

# The PROBUS Club of Bradford



**September 2014**

**Issue 43**



## Management Committee:

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## Upcoming Events:

- ❖ Sept. 09 – Monthly General Meeting  
Guest Speaker Keith Pitts- Cross  
Border Shopping
- ❖ Sept. 10 – Tai Chi Introductory  
Session
- ❖ Sept 13 – Car Rally and BBQ \$25.00  
members, \$28.00 non-members
- ❖ Sept. 30 – Island Queen boat tour  
out of Parry Sound, 3 hour tour,  
\$30.00
- ❖ Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> - Holland Marsh Wineries  
Tour
- ❖ Oct. 21<sup>th</sup> - BWG Fire and Emergency  
Services Tour
- ❖ Nov. 8<sup>th</sup> - South Simcoe Theater  
Dirty Rotten Scoundrels –\$15.00
- ❖ Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - South Simcoe Theater  
The Fox on the Fairway
- ❖ Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> - South Simcoe Theater  
Hats, The Musical

## *August General Meeting Highlights:*

Brenda Andrew's, President, welcomed everyone. Barbara Russell, Rose Bradshaw, Patricia Durkin and Connie Mackenzie-Morgan were thanked for providing today's snacks. Brenda presented Mark Summers with his PROBUS Pin.

It was announced that after this year Peggy Michaud will be stepping down as Social Chair and Brenda asked members to consider volunteering for that and other Executive positions. Four possible European trips were mentioned and members were asked to look at the information sheets at the break and consider which one they would be most interested in.

Members were reminded that Membership renewals are due by September 9<sup>th</sup>. Gwen Green announced that on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30 p.m. the Bradford United Church would be holding a Euchre Party and everyone is invited to attend.

Linda Usher reminded everyone about "Music in the Park" in Bondhead on September 7<sup>th</sup>. All money from the event will go to Matthew's House Hospice.

Deb Liukaitis informed everyone that the first cycle for the Bid Euchre Club was ending and she invited others to join. E-mail will be sent out.

Mark Cannata announced that we will be starting the third round of the Dinner Club and he encouraged others to join.

Brian Fuller discussed the upcoming Tai Chi introductory session in Newmarket and reminded members that payment was due today.

Pete Liukaitis is planning on running two computer sessions at the Bradford Library:

'Lets Talk I Pads' in October and 'Word Processing and Spreadsheets' in November. The cost will be \$10.00 per session and begin at 10:00 a.m.

Information will be on the club website.

Peggy Michaud discussed upcoming club events as outlined on the first page of this newsletter. Peggy and Brenda are looking at different venues to hold next year's Fifth Anniversary Celebration. Peggy discussed a possible excursion to Bray's Fuels.

The Christmas Lunch will once again be at St. John's Church and the entertainment will be a magician, 'A Touch of Magic'.

**50/50 Draw:** Ruth Coutts won \$51.50.

## Guest Speaker: Kevin Gallant- Fire Safety in the Home

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Brian Fuller introduced Kevin Gallant and gave a brief bio.

Kevin joined the Bradford Fire Services in 2009 and became Fire Chief in 2010.

The BWG fire emergency series covers an area of 201.03 square km.

They have a fire station and an aid agreement with the town of Innisfil and King Township.

The 'front line' fleet has two rescue pumpers, one pumper tanker, one tanker, one aerial truck, one heavy rescue truck and two pickup trucks.

The staff consists of: a Fire Chief, a Deputy Fire Chief, two Administrative Assistants, two Fire Prevention Inspectors, thirteen full time Firefighters and thirty one volunteer Firefighters.

Some of the services they offer are: fire suppression, auto extrication and rescue, rope rescue, confined space rescue, school programs, fire inspection, building code inspections, fire code enforcement, follow-up complaints, and more.

Kevin displayed a chart showing that older adults face a higher risk of dying in home fires than younger people do.

Kevin discussed smoking safety tips, proper use of space heaters, safety in the kitchen, smoke alarms and the 'stop, drop and roll' technique.

He stressed that smoke alarms must be installed on every level of your home and mentioned that soon the recommendations will include having smoke detectors inside bedrooms.

Smoke alarms with back-up protection are recommended.

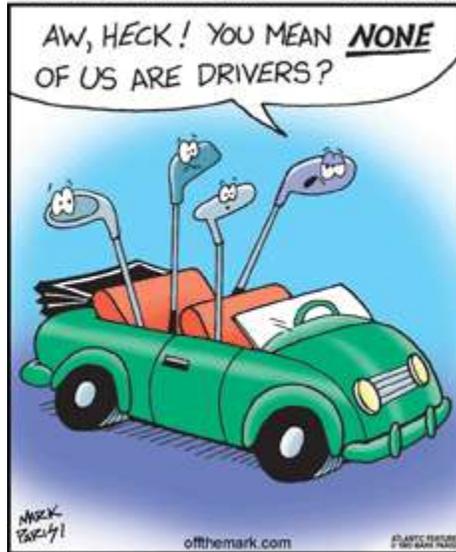
The average life expectancy of a smoke alarm is ten years and maintenance and testing should be done regularly. He suggests doing this when the clocks change for daylight savings time.

Kevin encouraged everyone to plan and practice a fire escape route in their home.

Brian Fuller thanked Kevin and presented him with a gift.



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## An Invitation

As mentioned at August's General Meeting we are looking for members who would like to join the PROBUS Bid Euchre Club. We have a few general guidelines, however we encourage each group to decide what works best for them when scheduling and hosting the games.

Here are the general guidelines:

- Groups of 8 to 12 people (3 to 4 tables). Couples and singles (who partner together for games can decide who would like to host their one game).
- Groups are randomly formed and will be rotated each year.
- Games will be hosted at your homes. Each couple or partner will host one game; i.e. a total of 4 games for 8 people or 6 games for 12 people over the year (Sept/Oct 2014 to Aug/Sept 2015).
- Within your groups you may decide if you would like to hold the games in the afternoon or evening and how you would like to organize the snacks.
- Cost is \$5.00 per person for prizes. Each group or host can decide how they would like to award the prize money.
- At the end of the year (September) we will randomly form new groups.
- We do have a few people who can spare for you if you are away.

If you are interested I would be happy to discuss the details or answer any question.



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# Thank you, Brenda!

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**You were with us every step of the way!!**

**Don't forget to renew your membership with  
your form and payment of dues at the  
September General Meeting.**



**Next newsletter September 23, 2014  
Jayne Greer, Editor**