



Message from the President

April 19, 2023 Newsletter

It's safe to say that our winter activity season is officially over. Despite the unpredictability of this weather, our volunteer activity leaders and our social committee event planners made sure that there was a lot on offer for our Probis members. Thank you to all of you for your time and energy. It is appreciated. If you are able to lead an activity this summer even one time (hiking, biking, paddling, pole walking....) please let us know at activities4seasons@gmail.com.

Our new website is up and running and most of us have been using it. Thank you so much to our tech team led by Mike Gerstmann and Oscar Kerrebyn. Much time has been spent giving our Probis a new information platform and a new look. It is fantastic. Visit the website at probis49.wildapricot.org

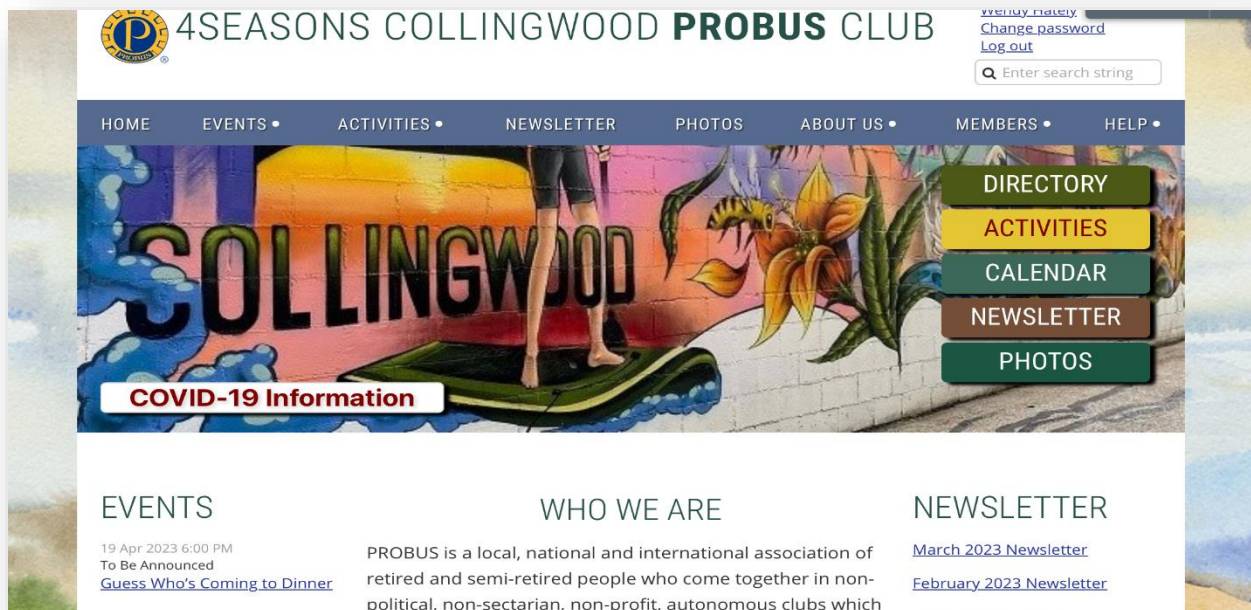
REMINDER:

Date change for the April General Meeting – please remember that the meeting will take place on **Thursday, April 27. This is a onetime change** in date. New Life Church will be open at 12:30 for a **1:00 start**. The notice for anyone wishing to register for the Zoom session should be in your email inbox.

We have an exciting line up of speakers: please read the bio of this month's speaker and fellow 4Seasons Probis member Linda Murphy. I know you will love her talk and the opportunity to meet and socialize with our Probis friends over coffee and at Happy Hour. May and June will continue the trend of exciting speakers – stay tuned! I hope to see many of you on April 27.

Betty

Click the photo to visit our new website.



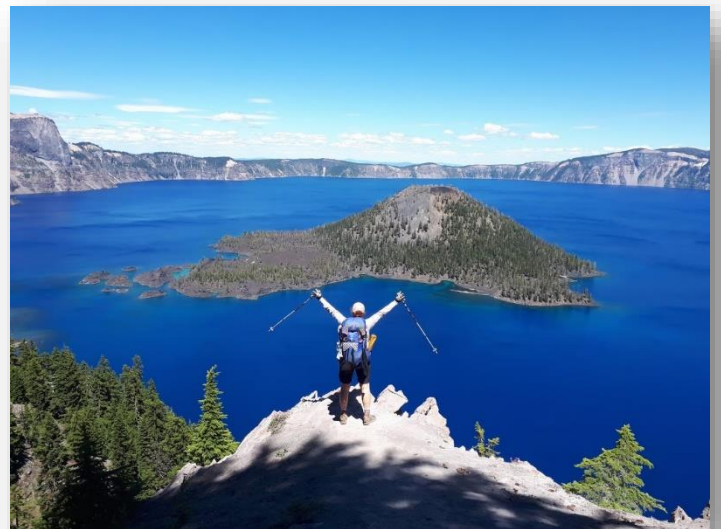
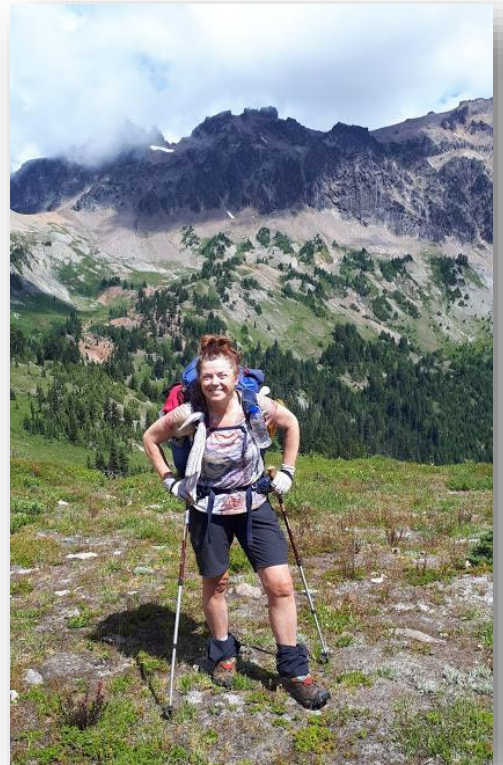
April Speaker

Speaker: Linda Murphy – The Healthy Hiker

In 2019, Linda back-packed over 3,000 km, through the wild and rugged mountain ranges of the Pacific Crest Trail, from Mexico to Canada. At 58 years of age, Linda ventured on this challenging trek, solo. Surviving illness, injury, and loneliness, she raised funds for our local women's shelter, My Friend's House, and advocated for domestic violence-prevention programs across Canada. After 173 days on-trail, Linda had raised OVER \$32,000. In 2022, Linda hiked the entire 900km of the Bruce Trail in 45 days, raising an additional \$60,000 for Canadian Women's Shelters across the country!

Linda is a resident of Nottawa, a former High School Drama Teacher, Corporate Communication Coach, and recently-retired Realtor. She volunteers at the Collingwood Hospital, Trinity United Church, Habitat for Humanity, and can be seen on stage acting, in the annual Gaslight Community Theatre Tour; but her greatest love is outdoor adventure, especially, long-distance hiking!

To view Linda's video logs and photography from her hiking expeditions, go to: youtube.com/c/thehealthyhiker.



April Special Events

April Events Roundup

Drum with Dance

This 2-hour event included lessons in drumming and lyrical dance. Eight ladies honed their drum and dance techniques. Some of us got out of our comfort zones and took these techniques to a whole new level! It was a lot of fun. Thank you, Ruth Plant, for organizing this event!



Paint with a Twist Paint Class

The second offering of Paint with a Twist Class was again big success. Seven budding new artists turned out to find their artistic hands and the results were impressive (or was it impressionistic?). Thank you, Jill Morrison, for organizing this event.

Easter Brunch

Twenty-five people came out to celebrate the start of the Easter weekend at Kelsey Roadhouse. Although the Easter Bunny couldn't personally make it, everyone enjoyed getting together and meet new friends over lunch. Thank you, Dianne Gerstmann, for organizing this event.

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 March 27

Space still available.

Once again, we are organizing an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members soon after our monthly General Meeting, usually 3:00ish pm. 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. No need to sign up if you already have done so. Sign up here: [Happy Hour April 27](#)



More Events at Later Dates!

Event Payments:

Please note, when signing up for events that require payment, please pay within 24 hours after signing up.

If you sign up it means you are committed. Signups are not intended to be place holders. Check your calendar first, before you register, to see if you are available on that date.

Trivia for Fun - Monday May 1

Join us for a fun afternoon at the Collingwood Library for Team Trivia. Put your memory skills to work with other team members. You will be put into random teams so you can share your knowledge of useful information to come up with the best possible answer(s)! **Start time is 2:00 pm and runs for approximately 2 hours. Cost is \$12 per person.** Spots are filling up quickly!

Register online via this link [May Trivia](#) or Register directly on our new [4Seasons Website events and activities calendar page](#). Check it out to see what's happening in a glance and register for those you don't want to miss.

Dancing in The Streets - Wednesday May 17

Signups are now closed.

Happy Hour - Wednesday May 24

We will be organizing another Happy Hour for you to mix and mingle with fellow members following our May General Meeting. Look for the signup registration in the May Newsletter.

Stratford Theatre Visit - Wednesday June 7

Signups are now closed.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner - Wednesday June 14

Note: *The May activity is cancelled.*

Our next set of dinners will be June 14th

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

Cut-off: Monday May 1

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

Payment required when you sign up!

Harry Potter and the Cursed Child – October 4

Performed at CAA Ed Mirvish Theatre

Date: Wednesday October 4

Time: Matinee performance

More to come in our next newsletter. Stay tuned!

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



Hopefully, we are leaving winter behind, and spring is here to stay. With the change in seasons comes a change in activities, particularly outdoor activities. We are now registering for all activities through our [4Seasons Website events and activities calendar page](#) rather than with Google sheets. This will streamline communication and make the process more efficient.

Bruce Clark has stored away his cross country skis, and Lina DiFelice's Probus Ski Legends group has also finished up a successful season. We will also not be organizing any more bowling days or board games days until the fall. Time to be outside with summer activities.

DARTS: April 20 at 1:00 pm will be our final darts day at the Legion until fall. If you have not already registered, but wish to join us, please sign up through the website. This is strictly darts for fun, so please come and have some fun. Come for lunch at 12:30 and stay for darts.

EUCHRE: May 2 at 6:15 pm will be our last Euchre night until the fall. You can register through the website. We meet at the Collingwood Legion, members draw a number for the table they will start at, then change partners for each game. There is no cost to play, beverages and snacks are available for cash purchase. This activity has been greatly enjoyed by our members.

BOOK CLUBS: Our three clubs are meeting on a regular schedule, with each group choosing the books they will read.

TRAVEL GROUP: Meeting on the first Tuesday monthly via Zoom has been working very well for this group, and will continue. You can join the club by registering through the website.

KNITTING: With so many members interested in this activity our leader, Sandi Allevalo is now offering an afternoon and an evening session on the last Tuesday of the month.

HIKING: As the trails dry out, hiking dates will be posted on the website. There will be hikes of varying lengths and levels of exertion for hikers of all types. Please sign up to participate in these.

TRAIL BIKING: Again, we need dry trails and good weather, which should be happening in the next weeks. Our rides will be of varying lengths and locations, including the Collingwood Trails, Georgian Trail and out of town trips. They will be posted on our website so you can sign up there. We will also need volunteers to lead our rides. Please contact Joanne at activities4seasons@gmail.com



PADDLING: This group includes both canoers and kayakers and should start in May with sign up in our website. Locations, meeting points and dates will be posted. If you are interested in leading a group, please contact Joanne at activities4seasons@gmail.com

Summer is a busy time with cottagers, family visits and so much more. If there is an activity or group you would like to see offered by our club, please contact activitie4seasons@gmail.com for help in organizing.

Travel Club Update

Coordinator: [Eswar Prasad](#)

For more Info visit [4Seasons Website events and activities calendar page](#)

Tuesday May 2, 2023 4 PM

Probus Travel Cub

“81 Degrees North - Arctic Experience”

Shashi Prasad and Eswar Prasad Svalbard remains uncharted territory for most.

Situated 2500 km North of Norway, this remote High Arctic archipelago is a vast wilderness area of ice sheets, cliffs, tundra and mountains. Its northern borders and channels are firmly clenched by the solid sheet of sea ice that forms each winter.

High Arctic wildlife adapted to its rigours and thrives. In a 10 day expeditionary

cruise (12 passenger), we coursed the archipelago’s rugged coastlines and inlets. Starting in Oslo, Norway, the show

will feature spectacular landscapes wildlife

that includes Polar Bears, Walruses, Reindeer and exquisite birds.



Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 4PM

Costa Rica by Betty Farquharson.

The Travel Club will recess for the months of July, August and September and will return with a new schedule in the first week of October. Please have a safe summer.