



Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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announced at our monthly meeting and brought to the membership's attention through the Newsletter.

If you wish to leave a suggestion in the suggestion box, please sign your name.

Look who came in February

Your Management Committee :

President – Brian Ross

First Vice-President – Margaret Peckham

Second Vice-President – Betty Perkins

Secretary and Archivist – Jan Stocovaz

Treasurer – Lorna Eadie Hocking

Program Chairs – Don Smith and Pat Butler

Membership Lorna Eadie Hocking, Jan Stocovaz

Communications – Allan Simpson

Activity Group Chairs – Georgia Kreager and Mary Norwood

Greeters and Hospitality – Betty Perkins, Fern Pepler and Mary Norwood

Reminder of next General Meeting

Wednesday March 11, at 10 a.m. in the Lions' Den , the P&H Centre

Reminder of next Management Team Meeting

Tuesday March 3rd in the Classroom of the P&H Centre at 9:30 a.m.



Lorna replies

to the Suggestion Box Ideas

Our club does not fund raise for charities. If you wish to give food to the Food Bank, there are other venues in town that will accept your generosity.

Passings and in memoriams will be



Alan Fisher brings his wife Irene



Joseph and Barbara Craig



Marybelle Schumacher, Jeanne Kucan , Marion Badger



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Guest Speaker, Scott Lovell, answered many questions following his very informative address at the February general meeting. Scott is the Executive Director of the Residential Hospice of Grey Bruce in Owen Sound, located close to the Owen Sound hospital. Marilyn Ross introduced Scott who sent regrets that Kathi Maskell, a former member of the Board, could not be present but he was joined by current Board Chair Rob Cordell and inaugural Chair Ruth Lovell Stanners who attended the meeting. He connected the Hospice to his audience, referring to the Hanover Hospital's beautiful mural by Allen Hilgendorf, a past patient at the Hospice.

He lauded the caring compassionate staff at the Hospice, and the homelike atmosphere that the care givers create for patients during the end of life phase. An RN is always available 24 hours a day as well as

Personal Support Workers. Two palliative care doctors are associated with the Hospice. The Hospice provides care for up to six patients at a time in each of their homelike suites for patients and their family. Owen Sound is one of three communities in south west Ontario to have received provincial funding for an end-of-life care centre. This one opened its doors in 2013. It is a non-profit establishment, dependent on government monies for a portion of their costs, and relying also on donations and volunteer workers.

The majority of patients have come from outside the city of Owen Sound, from Grey and Bruce. Thus far the Hospice has operated at 90% capacity. They hope that with funding they will be able to expand their facility to 10 beds. This is the maximum size for a hospice in order to maintain a home-life caring environment. Nevertheless the cost to the system for an individual to stay here is half of what it costs for palliative care in a hospital.

Scott advised us that one should have a conversation with one's family so that they know in advance one's wishes for end-of-life treatment. The interest provoked by this presentation could be seen in the many probing questions which followed. Our Club's appreciation was expressed by Sandra Howes who thanked Scott for a very compassionate and informative talk.



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Representing the Grey Bruce Residential Hospice with Scott Lovell are Rob Cardell and Ruth Lovell Stanners.



On our behalf, Sandra Howes presented Scott with our traditional thank you gift.

President Brian Ross welcomed new members whose applications were processed by the Management Team. A warm hand of friendship is extended to Liz Goodall, Debbie Gray, Chuck and Vivian Niesen, Joan and Jerry Asling, Joan Kaufman, Joanne MacKinnon, and Millie Crawford. We also welcomed four visitors.

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Before he regaled us with a story about a lady who wondered whether or not she would be acquitted on a count of murder, Brian asked how many of us had competed in spelling bees. If you are so inclined and if you like a good competition, sign up at Frankie's to form a team. This town wide Spelling Bee is brought to you by the South Grey Bruce Youth Literacy Council.

Are you a new member waiting for your official name badge to arrive? Brian announced that they should be here for the March general meeting.

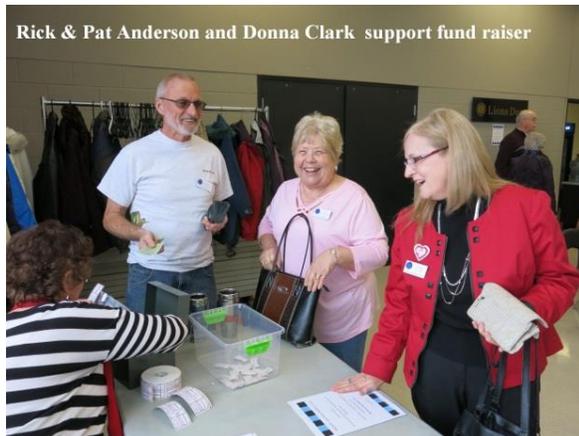
He also explained that the Management Team is setting forth a book of procedures, clarifying roles and responsibilities of the various elected positions. These procedures, once clearly laid down, will help a newcomer on the Management Team to ease more quickly and efficiently into his/her new position.





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Rick and Pat Anderson, Donna Clark, and
Dan Hobler buy tickets on the We
Share/You Share raffle to fund the purchase
of a data projector and laptop.



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for providing our own Audio/Visual
equipment. To that end we have done our
homework and have decided to purchase a
laptop computer and a data projector.
These pieces of equipment will allow any
Guest Speaker we have to present a “state
of the art presentation” during their talk.

The budgeted cost for the A/V equipment is
approximately \$1,500. As our annual
budget does not have provisions for capital
purchases the Management Committee
agreed to use a fund raising scheme to
purchase capital equipment rather than
increasing the yearly membership fees.

The Management Committee decided to
call our fundraising endeavour We Share –
You Share. Tickets will be sold at each
General Meeting, one for \$2.00 and three
for \$5.00. The proceeds from the ticket
sales will be divided equally between the
Hanover Area PROBUS Club and one lucky
person at each General Meeting, thus
employing the We Share – You Share
philosophy.

President’s Message March 2015

During our Club start-up period from
October 2014 to January 2015, the Hanover
Park and Recreation Department was
gracious in allowing us the use of their data
projector when required, for our monthly
General Meetings. When we were able to
“walk” on our own, we became responsible





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And the winner is



It's Michael Bruschke. He then generously donated the prize of over \$115 to the Grey Bruce Hospice.



The Photography Group met in February. According to facilitator Willie Wilson. Phil led the workshop by focusing on picture composition.

The next meeting of the Photography Group will take place Wednesday April 15th at 10:00 a.m. at 611 – 14th Street, Hanover.

Our next guest speaker

Debbie Bodkin is a decorated retired police officer. Her service has been recognized by NATO's Medal of Service. She served 24 years with the Waterloo Regional Police Service. Then she became involved in research into international crime. Her expertise and talents took her into such hot spots as Kosovo, Darfur, Rwanda, and Chad. We look forward to a well-seasoned speaker who has delivered over 150 lectures and presentations.

Ales and Authors – On Saturday, March 28th from 1:30 – 3:30 at Frankie's Pub in Hanover, the Library is sponsoring reading by local authors while you taste samples of MacLean's Ales. Tickets are \$7 at the Hanover Library throughout the month.



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The Potluck Group

The Potluck Group held their first event in the form of a luncheon at the home of Linda Moncrieff on February 4th. There were eight ladies in attendance.

The menu was soup, salad and dessert, and what a nice variety we had. We had 3 soups, 3 salads and a tasty dessert. There were leftovers for everyone to take home and we followed up with a recipe exchange. It was fun to share a delicious meal and get to know some new PROBUS friends.

Plans are in the works for the next meal...tentative date April 22nd.



POTLUCK DINNER



Debbie Gray, Inga Bruschke, Angelika Greve, Don Smith and Pat Butler during the coffee social break

If you have any problem reading one of our newsletters, go to the national PROBUS newsletter site, www.probus.org/5ontario.htm and select Hanover Area. Sometimes our computers are not all on the same wave lengths, resulting in strange unpredictable scripts.

Trip Group – There are seats available on the planned 3 day trip to Ottawa and Gananoque, scheduled for May 11 -13 . For details contact Wayne Pfeffer at 519-665-7756 or get him on his cell phone at 519-375-2198.



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The following article has been written by Don Smith as a press release.



March is National PROBUS Month

March is national PROBUS month. What is PROBUS? It is a local, national, and international association of retired people who come together in non-political, non-sectarian, non-profit, non-fundraising autonomous clubs. These clubs provide regular opportunities for members to meet others in similar circumstances and similar levels of interest, to make new friends, and maintain and expand their interests. Dedicated to enriching the lives of retired people by providing occasions for learning and friendship, PROBUS keeps members connected to their friends, old and new, and connected to their local communities and world community through its programs of

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speakers and special events. Get connected; stay connected! This connectivity is a driving force underlying a member's participation.

The first PROBUS clubs were established by and for PROfessional and BUSiness people. The emphasis today is for those of like mind, or interests rather than a professional or business status.

It is estimated that there are over 3,500 PROBUS clubs internationally with nearly 400,000 members. There are 236 active clubs in Canada with over 32,000 members. An average of 12 new clubs are formed annually in Canada. Clubs can be men only, women only, or combined.

The Hanover area is home to one of the newest PROBUS clubs in Canada. Last April, a small group of interested men and women held an informal meeting in Hanover to discuss the possibility of forming a PROBUS club. It was clear from that meeting that the area needed such a club and since that time it has been "full steam ahead" to get the club established and running smoothly. The inaugural meeting of the Hanover Area PROBUS Club was held in the Lion's Den in the P&H Centre on September 10, 2014.



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Club organizers expected between 50 and 60 people at the first meeting. They were pleasantly surprised when, by the end of the first meeting, there were 101 registered members. As of late February, 2015, the club has grown to 171 members. In addition to Hanover, these members come from the communities of Walkerton, Durham, Chesley, Mildmay, Markdale, Elmwood, Ayton, Cargill and the surrounding area. The long standing Kincardine PROBUS Club sponsored the Hanover Area PROBUS Club and provided advice and assistance while the new club went through the process of becoming established. Also, the Town of Hanover provided facilities and staff expertise as the club was being formed. This assistance was instrumental in the club having such a successful start.

The men and women of the Hanover Area PROBUS Club gather at a monthly general meeting on the second Wednesday of each month not including July or August (the November 2015 meeting will take place on the first Wednesday of the month so as not to conflict with Remembrance Day). These meetings give the entire membership the

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opportunity to catch up with their old friends, meet new people, conduct a bit of club business, and listen to a presentation by a guest speaker. Our guest speakers to date have included: Kathi Maskell, former Mayor of Hanover; Wanda Goodyear, President of the Hanover Legion; Canadian entertainer Dinah Christie; and Scott Lovell, CAO of the Grey Bruce Residential Hospice. An exciting list of additional speakers has already been booked for the remainder of 2015.

The monthly general meetings are exciting events and are well attended by club members; however there is so much more going on in PROBUS. The Club has established over 30 Activity Groups based entirely on the interests of the local membership. Some of the activity groups are: cross country skiing, book club, 100 mile foodies, photography, wine tasting, pickle ball, day trips, French conversation, snowshoeing, yoga, golf, gardening, hiking, and on, and on, and on. The activity groups decide how often they meet and how extensive the activities will be.



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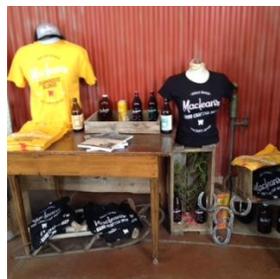
Wine Tasting Group “Hops” in a Different Direction

With the weather continuing to be on the chilly side and not really appropriate for a vineyard tour, the Wine Tasting Group decided to



explore a local Brewery instead of a winery.

With the newly opened MacLean’s Ales right here in Hanover, it made for a delightful afternoon excursion. The tour began with a detailed viewing



and explanation of how the various beers are made. One of the more interesting things we learned was that most of

the hops used in the brewing process are grown right here in Ontario.

Ontario stopped growing Hops around the time of prohibition and didn’t start growing them again until just a few years ago. The “100 Mile

Foodies Group” will be interested to know that local food sourcing and the growing craft

beer industry has been a major factor in the



resurgence of

the Hops industry. Hops require about three years to mature to the point where it can be harvested but once established, it can grow as much as 12 inches a

day. The Southern Georgian Bay region is one of the growing regions in



Ontario which supports hops farming. So when we buy a pint from MacLean’s, we are also supporting local farmers. A win win for all. The bottling/canning equipment we viewed was very sophisticated and allowed the brewery to distribute the beer in bottles, cans and various sizes of kegs. Here we see Curtis pouring a sample of MacLean’s Scotch Ale. The



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Scotch Ale was a major hit with the group. If interested in learning more about the brewery, check them out. They have a small sampling room. You can purchase products directly from their showroom.

accommodations, private dinner, the tour of three wineries and much more. The price is \$249 twin accommodation or \$315 for a single. Please contact Fern Pepler (ed-fern@eastlink.ca) for a copy of the application.

Upcoming events:

Thursday April 9: Andrea Schuett, a local Sommelier, will be providing lessons on appropriate food pairing of Ontario White Wines. The session will take place at the Hanover Curling Club from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The cost is \$50 and will be limited to the first 20 people who purchase a ticket. Please note that the tickets are non-refundable. Tickets will be available starting at the March PROBUS meeting. Please let Dan Hobler (hobldad@yahoo.ca) know asap if you are interested.

June 4th and 5th: Pelee Island Wine Tour. Hanover Holidays is arranging a two day wine tasting tour to Kingsville. The tour includes transportation, overnight

