



# Blue Sky PROBUS Club

PROBUS Club # 268

## Notes Blue Sky PROBUS Club Meeting May 11, 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 reminded members that it is time to pay dues.
- B. Newman will be celebrating his 81<sup>st</sup> birthday in May.
- H. Kizell asked for two members to examine the treasurer's books. M. Jackson and T. Blair volunteered.
- R. Rivers reminded the members that the Care Bear should be notified of significant events involving the members.
- Hopefully the members will be able to meet in person in September. At that time the idea is to celebrate with a catered meal.
- B. Newman gave an update on membership. There are 61 paid members out of 89 members. 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

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- **Reminder:** If anyone sees a need for a corrections to the recently distributed membership list 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.**
- **UPDATE:** On May 14<sup>th</sup> at 4p.m., we had our second wine and cheese tasting. 10 members 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:** B.Kizell our choir leader can be reached at [bellekizell@gmail.com](mailto:bellekizell@gmail.com) (705-474-0658) for those interested in joining the virtual choir. B. Kizell revealed that the choir members sing with the mics off which would appeal to anyone who can't sing (my words). Actually, the rehearsal and other items use the mics. Also, there is a process using some interesting technology that brings everything together. They meet on Wednesday afternoons on ZOOM. The choir is working on two songs. Now concentrating on style rather than notes. B. Kizell gives lots of feedback during the interactions involved with getting to the final product.
- **From H. Vail:**  
Book Club is up to 17 members.  
H. Vail floated the idea of continuing with ZOOM to accommodate those members travelling this winter.  
This coming June will address the selections for the coming season.  
If you wish to join in, contact Heli Vail. [vailgh123@gmail.com](mailto:vailgh123@gmail.com)
- Knitters have postponed their meetings until COVID is over.
- The walking group will be inactive until the end of COVID lockdown. O. Ridler has informed the members of a new schedule for Laurier Woods.
- Our guest speakers were from the **Nipissing Serenity Hospice/Maison Sérénité du Nipissing.**
- Executive Director, Gil Pharand and Bernadette Lindsay, Fund Development Coordinator gave an informative presentation.
- Topics covered were: History and initial development goals beginning in 2011, breaking ground in 2018 and an appealing physical setting, 125 clients since 2020, 10 bed residential hospice, supports the whole family, access to grief and bereavement counselling, safe spaces such as guest room, children play area, sacred space for prayer, no cost but do rely on donations and gifts. Bernadette showed slides of the various facilities and described each. She talked about fundraising options and the availability of a toolkit. Also, talked about 50/50 initiative with a minimum \$5,000 prize. There was many questions and much discussion.
- 26 meeting attendees had received at least one shot of the COVID-19 vaccine. 9 players participated with P. Bonell the winner of the gift certificate donated by G. Godin.
- The next meeting is on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. It will be a ZOOM meeting. The June speaker will be Sue Buckle, Manager Communications and Outreach, North Bay -Mattawa Conservation Authority The July speaker will be Scot Tod , Chief of Police, North Bay Police Service.