



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton Probus Club

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## HAPPY 2014 PROBUS MEMBERS



Welcome to our first Brighton Probus Club meeting of the New Year. I do hope that you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year, and even though *Mother Nature* decided to share her magnificence with us, with ice laden trees and snow that glistened like diamonds in the sunlight, this also caused power outages and icy road conditions throughout southern Ontario...we will certainly remember the Christmas of 2013!

During the first three months of last Probus year, we have enjoyed some excellent programs and social events. With the Oktoberfest and Christmas Social, I think we can all agree that our volunteer committees have gone above and beyond in providing us with tasty foods, enjoyable entertainment and opportunities to get to know one another. If you have a mind, please take a moment to speak with those involved and relate your personal experiences...and stay tuned for more exciting events during this coming year!!

I have also been advised that, since the visit of the Brighton DBIA in November, a few of our Probus Members have followed up on the suggestions made at our meeting, and that the DBIA are delighted to have the active participation of our Members...thanks to those involved and for contributing to the fellowship that Probus promotes within our Community.

Due to the hard work and diligence of Ian Gray, we should be in a position to present a draft of the revised Constitution and ByLaws to you in May. We continue to have ongoing dialogue with Probus Centre Canada to ensure that we are on the right path of aligning our Brighton documents with those of the national Probus organization. You should also be aware that the Management Committee has appointed a sub group to look into the possibility of having an "associate membership" status which may assist us in accommodating our waiting list of people who would like to join our Club...we are hoping to present a proposal to you in May.

...and, today, I am pleased to advise that Lin Barker will once again be presenting a book report from the readings of the Probus Book Club...I can't wait! Lin's presentations are always entertaining and thought provoking.

I would like to thank you all for your continuing support of this year's Management Committee, and we all send our best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year.

*Doreen*

## PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

**Saturday, January 18, 2014.** Robbie Burns Dinner at the Legion. \$25 per person or \$45 per couple. Tickets will be on sale at today's meeting.

## PROGRAM

**TODAY - Wednesday, January 8, 2014**  
Dan Koets – Orphans from Zambia

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014 – Pub Quiz**  
(without the beer!!)

## 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

### **Chapter One Book Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:00am  
*Lin Barker* 613-475-6142

### **Scrabble Club** (new members welcome)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday each month at 2:00pm  
*Celia Miles* 613-475-1524

**Single Diners** (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the 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.

## BOWLERS!

For anyone who has signed up to bowl on February 3 in Cobourg - ***we need payment today*** - \$22 for lunch plus \$10 for bowling. Thank you.

## 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.



Brighton's Winterfest will be held from January 23-26, 2014. Check the local press for details of the various events.

## northumberland mall **THEATRES**

Thursday January 30 at 2 PM at Northumberland Mall Theatres  
*Probus day - \$7:00 - Friends Welcome*



### **Unfinished Song**

#### **SYNOPSIS:**

Shy, grumpy London pensioner Arthur (Terence Stamp) is prodded against his will by his beloved wife Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) to join a highly unconventional local choir - a choir composed of elderly men and women who sing contemporary pop and rock songs. At odds with his son James (Christopher Eccleston), it is left to choir director Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton) to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life. Arthur must confront the undercurrents of his own irritable personality as he embarks on a life-affirming journey.

#### **Review by Louise Keller:**

Take a tissue for this heartfelt weepie about life, death, music and laughter that warmly embraces friendship and family. Like the 2007 *Young at Heart*, in which the elderly choir sings rock and soul, the choir in Paul Andrew Williams' film 'gets it on' with songs like Salt 'n' Pepa's *Let's Talk about Sex*, Baby, Love Shack and make musical sounds like 'rock thunder'.

Marion (Vanessa Redgrave) and Arthur (Terence Stamp) are opposites. She loves life and in particular, singing with her friends at the weekly choir get-together; he is constantly miserable and has forgotten how to enjoy anything. The paradox is that Marion has a terminal illness but is able to live for each moment. Arthur is terminally miserable, his face perpetually etched with pain.

Those precious cuddles with Arthur at the end of the day mean everything to Marion, but Arthur seems to be going through the motions. He resents her joining her friends at choir practice and asks why she goes? You just have to watch everyone's face is her answer. And to a large degree that is true. The seniors sing because they love it and the joyful expressions on the faces say it all. The same goes for the choir's volunteer choir mistress Elizabeth (Gemma Arterton, lovely) whose face exudes happiness as she conducts the choir.



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