



TRENT HILLS PROBUS CLUB NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2021

Our Strength is Fellowship; Our Success is Participation



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:



I would like to **thank Lesia** for volunteering her yard for our September Garden Social. By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be too late to order a lunch, however, if you wish to come, you could check to see if we still have space and bring your own lunch. There is a limit on the number attending even though it is outdoors.

It is the end of summer holidays and we are in Stage three as I write this. Americans can travel into Canada if they are double vaccinated however the American border is closed to Canadians. Large businesses, Governments, and Hospital workers are gradually being required to show proof of double vaccination as are attendees to more and more events such as sports and concerts.

We have been told that we are in the Fourth Wave and that our number of Covid cases will go up throughout the fall. Even now ICU's are full all across the country with people who are very ill from illnesses that were neglected during the first three waves. In-person schooling is starting and that is expected to bring about a spike in Covid cases as well. Everywhere people are urged to get vaccinated to alleviate the serious illnesses and death that Covid could cause.

We took the chance while being in Stage Three to organize a **Garden Social** where members can meet in person. The key is to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as we can. We asked members to RSVP in order to control the attendance numbers. We will send out a Covid questionnaire and will also screen upon arrival, have hand sanitizer available and are asking everyone to wear their masks and practice physical distancing rules. Food and drink will be distributed so that there will be no line-ups to help ourselves like we used to do pre-covid. We want everyone to feel comfortable and safe at this event and anticipate everyone having a great time seeing old friends.



Our **AGM** is in October. Because of the uncertainty ahead, voting will be carried out the same way as last year—we will email the information and the questions you need to give your approval to and you will email your vote back to us. On the actual meeting day, via Zoom, we will announce the results of the vote done by email (no voting the actual day). After the AGM portion of the meeting has been completed, we will then carry on with the regular meeting and a new President.

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President's Message Cont'd

I am looking forward to our September and October meetings after our summer break. We were hoping to be able to meet in person for the AGM, however, with numbers going up, we must keep to the old format used last year.

Please remember to keep safe and don't let your guard down. Keep wearing your masks and remember to keep two meters apart from others. I am looking forward to the days when we can all safely meet in person again.

Norah

DON'T FORGET! WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH GARDEN PARTY



Our end of summer outdoor social gathering will be held in the backyard of our Events Convenor, Lesia Karas. From 12—3, we will enjoy some music, a boxed lunch (for those who pre-registered) and the sharing of our experiences of the past 18 months. Bring your lawn chairs and masks. Social distancing is available to all. If you have not already indicated your attendance and would still like to come, please email trenthillsprobud@gmail.com; we still have room for a few more people. Rain date is Friday, September 10th, same time.

To those who have registered, an email with instructions will follow.

IN MEMORIAM...



Charter Member, **Don Young**, passed away peacefully at home this past May after a battle with pancreatic cancer.

Loving husband of Trent Hills Probus Member Linda Young for 53 years, he is also survived by three children and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Linda and Don had retired to the Brighton area after owning Catch-more Cottages in Campbellford for several years.



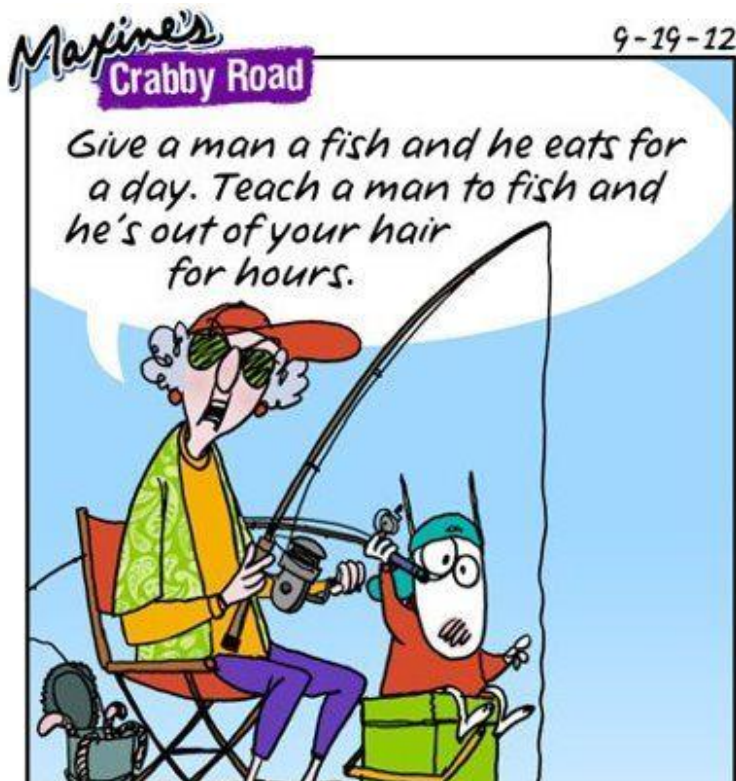
STILL NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THREE KEY JOBS IN OUR CLUB

1. **Vice President (or Co-Vice Presidents):** As program convenor, organizes speakers starting in January.
2. **Membership Convenor:** Maintains database of members, records attendance and collects any fees (annual and monthly).
3. **Communications Convenor:** Places monthly ad for Club meeting in local newspaper

All three positions require basic computer skills and internet access. There is one Management Committee meeting held per month on “Zoom” or in-person, as appropriate.

Please think about stepping forward; even if you’re not sure about taking on a position, you could perhaps be paired with another person to spread out the work load. It’s fun to get to know some of the club members better and be involved.

If you’re interested, would like more information or can suggest someone we might approach, please contact Vice-President, Hazel Farley, 416-824-3397 or hazelfarley@gmail.com.



COVID-19 UPDATE FOR NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY

(Data provided by the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Aug. 31, 2021)

Current Active Cases: 4 (0.005% of the population of 85,600) Ontario: 0.040% of population

Total Cases: 969 (1.13% of the population) Ontario: 3.9% of population

Cases Resolved: 948 (97.8% of total cases) Ontario: 97.3% of total cases

Hospitalizations to Date (Total): 34 (3.51% of total cases)

Total Deaths: 17 (1.75% of total cases) Ontario: 1.68% of total cases

Editor's Note: Happily, in Northumberland, no one has died of Covid in the past 3 months and only 3 people have been hospitalized over that same period!



Message from the Editor...

A new season looms just around the corner; enjoy the last few days of flowers and patio living!

Contributing to our Newsletter is a good way to show commitment to our Club. As always, I welcome input from members who have something interesting to share: articles which may be of general interest to our membership, jokes or quizzes, pictures of what you are doing to keep busy, achievements and activities of our members (either upcoming or in the recent past), links to interesting sites (businesses, activities, etc.).

Deadline for Newsletter submissions is the 25th of the month to: lauramcculloch52@gmail.com

Laura McCulloch,
Newsletter Editor



On the Lighter Side...

The Rugged Outdoor Woman... During her physical examination, a doctor asked a retired woman about her physical activity level. The woman said she spent 3 days a week, every week in the outdoors. "Well, yesterday afternoon was typical; I took a five hour walk about 7 miles through some pretty rough terrain. I waded along the edge of a lake. I pushed my way through 2 miles of brambles. I got sand in my shoes and my eyes. I barely avoided stepping on a snake. I climbed several rocky hills. I went to the bathroom behind some big trees. I ran away from an irate mother bear and then ran away from one angry bull Elk. The mental stress of it all left me shattered. At the end of it all I drank a scotch and three glasses of wine. Amazed by the story, the doctor said, "You must be one hell of an outdoor woman!" "No," the woman replied, "I'm just a really, really bad golfer"

