



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton PROBUS Club

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This recent winter weather has certainly been making people hibernate. Only fifty five people attended the last General Meeting. However, with March just around the corner it is time to think of spring, no icy roads or sidewalks to keep us at home.

It's the time of year to start looking for volunteers to come forward to form the 2017/2018 Management Committee (MC). Ken Birch, our Past President will be chairing the Nominating Committee and encouraging members to take on, what can be very interesting and rewarding roles in our club. Time to come forward and not sit back hoping other people will volunteer ahead of you. Remember, you can do the job just as well as those before you. So often it is the same people volunteering over and over again when it's time to give them a break and have other people "step up to the plate". I have to remind you all that, without our volunteers, this club would not exist and that would be an awful shame.

While talking volunteers I want to thank Doug Gerber who has offered to be our new Historian. Doug is a long standing member of the Brighton PROBUS Club and has volunteered many times over the years. We have been without a Historian for quite a while so there will be some catching up to do. Anyone with photos please let Doug have them. Please remember, they must be accompanied with a brief description of who, function and where the photo was taken for them to be accepted for the albums.

I have received emails from members during the week concerning our somewhat healthy bank account, rather than respond individually, I must remind you all that we are only half way through the year and there are still bills to pay. Rest assured that any surplus funds as we near year end will be used to the benefit of all club members.

It was agreed at the MC meeting to invite members from other clubs to join our interest groups. This mainly concerns the Bridge Group run by volunteer Shirley Coveney and the Bid Euchre Group run by volunteer Diane Fry, other groups should speak to a member of the MC if they wish to invite other clubs to join them.

The Ontario Directors of PROBUS are arranging a special commemoration of 30 years of PROBUS in the 150<sup>th</sup> year of Canada, in the city where PROBUS began, Cambridge, Ontario, on April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attendance is limited to two people per club and there is a cost involved. Anyone interested in attending, I shall have details at the next General Meeting so come and see me. If more than two people are interested, we will have a draw and determine who will go.

Looking forward to seeing you all at the General Meeting on Wednesday - *Sheila*

## **PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS**

**Saturday, February 25, 2017** - *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*.  
Please meet in the King Edward Park parking lot at 12 noon.

**Wednesday, March 8, 2017** - St. Patrick's Day theme with a wee bit of green and shamrocks.

**March:** Possible trip to Shorelines Casino in Belleville. More information to follow.

**Wednesday, April 26 2017** – Anniversary Celebration – dress up in red & white, come in your national costume, come in a historical costume. Lunch with typical Canadian dishes. More information to follow.

**Wednesday, May 17, 2017** - Ripley's Aquarium in Toronto - Bus Trip. More information to follow.

**Tuesday, May 30, 2017** – PROBUS Clubs of Northumberland 2017 Spring Celebration at the Keeler Centre in Colborne with special guest Terry Fallis. Cost \$40 per person – see ad on next page. Tickets being sold now.

**Sunday, June 11, 2017:** Lunch at Railside Restaurant in Cobourg followed by *My Fair Lady* at the Capitol Theatre. Cost \$60 for lunch and theatre.

**Wednesday, July 12, 2017** – Annual Picnic.

**September:** Car Rally or Mystery Bus Tour.

## **PROGRAM**

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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>TODAY</b><br/><b>Wednesday, February 22, 2017</b><br/>A member's interesting career</p> |
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**Wednesday, March 22, 2017** – Nuevo Norte Alpacas by Amy.

## **BRIGHTON PROBUS INTEREST GROUPS**

### **Bid Euchre**

New members welcome  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:00pm  
Anglican Church Hall  
*Diane Frye* 613-779-5741

### **The Golden Girls**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday each month at 2:00-4:00pm  
Downstairs at the Legion  
*Betty McGill-Down* 613-475-0999

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

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday each month at 2:00pm.  
Call for location.  
*Betty Edmunds* 613-475-0525

### **Bridge Group**

2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month at 1:00pm  
Downstairs at the Legion  
*Shirley Coveney* 613-475-9219  
*Bridge starts again January 12, 2017.*

**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.

*Please note that if you do not attend at least one outing in six months we will no longer call you. Exception: sickness or extended vacation.*

## **TRIP TO STRATFORD - OCTOBER 3, 2017**

There are still a few tickets left for this event, details of which were outlined in the January 25 Beacon. Please contact Clare Westheuser immediately!

She can be reached at [clareimogen@gmail.com](mailto:clareimogen@gmail.com) or by phoning 613-968-3172. Her address is Clare Westheuser, 98 Ridley Street, RR1, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 4Z1.

## MESSAGE FROM THE PAST PRESIDENT

Every year the Past President is charged with leading a Nominating Committee to identify PROBUS members to replace those retiring from the Management Committee and other volunteer activities. If folks are not willing to give of their time and talents, these positions will go unfilled and the Club will not function effectively. The “worst case” scenario? The Club will be dissolved!

A few facts concerning PROBUS volunteering  
We are all of an age where, in our pasts, we undoubtedly have volunteered for various causes. However, most of us joined PROBUS because we believe it is a worthwhile organization for people at this time in our lives. It is inexpensive and offers many activities to keep us active and engaged in our community. Inexpensive because the Club is managed by volunteers and is non-profit. It stays relevant thanks to the ideas of newcomers to the various committees.

At the present time we need people to fill the following chairs:

**Two Vice Presidents** – one to complete this term and move to President, and another to assume the VP office next year; and **Program**.

Other MC positions may become vacant and I will keep you updated. Each MC position relies on the volunteers working in the various committees. We always need members to help with Treasury, Social, Programs, Community Service, House, and Telephone and Cards. Why not consider joining one of these groups and bring your special talents to the Club? Your friends and neighbours already have.

For more information, contact me online ([countysquire@kos.net](mailto:countysquire@kos.net)), by telephone (613-399-3102) or in person at a meeting. All other members of the MC will be pleased to explain what they and their committees do.

**Volunteer! You will not be disappointed.**

Ken Birch

## 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.



# PROBUS

*Clubs of Northumberland*

## 2017 Spring Celebration

**May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00AM**  
Registration at 9:00AM

**The Keeler Centre**  
80 Division Street, Colborne, ON

**ENTERTAINMENT: Native Classical and Hoop Dancers**

**Special Guest Speaker**



**Award-Winning Novelist  
Terry Fallis**

*writes just about the tidiest romantic  
comedic novels you can find on earth,  
let alone in Canada.*

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Terry is an award-winning author of five national bestsellers.

For more than 25 years, Terry has counselled corporate and government clients on various fronts.

He has also written speeches for CEOs, cabinet ministers, and other community leaders.

**Morning Coffee / Goodies . . . Full Lunch**  
**Only \$40.00 Per Guest**

# March, 2017

| <i>Sun</i>  | <i>Mon</i>                        | <i>Tue</i>                      | <i>Wed</i>   | <i>Thu</i>                                | <i>Fri</i>  | <i>Sat</i> |
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|   |                                   |                                 | <b>1</b><br>Golden Girls<br>2:00pm   | <b>2</b>                                  | <b>3</b>  | <b>4</b>   |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>6</b><br>Bid Euchre<br>1:00pm  | <b>7</b>                        | <b>8</b><br>PROBUS General<br>Meeting 10:00am<br><i>St. Patrick's Theme</i>  | <b>9</b><br>Bridge<br>1:00pm              | <b>10</b>   | <b>11</b>  |
| <b>12</b><br><i>Daylight saving<br/>time starts</i> | <b>13</b>                         | <b>14</b><br>Scrabble<br>2:00pm | <b>15</b>  | <b>16</b><br>Management<br>Meeting 9:30am |  | <b>18</b>  |
| <b>19</b>   | <b>20</b><br>Bid Euchre<br>1:00pm | <b>21</b>                       | <b>22</b><br>PROBUS General<br>Meeting 10:00am<br><i>Nuevo Norte Alpacas</i> | <b>23</b><br>Bridge<br>1:00pm             | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b>  |
| <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>                         | <b>28</b><br>Scrabble<br>2:00pm | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                                 | <b>31</b>   |            |