



Message from the President

March 15, 2023 Newsletter

As we transition into Spring/Summer activities, we are also beginning the transition to our new website. Recently, you received a message from 4Seasons Website. This test message was transmitted to test the accuracy of the emails we have on file for you and to help you login and create your password for the website. Within the next few months, you will sign up for activity distribution lists and sign up for events using this website. You will be kept informed as we phase this in. Our website support team – Michael Gerstmann and his crew – have been hard at work for several months and are determined to provide you with a robust and easy to use interface to 4Seasons Probis.

In order to maintain the online calendar, we do need some help. Please read the **Help Wanted** notice in this newsletter and offer to lend a hand.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to the two newest members of our Management Team. Dianne Gerstmann and Jill Morrison have agreed to share the role Membership Chair. They have some terrific ideas and I know they will be wonderful in this role.

A couple of meeting reminders:

- The meeting on March 22 will not be available by Zoom or videotape. Please attend in person to hear our wonderful speaker Jory Pritchard Kerr – CGMH.
- The April meeting date has been changed to Thursday, April 27 at 1 PM

As always, our Activities and Events Teams are hard at work organizing fun and interesting opportunities for us. Please read the descriptions carefully – and find them on the new website – and participate in those that interest you.

See you all soon,

Betty



March Speaker

Speaker: Jory Pritchard Kerr – CGMH Foundation

Jory Pritchard Kerr has been Leading the CGMH Foundation since 1988 She moved to Collingwood in 1982 after graduating from the Honours Bachelor of Arts Program for Recreational Administration at the University of Waterloo and was awarded the AHP professional designation in 2007.

Jory is the President and CEO of the CMGH Foundation and will be presenting an overall update on programs and services of the hospital with a focus on the plans for building a new hospital.



Help Wanted!

Are you well organized, comfortable with MS Office or similar and able to help 4Seasons Probus for a few hours per month?

No hiking or hosting involved, we are looking for a small number of Probus members to update the Probus Calendar on our new website with upcoming activities and events. Training will be provided.

If you are able to help, please contact Michael Gerstmann at michael.gerstmann@rogers.com

March Special Events Roundup

Girls' Night Out! Wednesday March 8

Once again, this year, GNO was a big hit with 27 4Seasons Probus members joining in on the raucous entertainment. Kudos to the men who also ventured out to see what it was all about. Should we do this again next year? Why not!?



March 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. If you haven't signed up for March, there is still room.

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



Covid is still active in our community. If you have been to a Probus event and discover that you may have been positive for Covid at the time, please notify the event coordinator.

April Special Events

Drumming with Dancing – Monday April 2

Do you like to move and groove and dance to the beat of drums? Would you like to try? Then join us for a special 2 hour event. Each class is an opportunity to learn, listen, play, and connect with that heartbeat as we practise skills, explore beats, play alongside music, other drummers and eventually play with the dancers. This is a two-hour session with 45 minutes of drumming.

Date: Monday April 2

Time: 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 pm.

Price \$38 per person. Pay as you register to the 4Seasons Probus account probus4seasons@gmail.com.

Indicate your name and the event to guarantee a spot.

Location: Drum and Dance School, 488 Napier Street, Collingwood

Cut-off: Thursday March 30 or the first 8 registrants whichever comes first.

Sign up here: [Dance/Drum](#)

Easter Brunch – Thursday April 6!

Please join us on Thursday April 6, 2023 at 12 noon for our 4Seasons Probus Easter lunch at Kelsey's Restaurant in Collingwood. This is a \$30 fixed price 2 course lunch including taxes and gratuities. Soft drinks, coffee, and tea choices are also included. Alcoholic beverages are available for individuals to purchase at their own expense. We hope to see you there!

Sign up here: [Easter Brunch](#)

Paint with a Twist Paint Class – Tuesday April 11

We are offering a paint class at Collingwood Art Class, 77 Simcoe St. Collingwood on Tuesday, April 11 from 1-4 pm. The cost is \$56.50 person which includes in-person step-by-step instruction by an artist and all materials so that you can produce a painting of your own to take home at the end of the class. This event is BYOB and has a maximum of 8 spots. If this proves to be popular, we are happy to book additional class times.

Sign up and pay \$56.50 online by March 31. SORRY NO REFUNDS

Sign up here: [Paint Class April 11](#)



Toronto Blue Jays vs Chicago White Sox! **SOLD OUT**

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.



April Happy Hour Thursday April 27

Once again, we are organizing an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members soon after our monthly General Meeting, usually 3:00ish p.m.. 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: [Happy Hour April 27](#)

More Events at Later Dates!

Dancing in the Streets – Wednesday May 17

Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto, performed by the Toronto Symphony Orchestra.

Price: Tickets are \$114 each. Includes lunch and gratuities.

Contact: Diane Fitzgerald

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](#)

Stratford Theatre Visit – Wednesday June 7

You will have 2 choices – a Shakespearean Play at the Festival Theatre or a Comedy at the Tom Patterson Theatre. Tickets are \$130 for each choice and includes a boxed lunch.

OPTION 1: MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING – Festival Theatre

"I DO LOVE NOTHING IN THE WORLD SO WELL AS YOU—IS NOT THAT STRANGE?"

The story follows Beatrice and Benedick, two quick-witted and sarcastic individuals who are happily single, but whose friends believe they would make a great romantic match. Set in the Early Modern world, an era of ever-changing attitudes towards marriage and power, the play presents a society at once filled with progressive feminist impulses and countervailing forces rooted in traditional patriarchal values. With his astonishing wit and insight, Shakespeare explores the complexities that underlie these growing social tensions.

Setting: Southern Italy, Elizabethan period.

Sign up here: [Stratford Much Ado About Nothing](#)



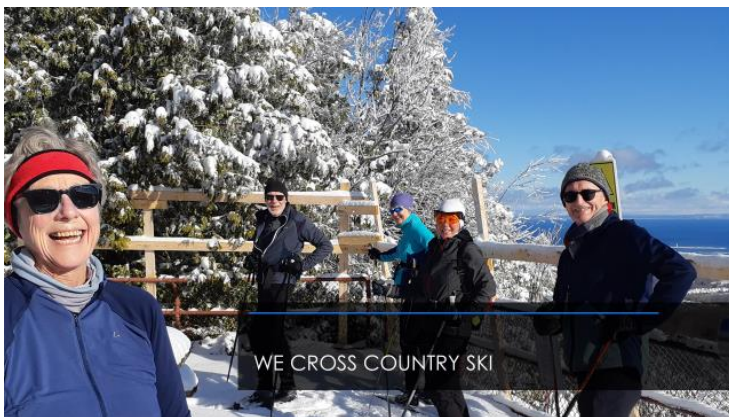
OPTION 2: Grand Magic Comedy – Tom Patterson Theatre

"WHAT THE HEART DESIRES, THE MIND BELIEVES"

A funny, thought-provoking, and deeply moving play, presented in a new English translation by John Murrell and Donato Santeramo. In this comedy we find Otto Marvuglia, a once master illusionist, reduced to performing magic for money at a seaside resort. When one of his tricks seems to go awry, a guest tumbles into a world of illusion as another escapes an unhappy reality.

Setting: Naples area, 1950s.

Sign up here: [Stratford Grand Magic](#)



Cirque du Soleil – Friday June 16

Performed under the Big Top at Ontario Centre, Toronto.

Price: Tickets are \$144 each. Includes lunch and gratuities

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

Contact: Diane Fitzgerald

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

<https://thecraftbrasserie.com/>

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

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – October TBC

September - Harry Potter and the Cursed Child

Date: To be confirmed based on signup results

Price: Tickets around \$130 each includes fees

Time: Matinee performance – TBC

Contact: Diane Fitzgerald **Details:** <https://www.mirvish.com/shows/harry-potter-and-the-cursed-child>

Sign up here: [Harry Potter](#)



ACTIVITIES...ACTIVITIES...ACTIVITIES...

Spring is coming!! Our winter activities will begin to wind down, but spring and summer activities will soon be happening, and indoor activities will continue. New activities have been started, and hopefully you are taking advantage of the opportunities to join them and meet other members. For our newer members, please don't hesitate to come out to activities and events. We are all very informal and welcoming. For all members, please wear your name tags to events.



EUCHRE—NEW ACTIVITY

Our first euchre evening was on March 7. We had 24 people which was our limit for our first time playing. We increase our number to 32 if need be.

We played that losers moved up one table and all changed partners so we don't play with the same partner more than once.

Everyone seemed to have a great time. We did not and will not collect any money. We played for 2 hours and it seemed to be enough for everyone. Almost everyone bought something from the bar which was great.

There was a darts tournament going on next door and they were not as noisy as we thought they may be.

There was also a Highland band practicing in the Normandy Room (our old meeting room at the Legion). So we had some background music. We will send out an email approximately one week before the next game on April 4th for everyone to respond if they will be attending. If you had not previously signed up for euchre, you can do so on the form below to have your name added to the email distribution list.

Sign up for euchre here: [Euchre](#)

CROSS COUNTRY SKIING

Bruce Clark continues to lead this group, skiing Friday mornings at Scenic Caves which has the best snow conditions and grooming.

TRAVEL CLUB

On March 7, the Travel club met via Zoom for a presentation by Ed Cohen...Mount Kilimanjaro Expedition.

The next presentation at Probus Travel Club is as follows:

April 4th, 2023 4.00 PM. "Paradise Islands - Tahiti and Morea, French Polynesia", Lina Novsky

Lina Novsky is a Guest Speaker from the Georgian Bay Photography Club, Collingwood. During Lina's presentation, you will discover what is common between Paul Gauguin, Charles Darwin and Jack London and what is so special about these far away islands in the middle of the Pacific Ocean.

Mailing (and reminders) will be sent to all those registered for the club. Please let

eswar.prasad@theprasads.ca <mailto:eswar.prasad@theprasads.ca> know if you wish your name to be added to the list.

DARTS

On Thursday February 16 our darts players met at the Collingwood Legion for our second Darts competition.

After a lunch, the darts began to fly. A great time was had by all, and the next competition will be on Thursday March 16, also at the Collingwood Legion

KNITTING

For all lovers of yarn and sharp points, our knitting club continues to meet. **Day knitting** is last Tuesday of the month 1:30 to 3:30 pm. **Evening knitting** is last Tuesday of the month 7pm to 9 pm.

Day knitting is waitlisted, but there is room for more night knitters.



HIKING

Our intrepid hiking leaders are continuing to plan dates for outdoor adventure. They will continue to send our emails with the hike details for you to sign up for the ones you can join.

BOOK CLUB

Our three book clubs continue to meet monthly on a regular basis, but are **currently at capacity**.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

Our February event was a great success, and on March 15 members will once again meet at various members' homes to enjoy great food and great conversation with awesome 4Seasons Probus members.

There will be other evenings in April, May, and June. If you have not signed up yet, please do so using the forms below. It is a wonderful way to meet fellow members in an informal small group setting. There is still room for more participants for April, so don't be shy

Sign up here: [Guess Who's Coming to Dinner April 19](#)

Sign up here: [Guess Who's Coming to Dinner May 16th](#)

Sign up here: [Guess Who's Coming To Dinner June 14th](#)

BOARD GAMES

Any one is welcome to host this event on a date and at a time that is convenient for them. If you are interested in doing so, please contact Betty Farquharson betty.farquharson@gmail.com or the activities email at activities4seasons@gmail.com for assistance. This is another very informal gathering, with participants bringing games of their choosing.



BOWLING

On February 23 our 4Seasons Probus bowlers gathered at Georgian Bowl. We had 14 people sign up for some fun with balls and pins. This activity has been a regular monthly activity, but will not repeat in March due to low sign up. **Watch for an April date, and sign up to see if our winners from February can be dethroned.**