

## **HANOVER AREA PROBUS CLUB- ACTIVITIES (Information as of October 16, 2023)**

- Encourage members to review the details of **the 21 Activities listed below**
- Members interested in participating in any activity contact Activity Chair, Dianne Mather, [act@hapc.ca](mailto:act@hapc.ca)
- See at the end of this report **“Volunteers Needed”** for Board & Card Games, Crafts, and Strolling
- Invite members to introduce **“New Activities”** for the club that they would volunteer to co-ordinate

### **BOOK CLUB**

**Co-ordinator:** Loretta Dunn

**Meeting Date-** 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month (except July and Aug)

**Meeting Place-** Ashanti Café Hanover, 331-10<sup>th</sup> Street

**Time** -1:00-3:00pm (at the latest)

- The group agrees to what fiction book(s) to read the following month
- Try to choose genres that people might normally not read
- Choose older releases readily available at a library
- Meet at public place so members don't feel they need to host in their home
- Member can choose to attend every month or now and then depending on their schedule and interest in the chosen book(s)

### **FILM CLUB:**

**Co-ordinator:** Pat Butler

**Meeting Date-** Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday (**Next Meeting Thursday September 21<sup>st</sup>**)

**Meeting Place-**VIA ZOOM, Netflix required

**Time** -10:00am

- Members view interesting films on Netflix that promote lively and interesting discussions which are held on Zoom
- September 21<sup>st</sup> Film is “MAUDIE” on Netflix
- Hosted by Probus member Anna Smith

## **BRIDGE:**

**Co-ordinator:** Bev Hambly

**Meeting Dates-** Weekly, Wednesdays

**Meeting Place-** P & H Centre Hanover, 269 7<sup>th</sup> Ave.

**Time** -1:00-to about 3:00 pm

- Casual club no need to bring partner
- Set up games with whomever can attend that week
- Like to switch-up partnerships throughout the afternoon
- Each week members receive an email reminder to determine if they are available.  
Need minimum of 4 players or game is cancelled.
- “Beginner Bridge” is being offered and will start Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup>  
from 12 noon -1:00pm for 5 to 6 weeks

## **SCRABBLE:**

**Co-ordinator:** Ruth Linnen

**Meeting Dates:** Bi-Weekly Thursdays, **Next date to be announced** (not July & August)

**Meeting Place:** Members volunteer to host a game in their home

**Time:** 1:00-4:30pm

- Noncompetitive, relaxed atmosphere; It’s a time for connection and fun
- E-mail sent a week before to remind members and request response if participating
- Usually play two scrabble games
- Then refreshments provided by host member

## **PHOTOGRAPHY:**

**Co-ordinator:** John Brunner

**Meeting Date-** Next meeting Monday September 18<sup>th</sup>

**Meeting Place-** Walkerton-Park picnic shelter (north of Hospital)

**Time** -1:00pm

- To discuss what participants would like
- Hope to do field trips with a purpose
- Work with camera gear that participants have

## **SCOTCH TASTING:**

**Co-ordinator:** Bob Farrow

**Next Meeting Date:** Early November (**date to be announced**)

**Meeting Place:** The Hanover Masonic Lodge

**Time:** 2:00–4:00pm

- Members are offered a sample of 3 different scotches or similar distillates
- Chosen for their unique taste and character accompanied by a description that will enhance the tasting experience
- Members experience the differences water, location and maturation can bring to a scotch distillate
- Sessions often include informed commentary by a professional taster that includes the history of distilling, methods and what we should experience.

## **WINE TASTING:**

**Co-ordinator:** Frances Agnew

**Next Meeting Date:** Tuesday October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Tasting:** Colaneri Wines

**Meeting Place:** Walkerton Golf & Country Club

**Time:** 1:30pm – approx. 4:00pm

- Events 4 to 6 each year; outdoors at members home, indoors (i.e. Hanover Curling Club) or bus trip
- Events held afternoons, occasionally late morning (brunch) or evening (New Year's Eve)
- The Presenters: member of wine group, wine supplier (an importer or local winery), or wine aficionado
- To enhance tasting experience members prepare food appetizers to pair with wine
- Wine tasting committee determines the theme, time and location
- E-mails sent group to determine interest and attendees get cost and details of event
- In October a rep from the Colaneri Winery will bring wines to event
- A New Year's Eve (Newfoundland time) Dinner and Wine tasting
- In February when we all need a change we will have "Wine Tasting Brunch"
- If the group is interested we will plan a bus trip next fall
- Please let us know if you would like to join the wine committee OR just want to help with any particular wine tasting (i.e. New Year's Eve)
- Also help is needed with preparing and distributing the food at the events

## **KNITTING & CROCHET:**

**Co-ordinator:** Nina McTeer

**Meeting Dates-** Twice a month-Mondays

(Can be subject to changes depending on the group)

**Meeting Place:** Members home

**Time:** 1:30 to approx. 3:30pm

- Social group that enjoys getting together to knit and crochet. Lots of laughs while enjoying a good cup of coffee or tea
- We try to help and encourage newbies
- Sometimes do the same project such as scarves and socks
- Share our patterns, wool, needles and hooks were needed and wanted
- Occasionally do a road trip to visit a yarn/wool shop
- E-mail reminder sent out approx. 2 weeks before meeting requests reply to the hostess

## **SEWING:**

**Co-ordinator:** Pat Brunner

**Meeting Dates-** Second Tuesday of Every Month

**Meeting Place:** Pat Brunner's Home

**Time:** 10:00- 12:00 noon

- To challenge members to try new sewing projects
- E-mail will be sent out to members with details of what is needed and a request to respond if attending meeting.
- Each month a challenge will be issued OR you can start or finish a project on your own
- Challenge for October - make a "Stuffed Fabric Pumpkin" small, medium or large or if you choose make set of 3. Bring to October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting at Pat's home
- Meet next month for coffee, small snack and share the projects completed
- If choose **not to participate in a sewing project** please come for coffee and social time with people who share same interest as you
- Plan to coordinate a couple of local shop hops and maybe lunch out
- Welcome to share your favorite fabric store with the group
- Goal is to offer a few demos on articles you might want to make

## **DINNER CLUB:**

**Co-ordinator:** Karen Farrow

**Meeting Date:** Monthly, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday

**Meeting Place:** Member's home according to schedule

**Time:** approx. 5:30pm until everyone leaves

- Meet Third Thursday each month excluding July, August & December
- In December with date pending, we try to have hors d'oeuvres only
- Number of members who join determines the number of "Host Homes"
- If 18 members interested, then would be 3 Host Homes with 6 people at each home
- Karen provides the schedule. The Host provides the Menu and makes the main entrée
- Menu can be based on a season, a country or a Holiday (St. Patrick's Day)
- Guests pick an item from the menu, make and bring to dinner (appetizer, soup, vegetable or dessert)
- Guests bring what they would like to drink before and with dinner
- A good time is had by all

## **EATING FOR YOUR HEALTH (previously "Plant Based Foodie Group")**

**Co-ordinator:** Kathy Greensides

**Meeting Date:** Bi-Monthly-3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday -**First meeting Tuesday October 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting Place:** Location to be determined

**Time:** 11:00am to approx. 2pm

- **Objective:** Enable an interactive exploration of what healthy eating means for You
- **Goal:** to learn more about options for our personal journey to healthy eating by exchanging thoughts and experiences from each other
- Involves interactive participation of members sharing what healthy eating means for them
- Group will share experiences around topics such as digestion, inflammation, dietary needs, meal prep, intermittent fasting, food sensitivities and other topics of interest determined by the members
- Members will participate in meal prep, educational events and discussion of their personal healthy eating journey

## **POT LUCK:**

**Co-ordinator:** Marybelle Schumacher

**Meeting Date:** Bi-Monthly-3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month

**Meeting Place:** Hope Church, Hanover

**Time:** 12:00 to approx. 1:15 pm

- Meet to share good food and socialize
- Usually have a theme for the food we prepare and bring
- Recipes may be shared
- Bring our own dishes and utensils
- We donate \$3.00 each towards an honorarium for the use of the facility

## **GOLF:**

**Co-ordinator:** Ulli Kaempfe,

**Meeting Dates-** Weekly, Tuesdays (May thru September; as long as weather permits)

**Location-**Various golf courses in the area

**Start Time** -10:00am

- Members who would like to join don't have to be a good golfer as long as you enjoy people and the golf game
- This year 16 to 24 members have been active players enjoying golf at these locations; Mount Forest, Homestead, The Ferns, Markdale, Listowel, Pike Lake, Northern Dunes, Walkerton, Stone Tree, West Links, Scenic City, Wingham, Highland Glen, Kincardine, Pike Lake
- Each week select a golf course in the area (suggestions from the group are welcome)
- Try to get tee times reservations for 5 tee times (20 people) always try to start at 10:00am
- After golf course confirms reservation an e-mail sent to members with different green fees, depending on 9 or 18 holes, walking, or with cart rental
- Players respond to confirm they want to play, 9 or 18 holes, walking or cart, and can indicate if they want to play with another person
- Try to mix players so same players not always playing together
- E-mail with spreadsheet of tee off times and names of players sent to everybody
- Players often gather in the club house after the game

## **TENNIS:**

**Co-ordinator:** Kathleen Crawford

**Location-** Hanover Tennis Court 600-16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (beside Keystone Child Youth & Family Services)

- Nets go up in April until end of October ( weather permitting)
- E-mail sent out the day before to request members to respond if participating
- Daily start at 8:30am
- Need minimum of 4 people. Play is determined by how many respond
- Evening (Mondays & Thursdays) 7:00 pm – 9:00pm Men's and Mixed more experienced players

## **HIKING:**

**Co-ordinator:** Peter Dalton

**Meeting Dates-** Weekly, Thursdays (April to October as weather permits)

**Meeting Place-**Various trails (see below)

**Time** -10:00am (unless otherwise stated)

- Typically hikes are within Grey and Bruce Counties with opportunity to venture beyond
- Always open to suggestions from the group
- Range from easy to moderately challenging trails
- Hikes have included: Sulphur Springs, Schmidt Lake, Brant Tract Trails, Kolapore Wilderness Trails, Pretty River, Old Baldy, Hoggs Falls, Kinghurst Forest nature Reserve and Conservation Area, Purple Valley, Stoney Island Conservation Area, Duncan Crevices
- Some of these hikes have been along parts of the Bruce Trail with lots more opportunities to explore at our doorstep.
- Normally hikes around 1 ½ to 2 hour range. Some longer which may require participants to bring lunch or snack. We have enjoyed a picnic lunch after a number of our hikes on site or at nearby parks
- E-mail sent out to group each week providing details of the planned hikes and requesting members respond if they will be participating

## **POLE WALKING**

**Co-ordinator:** Joan Ferguson

**Meeting Dates:** Weekly, Fridays (as weather conditions permit)

**Meeting Place:** Various Local Trails

**Start Time:** 10:00 am for approx. 1 hour

**Season:** May to October

- Will run when weather permits, on local trails
- E-mails will be sent to members weekly, providing trail meeting place. No need to reply just show up if you are interested and available that week
- Easy to moderate pace, for members at their own speed
- Trails have included Hanover and Walkerton
- Always open to suggestions from the group

## **SNOW SHOEING:**

**Co-ordinator:** Ruth Los

**Meeting Dates-** Weekly, Thursdays (as winter conditions permit)

**Meeting Place-** Various local trails

**Time -**10:00am (approx. 1 ½ hours)

- Snow shoeing is scheduled when good snow conditions exist on the local trails
- E-mails sent to members weekly providing trail details and requesting members respond to participate
- Easy to moderately challenging trails for members to go at their own pace
- Distance between 3 to 5 kilometers depending on the challenge range on the trail
- Snow shoe trails have included: Allan Park Conservation Area, Kinghurst Forest Nature Reserve and Forest, Sulphur Springs Conservation Area, Durham Conservation Area, Hepworth Conservation Area (Sawmill Nordic Centre) and more
- Always open to suggestions from the group



## **CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING**

**Co-ordinator:** Terrence Koehler

**Meeting Dates:** TBD (See below)

**Meeting Place:** Various trails (see below)

**Season:** January – March (Conditions Permitting)

- Cross-country skiing will be classic method on groomed trails
- We can consider ski-skating excursions as well if there is a strong preference – though the co-ordinator will have to learn that!
- Dates and timing TBD based on interest level.
- The co-ordinator is very interested to hear from those that know about good, groomed trails in the area that are not “members-only” facilities (i.e. pay-for-use rather than pay-for-season)

## **CYCLING**

**Co-ordinator:** Terrence Koehler

**Meeting Dates:** Tentative Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday (TBD See below)

**Meeting Place:** Various trails (see below)

**Start Time:** 1:00 PM

**Season:** May to October

- Cycling ride length and route will be planned based on skill level and riding preference
- will likely be smooth trail riding and low traffic area road riding
- likely 1 ½ to 2 hours not including water and snack breaks
- Survey to be sent to cyclists after registration is completed to confirm
- Tentatively cycling every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday – start 1 pm with a rain date the following week
- Open to other week-days other than Mon or Fri
- Sign-up for rides will be emailed in advance to ensure we have a complete list of participants.

## **THEATRE:**

**Coordinators:** Tracey Neuman & Peter Dalton

- Newly formed group (September 2023)
- Plan local amateur theatre and professional theatre venues options for members
- Lunch is arranged for the group at nearby restaurants
- Group Tickets are purchased for matinee productions
- An e-mail is sent to all "Theatre Group Members" providing show options and details, lunch details and ticket payment procedures

## **TRAVEL:**

**Committee Chair:** Dianne Mather

**Meeting Dates-Bi-Monthly,** 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday

**Meeting Place-**Saugeen Municipal Airport -Landing Gear Diner

**Time** -11:00am -12:00 noon (meeting)

**Lunch and social** -12 Noon to approx. 1:00pm

- Committee: Dianne Mather, Keith & Marg Wettlaufer, Peter Dalton, Joan Roseborough, Sheryl Newton and Wayne Pfeffer
- Committee plan/organize various travel opportunities with local travel advisors and Coach transportation providers for International (overseas), Canada, USA etc.
- Travelled : Ireland (2017), Portugal/Madeira (2018), Italy (2019), Britain (2020-Cancelled-COVID), Newfoundland/Labrador (2022)
- 2023 Travel : Washington DC (Apr 13-17) , Grand River Cruise (Aug. 23)  
Nashville (October 29-30), Tastes of Toronto (November 28-29)
- 2024 Travel: National Parks of Croatia and Island Cruise with Dubrovnik Extension (May 11-25, 2024-15 days)
- Encourage members to bring forward their travel suggestions for future 2024-2025
- Travel Newsletter provides members: an opportunity to inform group of their specific travel experiences, travel invitations and notice of various local events; Information to be presented and/or discussed at upcoming travel meeting
- E-mail sent to group a week prior to inform of meeting and request response if attending

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THESE 3 ACTIVITIES:**

- **Board & Card Games, Crafts, and Strolling**
- These activities are **not active at this time** however can commence once again in the future with volunteers
- Have you previously enjoyed participating in or are you interested in one or more of these activities?
- Recommend **a minimum of two volunteers work as a team** to coordinate and share in the planning and managing of an activity
- **Encourage members to introduce “new activities”** for the club that they would volunteer to coordinate
- Questions or for further information contact Activity Chair, Dianne Mather, [act@hpc.ca](mailto:act@hpc.ca)