



PROBUS CLUB OF BRACEBRIDGE

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20th Annual General Meeting Agenda 10:00 a.m. September 7, 2016

Greeters: Tom and Mary Smith

O Canada: Mary Lou Chuter

Minute of Silence for Bill Nodwell

**Welcome to Members and Guests
President's Remarks**

Presentation of 20 Year Pins

**PROBUS Canada President Remarks
Richard Furlong**

**Election of Officers 2016-2017
Swearing in of President
Introduction of Management Committee**

Management Committee Reports

20th Anniversary Ceremonial Cake Cutting

Social Break

**Programme
PROBUS Talent**

Adjournment

Probus Club of Bracebridge 2016

September

Sign Up	Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact
Yes	Wed 7 th	Probus	20 th Anniversary Celebration and AGM !! at the Rotary Centre for Youth	10:00 am	
Yes	Wed 7 th	Probus	Probus Luncheon at Andrea's Restaurant - price \$25 inclusive	12:30 pm	Nancy Thompson 645-4639
	Weekly Fridays	Outdoors	Various locations	10:00 am	Andrea Kier 646-2955
	Thurs 8 th	Investment Club	RBC Investments lower level (near old Zellers store). Park on street.	9:30 am	Bill Caughy 645-2365
	TBA	Wine Group	Unusually Coloured Wines hosted by Nancy Thompson	3:00 pm	Al McLeod 637-0609
Yes	Tues 20 th	Dining Out	Touchstone on Lake Muskoka (\$42 inclusive)	5:00 pm	Bruce Danard 645-2188
	Thurs 22 nd	Food for Thought	Theme TBA hosted by Elizabeth McMillan at 1168 Beaumaris Rd #2	5:30 pm	Mary Lou Chuter 645-7981
	Thurs 22 nd	Happy Bookers	"Fifteen Dogs" by Andre Alexis hosted by Mary McLeod	10:00 am	Susan Shaw 385-3713
	Tues 27 th	Issues Group	Rotary Centre, "The Various forms of Voting" by Peter Sale	10:00 am	Peter Sale 764-3359
	Thurs 29 nd	Book Club	"After You" by JoJo Moyes hosted by Elizabeth McMillan	10:00 am	Lynn McNeice 646-8894
Yes	Thurs 29 th	Social	Peerless II cruise on Lake Rosseau + lunch (Cost \$58.50) – two lunch sittings	11:30 am	Gunars Balodis 769-3449
	TBA	Happy Cookers	TBA	6:00 pm	Donna Sale 764-3359

October

Sign Up	Date	Event	Location	Time	Contact
Yes	Wed 5 th	Probus	Rotary Centre for Youth	10:00 am	
	Weekly Fridays	Outdoors	Various locations	10:00 am	Andrea Kier 646-2955
Yes	Thurs 6 th	Social	Peterborough – Canoe Museum Tour + Liftlock River Lunch Cruise (\$63.00)	10:00 am	Linda Acton-Riddle 646-0565
	Thurs 6 th	Investment Club	RBC Investments lower level (near old Zellers store). Park on street.	9:30 am	Bill Caughy 645-2365
	Tues 11 th	Wine Group	Topic TBD hosted by Meredith Coates	3:00 pm	Al McLeod 637-0609
Yes	Wed 12 th	Dining Out	TBA	5:00 pm	Nancy Thompson 645-4639
	Tues 25 th	Issues Group	Rotary Centre, topic to be advised	10:00 am	Peter Sale 764-3359
	Thurs 27 th	Happy Bookers	"The Reason You Walk" by Wab Kinew hosted by Sven Meeuwisse	10:00 am	Susan Shaw 385-3713
	Thurs 27 nd	Book Club	"Taft" by Ann Patchett hosted by Sylvia Miles	10:00 am	Lynn McNeice 646-8894
	TBA	Happy Cookers	TBA	6:00 pm	Donna Sale 764-3359

COMING EVENTS

October Speaker: Dr. Paul Monk - A Day in the Life of My Office, Aging Gracefully

LAST MONTH

84 members attended the meeting

Our Care Bear reports that a sympathy card has been sent to Pat Davidson on the passing of Bill Nodwell.

President's Final Message

Here is my last message to all you wonderful fellow Probians. It has been a busy year and great fun thinking of tidbits to entertain you.

This meeting will be a celebration of our 20 years as a PROBUS Club.

Special guests include PROBUS Canada President, Richard Furlong and Mayor, Graydon Smith

Peter has put together a power point of some member's pictures and will show it with live music played by Frances.

Jack McIrvine will have a short history of the Club after which Frances and Gunars Balodis will sing a duet.

We have a world map for you to continue marking countries to which you have travelled.

There will be cake to cut; 20-year pins to present and a new management team to swear at in.

The Purpose of PROBUS is to stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time in life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.

I believe that:

- Although, PROBUS is not a service club, it gives a great service to many seniors and new people to our community. It gives us an opportunity to meet and make new

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friends and stay in touch with old friends through the wide range of activities that take place on monthly or annual basis.

- PROBUS gives us a support system beyond family. We enrich each others' lives and gain energy from interacting with so many creative people.
- PROBUS gives us a chance to discover and try new interests through a wide variety of speakers, social events and special activities.
- PROBUS gives us the chance to share all our wonderful gifts and to share our fears and troubles with others who have walked that road before.
- PROBUS is a refuge to balance our busy lives. Our members work hard at many varied volunteer jobs throughout the community. At PROBUS we are not pressured to fund raise or buy tickets or do anything we really do not want to do. We can take part, attend functions, or not.

This past year as President I have tried to make you smile and laugh. I think people need to laugh – laugh ourselves; laugh at our troubles; just laugh because it's like jogging on the inside. Smiles and laughter are contagious and give us a sense of well being.

By the same token I think we all need little bits outside our regular lives to hear/think about/ponder and share - hence bits of history, astronomy, quizzes et al.

I have tried to boost membership with pens, logo clothing, brochures so good and some an abysmal failure. But I tried.....

The transition of President from myself to Peter Sale will be like the ridiculous to the sublime – different but wonderful.

Best wishes to the new Management Committee for 2016-2017.

Profiles and Passions - Bev Baxter



Born in Montreal, Bev's life journey really began in Knowlton township in Quebec which she recalls with fond memories. She engaged herself in typical childhood activities of

the day including tobogganing, skating, swimming and a few years later paying for riding lessons with her saved allowance.

Her family returned to Montreal and then moved to Essex County in Ontario when Bev was ten. There she learned the game of baseball and the Montreal Expos became her favourite team. The move to Ontario also brought an unexpected benefit. Bev's success in school shot up dramatically although she can't pinpoint the exact reasons. Perhaps the French taught by anglos was easier to comprehend than the French Canadian dialect spoken in Quebec. Second Bev recalls how her world opened up with new properly prescribed glasses. Her world to this point was one of severe blurred vision where much was missed. Lastly, Bev was able to read teachers note that were important guides. Happily, Bev became an honour student and could apply to any number of universities.

Bev admits to a somewhat prolonged search to find her true calling. Initial interests included architectural designing (dismissed as it was becoming computerized), a career in stable management (horses), dismissed possibly due to parental influence, a career as a veterinarian (substantially less glamorous in the real world and perhaps a bit icky), and then finally to the career as a teacher/librarian. This career fit very nicely with Bev's love of the written word.

Bev's desire to teach different cultures both within Canada and abroad led to a career of teaching in a Metis Community in Northern Saskatchewan then abroad to Papau, New Guinea, Australia and Tasmania, back to the Yukon, then British Columbia and Calgary. The travels led Bev to appreciate much the world has to offer, including beautiful land and seascapes, wildlife, and a pristine environment.

Now back in Ontario Bev confesses to a certain wanderlust and nomadic lifestyle although now in retirement she is enjoying the beautiful Muskoka landscape. A tree lined Muskoka river rather than the urban sprawl of the GTA is her preference and she now enjoys reading, playing bridge and her new sport of kayaking. Riding lessons may be in her future as well. We hope the Probus club continues to offer Bev a full and rewarding association.

We gently remind all members that the annual dues are up for renewal as of September 1, 2016. Also, please be advised that the dues have been raised to \$45.00 effective September 1 (motion approved at the August Probus meeting).

Speaker: Peter Jennings - "Shark Assault"



Peter Jennings, Canadian author and media guru introduced us to his book "Shark Assault" and the terrifying but inspirational story of Nicole Moore who was savagely assaulted by a bull shark while on vacation in Cancun.

Peter's story has enjoyed considerable

success and is in its second printing. Reader's Digest is printing a 4000 word excerpt to be printed in 14 languages around the world. amazon.com has picked the book for a Boxing Week promotion and Lloyd Robertson, Canada's best known TV anchor has described the book as "Riveting and inspirational... a compelling real life story about the magnificent power of optimism.

Peter played a video clip of Nicole Moore being interviewed by Steve Paiken, the host of the Agenda. The video "introduced" Nicole to the audience and demonstrated her courageous attitude and down to earth practicality in dealing with her injuries and recovery.

The story describes the events surrounding the shark assault on Nicole. She was vacationing at a hotel on Cancun's well known hotel strip and had enjoyed a morning of beach volleyball. Covered with sand and grit she waded into the Caribbean to rinse off the sand. and was waist deep when she noticed two employees from the neighboring hotel shouting and waving at her from their seadoos. Finally she saw the object of their concern, a bull shark, which is one of the most aggressive and dangerous sharks that humans come into contact with.

She tried to rush to shore but was unable to outpace the shark. A brutal assault ensued where the shark ripped off a major part of her upper thigh before tearing into her left arm. The water red from Nicole's blood and she was close to losing consciousness and drowning when one of the Mexican hotel workers on a seadoo finally grabbed her arm and pulled Nicole to the beach.

It was some 45 minutes until an ambulance arrived and during this time Nicole kept bleeding out. Through the ordeal she lost 60% of her blood which is a level that usually proves fatal. Her determination to stay awake was one of the factors that contributed to her survival. After a number of days in the Mexican hospital she was transferred back to Toronto where her medical treatment was significantly improved and the true severity of her injuries was determined.

Peter's research of the local Cancun environment and with leading shark experts put together the backdrop for Nicole's horrific experience. After a hurricane that destroyed much of the hotel strip's beaches a European company was hired to reconstruct the beaches. They unwittingly destroyed a major bull shark breeding ground during the process thus contributing to an increased level of confusion and anxiety among the bull shark population. The day of the attack saw two bull sharks in the area and the employees of the neighboring hotel tried to "shoo" them away with their seadoos. Other hotels were not alerted to the potential danger and thus Nicole had no idea that a perturbed and aggressive bull shark was in close proximity when she entered the water. Her rinsing and splashing activity most certainly alerted the shark.

Peter chronicles Nicole's amazing determination to walk "normally" again and to adapt to life with an amputated left arm. Peter also addresses the issue of the global slaughter of the sharks due to overfishing (for shark fins) as well as incidental catch by fishing trawlers.

We thank Peter for his description of the book, his reading and for introducing us to courageous and inspirational individual in Nicole Moore. We wish her well in her continuing recovery.

A Community Forum for Seniors, on the topic of "Age Friendly Muskoka", is being convened by the District of Muskoka. A Working Group is soliciting input from us, to help them shape Muskoka's Master Aging Plan. It will take place on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 9: a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch included) at the Bracebridge Roary Centre for Youth.

RSVP at 705-645-2412 ext 199 or by emailing <SeniorsPrograms@muskoka.on.ca>

This Plan could impact directly on your future quality of life!

In September 1996, Murray Grigg and Arthur Richardson, both Rotarians, chaired the first meeting that was attended by 75 men from Bracebridge, Huntsville Port Carling and Gravenhurst. Bruce Danard made the motion to name the club The Probus Club of Bracebridge. The Club could have been for men only but thank goodness they decided to make it `mixed`.

PROBUS Club of Bracebridge

20 Year Members

Max Beaumont

Brian Brocklehurst

Meredith Coates

Bruce Danard

Judy Puersten

Heinz Puersten

John Purdon

Tom Smith

Brian Tickle

Bud Walsh

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS

Our Past Presidents

Arthur Richardson 1996
Donald Marshall 1997
Heinz Puerston 1998
Phil Monk 1999
Judith Brocklehurst 2000
Bruce Danard 2001
Stuart Douglas 2002
Ruth Ann McPhail 2003
Ron Brown 2004
Ed Chuter 2005
Hans Heeneman 2006
JoAnne Snelgrove 2007
Marianne Meeuwisse 2008, 2009
Dave Durant 2010
Brian Brocklehurst 2011
Jim Ratchford 2012
Jane Craig 2013
Ken Geller 2014
Nancy Thompson 2015

A sincere thank you for the continued support
of our Past Presidents.

They form the backbone of our club.

It is with great sadness that we announce that William John "Bill" Nodwell died at the South Muskoka Hospital in Bracebridge on Thursday, September 1, 2016 in his 86th year.

Bill was a charter member of the PROBUS Club of Bracebridge. He has faithfully attended meetings for 20 years. He has been active in Cooking Group 1 since it started and was also an active member of the Social Committee.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Bracebridge Rotary Centre on Sunday, September 11th, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.