

June 22, 2023 4Seasons Probus Newsletter



As we all are preparing for our many summer adventures, please remember to check the website for updates on events already planned for the summer. Although we will be taking a break from new summer activities, the social committees are always busy planning for the upcoming seasons. Check out their upcoming lineup of activities and events below. We would also like to draw your attention to the notice for volunteers on page 4 of this newsletter. Please take a moment to think how you could help us with this request. Many hands make for more fun!

Our next general meeting is on Wednesday June 28, at the New Life Church. Doors open at 12:30 and our speaker is reported to have some very interesting stories to tell. Check out the bio on the next page.

Once again we will mention that the new website and the notifications it generates is helping to keep us organized. Just a couple of reminders. When you have signed up to indicate your interest in a particular activity – let's use hiking as an example – that puts you on a distribution list to be notified of upcoming hikes. Many of us are on several of these notification distribution lists. If you wish to participate on a specific date, you must register. That is how the activity leader knows who is attending that specific activity.

A second FYI – when you are making payments for an event, please indicate in the comment area of your e-transfer the invoice number and the attendees. This makes recording payments much more straightforward for our treasurer.



Click the photo to visit our new website.

June Speaker

Malcolm Kelly – SPROG: A Novel of Bomber Command

Malcolm Graham Kelly was a professional sports, news, and arts journalist and writer for 37 years. He worked for CBCSports.ca, the National Post, Canadian Press, Ottawa Citizen, Southam News, the Town Crier, and Thomson Newspapers.

He is the author of SPROG: A Novel of Bomber Command, that tells of kids training in Canada during 1941-1942 for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

A Governor General's Award winner for community service, Malcolm is the founder, coordinator, and a full Professor in the Graduate Sports Journalism program, at Centennial College in Toronto.

He is the son of two Second World War veterans, his father being one of the famous 47 men pulled off the East Mole at the end of the Battle of Calais, in May, 1940, and his mother, who survived the destruction of her street during the Blitz on Britain, in the fall of 1940. She then joined the British Army's women's service.

Malcolm's main interest in his study of military history lies in the human stories of those in combat.



Upcoming Events

Please note, when signing up for events that require money, **payment is needed within 24 hours after signing up**. Continue to pay using e-transfers from your bank account to the 4Seasons PROBUS Club account at Probus4seasons@gmail.com. Remember to put your name and event in the message line of your transfer and to check your calendar, before you register, to see if you are available on that date.

On another note, **bookmark our online website and regularly check it**, to see what events and activities are available at any given time. It is much quicker than waiting for newsletters or e-blasts. Here is the link <https://probus49.wildapricot.org/>

Happy Hour Wednesday June 28

We will be organizing another Happy Hour for you to mix and mingle with fellow members following our June General Meeting. This will be the last Happy Hour until the Fall. **Register on our website calendar ASAP** as attendance is limited to 40 people <https://probus49.wildapricot.org/>



Payment Reminder:

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.



Toronto Blue Jays vs Boston Red Sox! **CLOSED**

The September 17 registration for the Boston Red Sox game has closed. The Jays will be nearing the pennant race in October. Let's hope they can bring back the glory days .

Sunset Dinner and Concert Cruise - Friday August 11, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. **CLOSED**

Enjoy a beautiful sunset and the historic sights of Georgian Bay, as you are serenaded by Dylan Lock with live music from the 60's to today. Casual Food is included with your ticket (Pizza, Dinos Famous Pasta Salad, Veggies, Chips).

On Our Radar! - Keep checking the 4Seasons PROBUS Website calendar for more events dates <https://probus49.wildapricot.org/>



Niagara Wine and Cycle. Fall - TBA

Christmas Dinner Dance - Save the date - Saturday December 2



Summer Hiatus

Please note the Social Committee will be going on hiatus during July and August.

What that means is new events such as tours and one-of-a-kind member inspired activities are being planned and researched for the Fall as we take the summer off.

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Ongoing activities are still a go when volunteers are available to lead them. Check

WE NEED YOUR HELP - VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

Have you ever coached or managed your children's or adult's organized activities (sports or otherwise)? Have you ever participated in a charity campaign? Do you enjoy; Golf, Hiking, Biking, Paddling, Dinners-in, Dinners-out, Bingo, Trivia, Bowling, Local Winery Visits, Spectator Sports, Museum tours, Theatre Events or anything you think fellow members would be interested in?

If so, let us know! We have great volunteers, but as our activities grow we need more help. Come join us! If you are interested, please contact either Joanne Ruthven at activities4seasons@gmail.com at or Rita Leithead at 4seasonsocial@gmail.com.

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

With the warm weather now here (for the most part), we are able to enjoy our favourite outdoor summer activities, not just indoor activities.

CYCLING

We have enjoyed a few outings with this group, the most recent being on June 7 led by Mike Travers. The ride was on the North Simcoe Rail Trail through the Minesing wetlands. The total distance was about 16km, followed by a picnic lunch. It was a great day for biking!



We have also had rides led by Betty Farquharson, to smell the lilacs along the Georgian Trail and by Patrice Gale to Stayner. Let's hope we have more of these fun days over the summer.

PADDLING

We also had a paddling event led by Jill Morrison on May 29. The group were on the Beaver River beginning at Access Point 2, paddling to Access Point 3 and returning to Access Point 2. It was a great day to be on the water.

POLE WALKING

On May 23rd, Nathalie Beaulieu once again led our pole walkers, this time the walk was out to Millenium Park and the Grain Terminals.

EUCHRE

Our last euchre night for the season was held on June 6 at the Collingwood Legion. Once again it was a fun night for our members. Thank you again Sharon and Nancy for setting this up. We will all be looking forward to the fall return of Euchre nights.

BIRD WATCHING

June 12 will see a new activity for our members, lead by Anne Travers and Shirley Sutton. It promises to be a fun and informative 1 ½ hours beginning at the Arboretum.

TRAVEL CLUB

June 13 will be the final meeting for the season of our Zoom travel club. Betty Farquharson will be presenting on a trip to Costa Rica. The group will reconvene in the fall.

KNITTING

The knitters met on June 27. With day knitters at Joanne Ruthven's home and the night knitters at Sandi Allevato's. Plans are to meet as well over the summer (the need for knitted garments is not just seasonal). Stay tuned for locations.

BOOK CLUBS

Our three clubs continue to meet monthly, with summer months at each club's discretion.

GUESS WHO'S COMING TO DINNER

The final event for this popular evening is June 14. Those who have signed up will receive information directly from our group leader, Diane Fitzgerald. Those who have participated greatly appreciate Diane's hard work in organizing this fun activity.