



# Hanover Area PROBUS Club

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## Management Committee

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## *Be a Friend. Bring a Friend.*

Our next meeting will be our Yuletide luncheon on Wed., December 12 at the Legion.

Our next Management Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday December 4, at 9:30 a.m.

See our newsletters on the national website:  
[www.probus.org/5ontario.htm](http://www.probus.org/5ontario.htm)

**January speaker** - Neil Aitchison is a gifted comedian. At Drayton this year, he plays Mountie Constable Inkster in *Canada 151: Better Late than Sorry*. He was named 2015 Citizen of the Year by the Lions Club of Kitchener.

## **November speaker**

Beth Gilhespy (Chief Executive Officer) from the Bruce Trail Conservancy was our November speaker. She oversees the permanent protection of over 6,500 acres of Niagara Escarpment Land, worth \$23 million. She took us on a virtual tour of the Bruce Trail from Queenstown in the south to Tobermory in the north, over 903 km, which can change from year to year with trail changes. She spoke of the over 100 waterfalls in Hamilton, Old Baldy in Beaver Valley, and spectacular views of Georgian Bay in the Peninsula section.



The Bruce Trail is home to the Jefferson Salamander, lady's slippers, trilliums in all three colours, 200 year old yellow pines, plus many more endangered species. When asked which of these three species on the Bruce Trail were more dangerous.... black bear, Mississauga rattler or porcupine? The answer (surprisingly) is the porcupine, because it is responsible for chewing the wires and fuel lines under your vehicle!

Beth gave us her remedy for avoiding getting poison ivy while out on the trail. Wash your arms and legs and any exposed areas with sunlight dish detergent after coming home from hiking. The BTC is funded by several sponsors, memoriam gifts, and the 9 clubs that make up the trail. All money is sent in, whether it's a fundraising BBQ, organized hikes or trail angel donations.

When the Conservancy has the chance to purchase land on the trail, they appeal to the members and sponsors, and everyone kicks in – there is VERY LITTLE government help. It is the BTC goal to keep children interested in using the trail as they are our future.

Susan Clarkson thanked Beth for her excellent presentation, and suggested every new person to Ontario hike some part of the trail once, to experience the beauty we have so close to home!



**Top left:** members lining up to pickup new PROBUS handbook

**Top right:** Nina McTeer and her guest/friend Florence Butcher

**Bottom left:** Marion Badger and Leone Kaster check out information about a Craft Group Workshop while Dianne Mather passes out information about Hanover's Cultural Survey.

**Bottom right:** Arvid MacPherson buys his 50/25/25 ticket from the Peckhams

## 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.
- **Bridge** - Beginner bridge sessions will finish at the end of November. All are invited to join the regular group to polish their skills as they play. If you wish to join our group (1:00 pm Wednesdays at the P&H Centre) and are not receiving weekly emails, please get in touch with Bev Hambly at [bjhambly@eastlink.ca](mailto:bjhambly@eastlink.ca) to add your name.
- **Scrabble** - What a start to this game of scrabble! With seven tiles to choose from, the only word Sylvia was able to make was “a”. The next player, Barb, had all vowels and one consonant to make the word ”ale” to extend the “a”. We thought this game would go nowhere fast. However, we filled the board, laughing the whole way through, and Sylvia won the game! Some skill, some luck, and a whole lot of fun.
- **Potluck** - The Potluck Group met on Monday, November 19. There were 15 ladies present and an abundance of delicious food. The theme was a recipe you have never made before and everyone was a winner. The group meets again on Monday, January 21 at Hope Community Church.
- **Knitting Group** - The knitting group has been meeting on Mondays ( biweekly) to work on projects. We have had some inspiring projects completed by our members.  
Rose Cote (right) completed a top for her daughter while Dona Smillie (left) finished a cushion cover for her daughter. Lucky daughters !



- **TAP Photography** - Our activity group “Technical Aspects and Principles of Photography (TAP Photography) had their first get together Nov 13 with 10 people. Ed Agnew, our activity leader, did a wide scope presentation on Photographic Terms – words or terms and their meaning to photographers. The group will now study the information presented and provide feedback to activity co-ordinator, Joan Roseborough. Ed will then set up a schedule with topics for future sessions.

- **Dinner Club** - A sweet ending to a most enjoyable evening, "Peach Cheesecake". Eight diners from the Dinner Club met at Karen and Bob Farrow's On Nov. 22nd. New members, Diane and Michael, joined the conversation around the dinner table along with Fern and Ed Pepler and Trudy and Heinz Remers. Wonderful smells filled the house from White Fish Chowder, Warm Carrot Salad and Rabbit Fricot with toasted Buckwheat dumplings. Also, on November 22, a Greek Dinner was prepared at Helen and John Pepler's home along with Denise and Dan Hobler (Jeanne and Jack Lisenchuk unable to attend due to illness). Along with the main dish of Moussaka and Greek Salad, a Meze Platter, and a dessert of Yiaourttopita was served. Wow - how delicious!



- **Scotch Tasting** - On November 21, 25 enthusiastic Scotch tasters gathered at the Hanover Curling Club to sample three types of Scotch. This is the third Scotch tasting we have enjoyed and the third time that Rodger Donald has presented. Rodger is very knowledgeable, a recently retired LCBO employee who is an expert on Scotch and Whisky. For this tasting Rodger focused on the differences age makes to the complexity of Scotch. As we sampled older and older brands of Scotch, the price per bottle increased along with the age. Rodger pointed out that the price increased because of the costs the distiller incurs storing the Scotch increases along with age. This Scotch tasting format provided the group with an excellent opportunity to sample Scotch which was out of the price range many of us would consider purchasing at. All the brands of Scotch were produced by William Grant & Sons Distillery of Scotland. A special thanks to Helen Pepler for once again preparing some delicious dishes which were paired with the Scotch to demonstrate how to enhance the flavours of the Scotch. The first Scotch sampled was, Glenfarclas 12-Year-Old Highland Single Malt Scotch Whisky available from the LCBO for \$74.95, paired with a corn chowder. The second Scotch was Glenfarclas 17-Year-Old Highland Single Malt available from the LCBO for \$129.95. This Scotch was paired with beef and tomatoes. The final tasting was Lismore 21-Year-Old Speyside Single Malt Scotch Whisky available from the LCBO for \$162.95. This Scotch was paired with Spicy Piri Piri Chicken Thighs and carrots. Opinions varied on which Scotch they liked best but most agreed that you could tell how aging changes the complexity of Scotch.

#### **Upcoming events:**

January 16, 2019 – Merlots from around the world – Curling Club

February 20, 2019 – Chocolate and Wine – Curling Club

July 2, 2019 – Third Annual Tasting on the Hobler Patio

Spring - A taste of Italy

- Bus trip to Dark Horse Winery (plus other stops)

- Focus on inexpensive brands of Scotch

Fall - Bordeaux tasting with Rodger Donald

## Coming events

- **December 12 - Yuletide Luncheon** (turkey dinner) – 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.
- **Jewellery making** – with Sue Leidel in January

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!