



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton PROBUS Club

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Christmas and New Year have come and gone, and it is now onward and upward as we address 2015 with positiveness, and look forward to a great PROBUS season.

Our Christmas party was, as they say, a hoot, as we welcomed Santa, his elves, and of course the reindeer headed by Rudolph (Betty McGill-Down). The star of the show was of course Santa, played by none else than Patrick. At times we were not sure whether Santa was ho-ho-ho-ing or suffering from a case of serious indigestion. I'm sure that, wherever he is, Doug Pearsall was looking down and agreeing that we had a suitable actor to play character roles in the future. After snacks we had a Christmas quiz, put together by Tony, that was a great success. There was a serious highlight however; the Sainsbury's ad on "The True Spirit of Christmas" was shown. It brought a lump to many a throat, and was truly appreciated. Thank you Tony, and welcome to the ranks of the true senior citizens of PROBUS. We also conducted a sale of PROBUS kit - golf shirt, hats, sweaters etc. There are still a significant number of pieces left and, at a reduction of 80% from retail, a great bargain.

Tickets for The Spring Extravaganza on 2 June, 2015 are now on sale from Patrick and/or Louise. Based on discussions with members from our and other clubs, it is suggested that you get your tickets early. It has also been suggested that we might open the event to outsiders, a great way to demonstrate what a great organization is PROBUS. The committee will consider the matter in early April, and get back to all and sundry

It is with great positiveness that, on a temporary basis, I hand the reins over to Ken Birch. Ken has just returned from a holiday in Denmark where, I now understand the aquavit and Tuborg stocks have been significantly lowered.

*Ian*

## PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

**Saturday, January 17, 2015.** Robbie Burns Dinner at the Legion. \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Tickets will be on sale at today's meeting.

**February, 2015.** Valentine's Dance at the Legion – more information to follow.

**March, 2015.** St. Patrick's Night at the Legion – more information to follow. A theatre event also under discussion.

**Wednesday, April 22, 2015.** Anniversary Lunch.

**May.** Event under discussion.

**Tuesday, June 2, 2015.** Spring Extravaganza at the Keeler Centre in Colbourne with Lieutenant-General, The Honourable Romeo Dallaire". Tickets will be on sale at today's meeting. Cost of \$35 per person includes a full lunch. Get yours early!

## PROGRAM

**TODAY**  
**Wednesday, January 14, 2015**  
Bruce Davis will talk about the success of the Brighton Health Centre.

**Wednesday, January 28, 2015.** Brendon Abrams will talk about his experiences as a Big Brother.

## BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS

### **Bid Euchre**

New Members welcome  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:30pm  
Anglican Church Hall  
*Diane Frye* 905-355-2307

**Scrabble Club** (new members welcome)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 2:00pm  
Call for location.  
*Betty Edmunds* 613-475-0525

### **Ladies Poker Club**

One Wednesday each month  
Brighton Legion  
*More information coming soon!*

**Single Diners\*** (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Brighton PROBUS Club.)  
Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-1304 or *Marion McIlveen* 613-475-2202 if you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

## GO BOWLERS GO!

Our bowlers will defend their 2014 title on February 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Northshore Bowling Lanes in Cobourg. We wish them well – Grace Humphryes, Cheryl & Paul Langevin, Hazel Male, Dot Romhild.



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you have a community event that you wish to be announced at PROBUS meetings, please contact Rose ahead of time at 475-2665.

### **History Open House**

February 21/22  
Community Centre  
1-4pm  
Topics: pavilions and the old opera house