



Blue Sky PROBUS Club

PROBUS Club # 268

Notes Blue Sky PROBUS Club Meeting April 13, 2021

- This meeting was held using the ZOOM meeting application.
- The start time for signing into the meeting was 9:45am. This start time was selected to allow new users of ZOOM some time to get on-line before the meeting start of 10:00am.
- There were a total of 27 participants.
- There was general chit chat as people signed on. This prequel to the meeting has become a virtual socializing time.
- The official meeting started at 10:00am. With H. Kizell President of the club presiding. H. Kizell indicated that all name badges are in and can be picked up at the Odd Fellows store when the Stay at Home is over. This is the former Salvation Army thrift store.
- The AGM we thought might be held in person in May is postponed. Since it would be difficult to hold the meeting via ZOOM, H. Kizell stated that all current members of the management group will stay in their positions until a meeting can be held.
- Reminder that dues are due. An email was sent with the Interac email address and B. Newman's address. The Interac email is: blueskyprobus@gmail.com
- R. Rivers has a birthday in April.
- G. Godin gave an update on the Mother House for our meetings. Pictures were distributed with the email invite for this meeting. A bonus is that there is a cafeteria. Since the sisters are mostly elderly G. Godin stated that we will be cautious as to when we begin the use the facility.
- H. Kizell suggested that we have a get together with a catered meal when we are able to meet in person.
- B. Newman gave an update on membership. There are 88 paid members. 6 members in the wings. Interac works well.

Message from Bob:

Good evening Blue Sky PROBUS members:

Our membership year runs from May 1st to April 30th of the following year. The dues are the same as last year at \$35.00

If paying by cheque, mail to: Blue Sky Probus

c/o Bob Newman
9 Whispering Pines Lane
Corbeil, Ont., POH 1K0

You may also e-transfer to blueskyprobus@gmail.com

If you wish to reach me, call 705-476-0111 (house), or text me at 705-840-8515 or e-mail ran4ty@gmail.com

I wish to thank the 54 persons who have paid to date
Best regards, and stay safe Bob N.

- R. Dubeau indicated that the membership list recently distributed needs some corrections. Also, if anyone sees a need for a corrections please contact R. Dubeau. **It was stressed that the list is for members only and not to be shared with any outside of the Blue Sky PROBUS.**
- P. Bonell initiated a discussion on future wine and cheese get togethers. G. Godin suggested that we call it a Beverage and Cheese to accommodate non-drinkers.
- **UPDATE:** On April 13th at 4p.m., we had our first wine and cheese tasting. Thirteen people participated in the wine, cheese and food pairing. The camaraderie and conversation was enjoyed for well over an hour, especially in the face of the COVID epidemic.
- **Reminder:** G. Godin has donated \$25 TWIGG gift card as a prize for a COVID-19 Vaccine Contest. Have to be present at May 11th ZOOM meeting. Before the meeting you must guess how many people in our group have had the first shot of the vaccine. Send your guess to G. Godin. Only those on the ZOOM meeting are eligible.
- **Reminder:** B.Kizell our choir leader can be reached at bellekizell@gmail.com (705-474-0658) for those interested in joining the virtual choir. They meet on Wednesday afternoons on ZOOM. The choir is working on two songs. Now concentrating on style rather than notes. Should be ready in a few weeks to present. New members still welcome.
- **From H. Vail:**
An Invitation to All Blue Sky Members
Join the Blue Sky PROBUS Book Club's May meeting when we will be discussing "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. This book has also been made into a film that can be viewed on Amazon Prime. So we welcome everyone who has either read the book or watched the film. The presenter, Belle Kizell, will lead the discussion.

Save the Date:

Monday, May 17 at 7 pm

A Zoom invite will be sent out to all members closer to the date.

Hope you can join us!

If you wish to join in, contact Heli Vail. vailgh123@gmail.com

- Knitters have postponed their meetings until COVID is over.
- The walking group will be inactive until the end of COVID lockdown.
- Our guest speaker was Bill Steer, “Back Roads Bill”.
- Bill Steer is the founder of the Canadian Ecology Centre and remains as the General Manager/Head Master of one of Canada’s leading environmental education centres. At Nipissing University he teaches geography and outdoor experiential education courses along with the environmental science AQ courses for the Faculty of Education. At Canadore College he teaches geomatics to environmental technicians and to post graduate students.
- His topic was “Northern Ontario in our Back Yards: A Vast and Magnificent Land” The presentation was informative and entertaining. The location slides were inspiring. All enjoyed the side by side slides of points of interest outside Canada and matching sites located in our area.
- The talk was wide ranging. The location slides were inspiring. All enjoyed the side by side slides of points of interest outside Canada and matching sites located in our area. He gave an overview of the Ecology Centre. He described the Forestry Yoga program. You can follow Bill on Facebook. He posts every day. He talked about animal encounters and how to react. He talked about following in the footsteps of the Group of Seven to their painting locations.
- The next meeting is on May 11, 2021. It will be a ZOOM meeting. The speaker is tba.