



PROBUS Club of North Bay & District

PROBUS Club #229

Taken by Karen Mann, secretary
Probus meeting February 6, 2019

Welcome from president Howard Kizell

Introduction and welcome to visitors: Barb & Dan Laplante and Heather Gardener

Activity Reports

Fun With Food

Presented by Sue: All the dates have been set for the coming year. Each month has 3 hosted meals. A list for spares is available.

Social

Presented by Helena: Canadore will reserve the entire dining room for Probus on March 29 at 6 pm. The cost is \$37.50 plus tax & gratuities. The maximum number of people for this is 60 people. There are already 46 places reserved. A sign up sheet will be available during coffee break. There are often places created when people are unable to attend so the list will include spares as well.

Walking

Presented by Mark: This is an active and congenial group. They meet at Memorial Gardens at 10 on Tuesday and Friday. The place for the walk is decided. If weather is bad the group can walk inside Memorial Gardens. The walk is about an hour and is followed by about an hour of coffee and conversation.

Technology group

Presented by John: Originally this group included a short presentation and then help with technology problems. Eventually it became just help with problems. Stuart was busy with iPad questions. The group will be relaunched today to again start with a presentation and will be held in this room following this meeting.

Some of the equipment of Probus has been loaned out to the Eddy band for their recent concert.

Outdoor group

Presented by Barb: next outing will be snowshoeing at the Sandula home. Bring a lunch. Directions to the property are given to those who RSVP.

Sandra Farquhar has volunteered to lead a snowshoeing outing near her home in North Bay. Sign up sheet is available.

Book club: no report

Vocal group



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A new Probus group was presented. It will be convened by John and Belle. It is available to anyone who wants to sing even if you think you can't sing. It will be held Wednesday afternoon at 1:30. They are looking for a venue and a pianist. There will be a sign up sheet today.

Movie club

Anne presented that this club is being disbanded for now due to lack of participation.

Newsletter

John presented that this was also previously abandoned however it will again be tried. Joan has agreed to edit submissions and John will arrange for distribution.

Most other clubs have a newsletter which is distributed to their own members and to the other clubs. The executive of this club has designated that one member of the executive will review all of these each month on a rotational basis. Dick did the review for January and has suggested that our club once again try to create a newsletter.

Program

Dick announced the next few speakers. The newly formed program committee has been presenting interesting programming:

March-a police representative will speak about the opiate crisis

April-Dr. Preston will speak about medically assisted death

May- to be determined

New Probus club

Presented by Mickey

The steering committee includes Mickey, John, Joan, Barb, & Howard

An email has been sent to all those on the waiting list for this club informing them that a new club is being formed. The meeting will be Tuesday at the Oddfellows Lodge on Algonquin Ave. it will be the second week in April. In the mean time there will be an advertising campaign with posters to be circulated. They will need volunteers to fill the executive positions: president, secretary & treasurer.

This new club will operate independently. Its launching will be assisted by the steering committee. Some activities might be shared with both clubs and some people may choose to belong to both clubs. Those transitioning to the new club may choose to attend meetings of this club as guests.

A larger venue if available could hold a larger membership. None is likely available. The lower level of the Davidi club was previously explored but is not handicapped accessible. Some clubs are much larger than 130. Many communities have more than 1 club.



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Announcements

Amelia from IODE has invited participation in a bus trip to Toronto on May 31-June 1 to see a play and stop at Vaughn Mills on the way home. Further information available.

Gary Bean suffered a heart attack while vacationing in Florida. He had bypass surgery and is recuperating in North Bay.

Birthdays etc:

Therese St-Jules tells us that old age is no problem but it's side effects are.

George Hancharyk has his birthday on the day after Valentine's Day, February 15.

February 18 is the 18th anniversary of Howard & Belle Kizell

February 21 is the wedding of Talia Brown, the daughter of Marty & Helena

Speaker

Dick introduced Don Clysdale. Don is a viola player presently with the North Bay Symphony. He grew up in North Bay & studied computer science at Waterloo. He worked as a computer expert and played viola in symphony orchestras all over Canada & Europe.

Don brought & introduced Calvin Chang to assist in the presentation. Calvin is the concert master & plays violin in the North Bay symphony.

The viola is a larger violin. Violin actually means little viola. It is a soprano instrument. A demonstration was given by Calvin.

Don spoke about the orchestra generally and the more than 40 year history of the local orchestra. He spoke also about the music, the instruments and the challenges for the musicians. A demonstration followed of the 2 instruments together. Time was given to question & answer.

Thank you & pen presentation by David Bain.



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Conclusion by Howard.