



Message from the President February 15, 2023 Newsletter

Apparently Spring is just around the corner – depending on which groundhog you believe. It does feel as though Winter never really got into the groove this year, though. Nevertheless, there have been hiking, skiing, snowshoeing, cross country skiing – and some interesting driving opportunities. It's a good thing we also have so many reasons to get together indoors – trivia, book clubs, darts, bowling, board games, art classes...and more. Check out the slide show at the beginning of the General Meeting for some pictures of our Probud members being busy (and that's real snow! There were a few days.). Thank you so much to our Social Committee and to our Activities Coordinator, and to the many volunteers that make all of the fun stuff happen. There are a lot more exciting things in store and I urge you to read about them in this newsletter and in the separate e-mails that come out from the Social Committee.

I have been asked to remind you to include your name(s) and the name of the activity when you remit payment to probud4seasons@gmail.com. This is helpful for accounting and tracking purposes.

Our Speaker's Committee continues to offer wonderful speakers – Ted Barris was fantastic and we look forward to hearing from Joanne Nijhuis on February 22. Have a look at her bio information in this newsletter. In a fit of long-range planning: **April's** meeting date has been changed due to a scheduling conflict. Please mark your calendars for **Thursday, April 27 at 1PM for the April meeting.**

Finally, I would like to once again thank Sue Barbour for her time on the Management Committee – most recently as Membership Coordinator. Sue is enjoying an extended vacation and will be delighted to share her experiences when she gets back.

Hang in there and remember to participate!

Betty Farquharson



February Speaker

UNLOCKING THE POWER OF NUTRITION

By Joanne Nijhuis

Joanne Nijhuis, MSc, is a consulting and published Registered Dietician / holistic nutritionist in Simcoe Grey Bruce. Don't miss her discussion on practical tips and tricks for general nutrition and cooking healthy meals for 1 or 2 people, including meal preps that are fast, easy and budget friendly.



NEXT GENERAL MEETING: WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 22, 2023 1:00 PM
NEW LIFE CHURCH – 28 Tracey Ln, Collingwood – See you there or via Zoom.

February Social Events Roundup!

Trivia afternoon at the Library

This event was a big hit. Thank you to Anne Travers, Kathy Hayman and a special posthumous thank you to Bill Yit, for all your work. And a big thanks to all those who participated! Here were the final standings:

1. Team One - although their name was somewhat lame, they proved to be accurate, with a score of 78 - congratulations team!
2. Sofa Kingdom - not so dumb after all, they captured second place with a score of 73.5.
3. The Fortunatees were fortunate indeed with a score of 71.5.
4. The Loggers (or was it Lagers) were fourth with a score of 65.
5. The Maple Leafs brought up the rear with a score of 55. I suspect this was because they were all so nice and polite that they didn't want to contradict one another - don't worry, team, you will be split up next time.



Paint with a Twist Paint Class

On February 7, some of our 4Seasons Probus members became artists! Great fun was had by all at the 'Paint with a Twist' paint night. We are looking at offering this event again in the future, so stay tuned!



MARCH EVENTS

SOLD OUT

Girls' Night Out! Wednesday March 8th

Have fun Ladies!!!



Happy Hour Wednesday March 22



Once again, we are organizing an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members soon after our monthly General Meeting. The location is hush hush as we try to comply with local capacity bylaws. Location and time are confirmed by email a few days before the event.

Sign up here: [March 22 Happy Hour](#)

SOLD OUT Toronto Blue Jays vs Chicago White Sox! The boys of summer are back! Will they bring back the glory days of the 1990's? Time will tell. Regardless of where they are in the

standings, The Blue Jays are Canada's Team. Join us for **Field Level seats for a 1:07 pm afternoon game.** We will be carpooling.



IN THE WORKS

We would like to introduce members to the Toronto Theatre Events this spring and fall and get a signup sheet for any interested - not to pay at this time, but to get an idea of numbers for each event. The event team has presented diverse options which will each deliver a different experience.

Please complete signups to show interest by Thursday February 23 so tickets can be held for these dates.



All these events would include a lunch and bus transportation, which would be in addition to the price of the tickets. Due to the distance from Collingwood and the difficulty driving and parking in Toronto, the team insisted that a chartered bus is the best means of transportation to ensure a relaxed day and safe home trip.

The bus and lunch could be in the range of an additional \$70-80 per person.

May 17 2pm - Dancing in the Street, Music of Motown - Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto, performed by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Price: range of \$100 each includes fees.

Details: Lunch at Vagabondo Restobar, Front Street

<https://roythomsonhall.mhrth.com/tickets/tso-dancing-in-the-street-the-music-of-motown-2/>

Sign up here: [Dancing in the Streets](#)

June 16 4pm - Cirque du Soleil, KOOZA - Performed under the Big Top at Ontario Centre, Toronto.

Price: Tickets are in the range of \$85-105 each includes fees

Details: Lunch at The Craft Brasserie in Liberty Village or a boxed picnic lunch in the park

<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/kooza>

<https://thecraftbrasserie.com/>

Sign up here: [Cirque du Soleil](#)

September - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Date: To be confirmed based on signup results

Time: Matinee performance – TBC

Price: Tickets around \$130 each includes fees

Details:

<https://www.mirvish.com/shows/harry-potter-and-the-cursed-child>

Lunch to be determined

Sign up here: [Harry Potter](#)

4Seasons Activities For 2023



Finally, we have seen a few days of sunshine. Perfect for being outdoors, but not so perfect for skiing. Our many activity groups continue to give our members opportunities to get together for some fun and social activity.

KNITTING

Day knitting continues the last Tuesday of the month. Evening knitting is running again on a trial basis the last Monday of the month. Currently the group has 33 members.

For more information, contact Sandi Allevato gs.allevato1@gmail.com

BOOK CLUBS

We currently have two active book clubs. One is a non-fiction group, led by Ruth Plant, the other, a fiction group is led by Barb Rogers. Tracy Thornton is starting a new book club. If you would like to join, and did not see the sign up sheet on our last eblast, please complete the form below.

Sign up: [Book Club](#)

For the Fiction Book Club please note that it has moved to the afternoons for the ski season. Attendance might be sparse otherwise! We're looking forward to these books that will bring us to the end of June.

The Marriage Portrait, by Maggie O'Farrell
The Sleeping Car Porter, by Suzette Mayr
Fayne, by Ann-Marie MacDonald
Mexican Gothic, by Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Demon Copperhead, by Barbara Kingsolver

In July and August it's free summer reading. We'll meet at Sunset Point Park to discuss what we've read, followed by the ever popular lunch at The Chipper. Always fun, always interesting!

DARTS

Our first darts activity was held on January 19, with great success. All participants had a lot of fun. We will be continuing to meet for fun darts on the third Thursday monthly at the Legion. Please bring your own darts, and come for lunch prior to our game. No need to be a professional or even a good darts player. There is no charge and we are all out for fun. Our next game is February 16. March 16 we will meet again with lunch at 12:30, darts begin at 1:00. If you would like to sign up, you can do so below.

Sign Up: [Darts March 16](#)

This is how serious we are!



BOARD GAMES

Dust off that Monopoly game! Play some dominos! A relaxed and unstructured opportunity to play board games and make friends! We will be getting together monthly and participants will take turns hosting – if they have space. Join us for a chance to play some old favourites or discover some new games. Next date is February 26 at 1:30 pm at 112 Maple Drive, Swiss Meadows.

Sign up: [Board Games](#)



CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Despite his best efforts, Bruce Clark has not been able to convince Mother Nature to provide a bounty of snow for this activity. The group has been able to meet out on some Friday mornings. Bruce will be advising participants whether they will be meeting each week.



HIKING

Our hikers are a busy group. Some weeks there are three hikes, there is always at least one hike offered by our awesome leaders, Mike Travers, Betty Farquharson, Catherine Daw and Linda Murphy. Wasaga Beach, Loree Forest, Pretty River, Margaret Paul, are only a few of the areas they have explored.



George Christie
evening hike

TRAVEL CLUB

Our Travel Club led by Eswar Prasad meets via Zoom the first Tuesday of the month at 4:00. Some of the recent meetings have been Southern Africa, Bike & Barge in the Netherlands and a presentation by Georgian Bay Photography club.

For more information, contact Eswar at eswar.prasad@theprasads.ca

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The activity many of you have been waiting for will be coming starting in February. For those who don't know what this is, here is how it works.

People sign up for the dates they wish to attend. Each dinner includes a maximum of 8 people. From the list of interested members, groups of 6 are randomly put together by our organizers and matched with volunteer “hosts”. Couples attend together.

Hosts volunteer to have the dinner party at their home. They must have seating for 8—6 guests plus themselves. Their job is minimal—prepare the table, present the food items the guests have brought and make coffee or tea if desired. Each guest is asked to bring one course which will serve 8 people and will be advised of the time of the dinner and the address. Guests also bring their beverage of choice. No one will know the name of the host or the other guests until they arrive.

The organizers will provide each individual (or couple) which part of the dinner to prepare and bring to the meal and what the dinner party “theme” is, for example Italian, Asian fusion, Sunday night football, etc. This activity is really fun, takes little effort, and results in meeting new members, drinking a little wine or other beverage, and savouring a lovely meal.

If you have questions, contact Diane Fitzgerald dfitz527@gmail.com
or Rita Hafeman rhafeman@rogers.com

Sign up: For March, click this link [March 15](#) For April, click thi link [April 19](#)

BOWLING


Chen Cohen has been organizing our regular bowling events. As with Darts, this is a fun event, no great ability required. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Our next event is on February 23, to be followed by March 23. If you would like to sign up for the March 23 date, please complete the sign up form below and etransfer payment.

Sign up: [Bowling March 23](#)

EUCHRE

Starting March 7, and every first Tuesday of the month thereafter, we will be playing at the Collingwood Legion starting 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Refreshments and small snacks are cash only (the Legion does not accept credit or debit, but there is an ATM on site) and entry fee is \$5.00 each for prizes. The Legion does not supply cards, so if people could bring a deck of cards, that would be great.

Questions? Please contact: Kelly Nesbitt kellynpugs@gmail.com
Sharon Munslow sharon84@gmail.com or Nancy Yager nancyyager14@gmail.com



Here is another
activity that many
people have asked
for!

There are plenty of activities happening, join in, meet new people, and have a lot of fun.