

Message from the President

September 15, 2023 Newsletter



President's Message

Happy Autumn! I hope you all had a fun and healthy summer despite the raindrops, air quality warnings, and howling winds. The weather certainly tested our patience this year, but when we look at conditions around the world, we got off relatively lightly.

Welcome back to an action and activity-packed fall and winter season at 4Seasons Probis. Plans are underway for a number of fun events – Blue Jays game, Pottery workshop, cycling, trivia, a Christmas dinner/dance... - and our first meeting back – on September 27 – will feature an Activity Fair so that you can become more informed and start planning your involvement.

Please remember that our meeting venue has changed and is now the Collingwood Legion at 470 Ontario Street. We will no longer be offering a hybrid meeting format. So come in person, meet some friends, hear the speaker, and learn about what's happening at 4Seasons Probis.

For the past year you have been hearing much talk about Wild Apricot – our new website platform. Michael Gerstmann, Oscar Kerrebyn and their crew have done an amazing job, and the website is looking wonderful. You will find Probis information, see our Probis calendar, and be able to sign up for activities and events.

New to the website: you are now able make any required payments to Probis using either a Visa or MasterCard credit card directly on our website. Please remember, payment is due at time of registration for all events. If you have signed up for something, please make your payment within 48 hours or risk losing your spot.

Still finding it difficult to navigate the Website? Not quite sure how to change your password? Just generally anxious about it? There will be a help desk at our September 27 meeting and one of us will be happy to help you.

Our Speaker's Committee has been doing a fantastic job and the lineup of speakers for future meetings is very exciting. Please join me at the Legion on September 27 at 1:00 PM (doors open at 12:30). I look forward to seeing there.

Betty



September Speaker

Charlie Gudaitis - CACE

Charlie Gudaitis a leading member of CACE a local grass roots group working to build a Culture Arts and Entertainment Centre in Collingwood to service Southern Georgian Bay.

Charlie will provide us with some insights on our communities' arts and entertainment scene now and the possibilities into the future.





Fall Events and Activities

Please note, when signing up for events that require money, **payment is needed within 24 hours after signing up**. We are now accepting credit card payments as well as e-transfers. Remember 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>

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

Registration is closed for the September 17 game against the Boston Red Sox. Will the Jays make it in as a wild card for the pennant race in October? Let's cheer them on for the win!



Pottery Workshop & Sculpture Forest Walk **Monday**

September 18 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon. **CLOSED**

Create a clay item such as a bowl or ornament, with the assistance of potter, Marion Bartlett, and take a forest sculpture walk. This is a popular event and only 2 spaces are now left.

Trivia is Back - Monday September 25 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. \$12.00 per person

Come out for a fun afternoon and play Team Trivia for Fun at the Collingwood Public Library. Upon arrival, you will be assigned to a team to collectively determine appropriate answers to skill testing questions. May the best team win! Space is limited, so sign up by September 18, on the 4Seasons Probus Club Website!



Activity Fair - Wednesday September 27 after General Meeting

Come join us over drinks to see what activities and events your 4Seasons Probus Club has in store for you. **Things like:** Golf, Hiking, Biking, Paddling, Dinners-in, Dinners-out, Bingo, Trivia, Bowling, Local Winery Visits, Spectator Sports, Museum tours, Theatre Events etc..

Speak with volunteers to find out what they do to help run activities and how you can join in to help too! Volunteering is not time consuming and can be fun. As they say, 'many hands make light work'.

We hope to see you there to discuss volunteering, over refreshments. Legion prices are very reasonable.

Christmas Dinner Dance - Save the date - Saturday December 2

We are working out the details so keep an eye on our calendar as we get closer to the date.

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

We have had several hikes, bike rides, pole walking, and paddling outings for our members over the summer. Thank you to those who volunteered to act as leaders, including Nathalie Beaulieu, Mike Travers, Betty Farquharson, Jill Morrison, Nancy Nyisztor, Anne Travers to name a few.

In addition, we had a group of eight adventurous people participate in our first ever horseshoes event at Georgian Bowl. As long as the weather permits, and we have leaders, we will continue to offer these activities.

June 16 a group led by Anne Travers had a session of bird watching around the bay in Collingwood. A fun day was had by all.



And...in the coming months we will be restarting our usual winter activities...

Knitting will start again the last Tuesday of the month, book clubs will resume on their existing schedules. The Travel club will once again be meeting via Zoom, with the first meeting October 3. Lina Novsky will present on Madeira and Azores,

Euchre will be scheduled for the first Tuesday in October and will occur monthly with the exception of December. Darts will be the third Thursday in October. Both of these will be happening at the Legion. Watch the calendar for dates and registrations. If you have already signed up as a member for these activities, you will also receive an email for you to register.

Once again, we will be **bowling** at the Georgian Bowl beginning in October, date to be confirmed. And our monthly general meeting will as usual be followed by Happy Hour, location to be finalized.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner will have another date starting November 6, and continuing on the first Monday every other month.



Cross country skiing and winter hiking will resume when the conditions allow. Watch the website and the calendar for a chance to sign up to be on the mailing list. Ski Legends is also open for membership. You need to sign up directly with them at <https://probusskilegends.ca/membership>. In addition to the scheduled trips, members meet at Blue Mountain for skiing on a weekly basis.

Please check the calendar on our website regularly since events and activities are added as soon as they are scheduled.