace us with her presence in

January. Yes, Dinah Christie will be our guest speaker. Program organizer, Don Smith with Pat Butler have succeeded in persuading Ms. Christie to speak to us. Don also gave us the line-up of speakers for the full 2015 calendar year, all neatly presented on power point. In February, look forward to Les MacKinnon, an environmental consultant and local historian. We are most fortunate to have such speakers, experts in their own fields, willing to speak to us and share their knowledge and enthusiasm.



Peter Hambly introducing guest speaker, Shannon Wood



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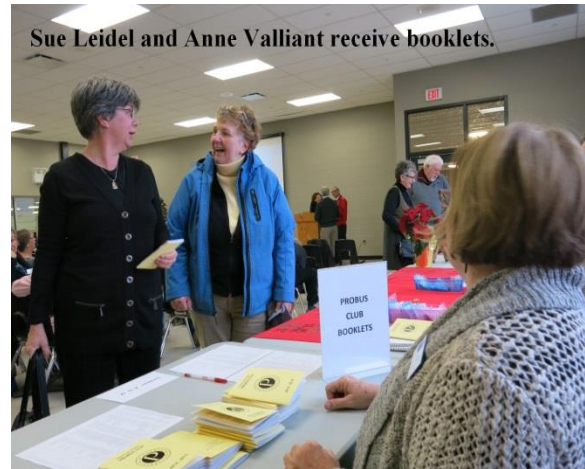
Sandra Howes, Evelyn Dargie and Lynda Scully

Sandra, Evelyn, and Lynda catch up on the news during the Christmas cupcake and coffee break. For the health conscious, fresh apples were offered, but the cupcakes disappeared first.



We learned that during the Depression years, the years of prohibition, distilleries blossomed in the Greenock Swamp and provided local entrepreneurs with another

source of income. It was called "moonshine". Legalising banned substances removes income from the more enterprising who fill a void to meet a need. Thank you Shannon Wood.



Sue Leidel and Anne Valliant receive booklets.

...News from the Activity Groups

The Cycling Group. Cycle with Mona, a small group is planning for spring outings. Phil Holmes is offering his leadership and expertise, gained with the Toronto Bike Club, Saugeen Social Cyclists, etc. Having a certified bike mechanic onboard is always an asset. Learn how to maintain your bike. Wear safety helmets. They hope to ride 30 km on level ground once a week, once the snow has melted away. See Mona Duffy.



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President's New Year's Greeting



Bob Farrow, Lynda Scully, Alison Rowe, Sandra Howes, Evelyn Dargie

The Hiking Club with Linda Scully braved the first gusts of winter as they explored the Scully farm and forest in December.

The Healthy Living Group will meet on Monday January 19 at 2 p.m. at the Hanover Hospital, on the second floor. Dietitian Amy Dow will lead the group in a workshop of Hints and Tips on how to be Supermarket Savvy. Group activities will involve deciphering and understanding nutrition labels. See Sue Leidel.

Happy New Year! I sincerely hope that you enjoyed a very merry Christmas and holiday time with your family and friends. The weather did not cooperate to provide a green Christmas but it certainly allowed safer travel options for those on the move.

As we enter 2015, I have great expectations for our Hanover Area PROBUS Club. We now have a membership of 156 persons and it is growing each month as the word gets out via print and social contact.

Our activity groups are well under way and growing. There have been a few "teething" concerns but everyone has been very understanding as we get our procedures in place.

All of what we have in the Hanover Area PROBUS Club is because of you, the members. Your enthusiasm and participation is what has brought it into existence and what will continue to be the driving force behind our club. 2015 is going to be a very exciting year!

President Brian Ross





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take place on Friday January 9 at 10 a.m.

The Golfing Group: See Stan or Carolyn Lytle if you are into golfing.

The next golfing date is yet to be announced, perhaps depending on the weather?



Our certificate of accreditation into PROBUS Centre-Canada..

The Photography Group: Check with Willie Wilson re. the location of their next photo shot and meeting. It will



The Pickle Ball Club: Betty Perkins

reminds the pickle ballers to meet on Tuesday January 9th in the Neustadt Arena at 10 a.m. for your next game.

Newcomers are welcome. Bring your paddles.

The Hiking Group wound up the year

with a leisurely 3 km. walk through Neustadt and a visit to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, the Cosy Nook, Richard Mund's Pottery, and the Neustadt Brewery.



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