

The PROBUS Club of Bradford



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Upcoming Events:

- ❖ **April 25 – Computer Learning Sessions with Peter Liukaitis at the Bradford Public Library. AM for Mac Users, PM for PC users**
- ❖ **May 6 – Nordix Pole Walking Demo, Barrie Waterfront**
- ❖ **May 8th to 12th - Washington Trip**
- ❖ **May 13- General Meeting, Guest Speaker, Jolae Fuller on the topic of ‘Managing Our Emotions’**
- ❖ **May 14- Tribute to Ed Sullivan at Georgian Theater \$40.**
- ❖ **June 17th - International Tai Chi Centre Tour, \$7. Tour and Lunch**
- ❖ **July 02 - The McMichael Art Gallery Tour, 10 am**
- ❖ **July TBA- Keewatin Boat Tour, Port McNicoll**

April General Meeting Highlights:

Brenda Andrews, President, called the monthly general meeting of the PROBUS Club of Bradford to order at 10:10 a.m.

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

The members were informed that the summer meeting dates have been changed to July 15th and August 19th.

Cheryl Blair and Judy Zima were thanked for looking after the 50/50 draw. Carol Burch, Bev Christian, Rick Christian, Dave & Barb Martin were thanked for bringing the snacks.

Brenda explained that sign-in sheets are required at all PROBUS events to cover us for insurance purposes.

Returned sign-in sheets are to be given to Deb Liukaitis.

A Thank-you card was received from 'Matthew's House' with regard to having Eleanor Watt and Linda Usher speak about the facility at our February meeting.

Mark Cannata announced that there is a waiting list for the Dinner Club so other groups can be formed for September 2014. If you are interested in joining this group or would like to take a break from the Club they should let Mark know.

Peggy Michaud outlined the details of the upcoming social events and Peter Liukaitis reminded the members who are travelling to Washington to answer the requests of his e-mail regarding parking, passports and music.

Bev Ferguson won \$48.00 in the 50/50 draw

Guest Speaker: Peter and Sandi Dickey

Brian Fuller, Speaker's Chair, informed the group that 'Dickey Bee Honey' was a fourth generation family business that has won many awards at agricultural fairs.

Brian welcomed Peter and Sandi Dickey and their employee, Nicky.



Sandi talked about many of the company's products including liquid and creamed honey, buckwheat honey, comb honey, wildflower honey, and honey butter, an assortment of 'preservative-free' condiments, chocolates, nuts, body cream, body lotion, body wash, lip balms, hand sanitizers, healing sticks and bee pollen.

Sandi stressed that bee pollen is the only food that we can survive on.

Nicky talked about the 'Dickey Bee' teaching facility, which she described as a beautiful educational facility that enables them to show people what bees do and which serves to teach a lot of school groups where their food comes from and how valuable bees are to the food chain.

Peter Dickey talked about the hive and showed an example of a Nuc Box, Outer Cover, Inner Cover, Brood Chamber, a Queen Excluder, a Smoker and a few other tools which they use.

Peter explained how the last few years have been difficult for beekeepers due to the decline in bees, resulting from the use of insecticides.

He stressed that millions of dollars are generated from pollination and without pollination a third of our fruit crop would be lost.

To help new bee keepers the 'Huron Bee Keepers' initiated an "adopt a bee program". A contributor can name a bee and receive a certificate.

He also let us know that it costs about \$500.00 to start a bee hive.

Peter explained many interesting facts about bees and answered questions.

Jayne Greer thanked Peter, Sandi and Nicky, congratulated them on their success and presented Peter with a bottle of wine as a token of our appreciation.

Tour of the 'Dickey Bee' Honey House





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I've learned...That the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

I've learned.... That when you're in love, it shows.

I've learned.... That just one person saying to me, 'You've made my day!' makes my day.

I've learned.... That having a child fall asleep in your arms is one of the most peaceful feelings in the world.

I've learned.... That being kind is more important than being right.

I've learned.... That you should never say no to a gift from a child.

I've learned.... That I can always pray for someone when I don't have the strength to help him in some other way.

I've learned.... That no matter how serious your life requires you to be, everyone needs a friend to act goofy with.

I've learned.... That sometimes all a person needs is a hand to hold and a heart to understand.

I've learned.... That simple walks with my father around the block on summer nights when I was a child, did wonders for me as an adult.

I've learned.... That life is like a roll of toilet paper. The closer it gets to the end, the faster it goes.

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I've learned.... That we should be glad God doesn't give us everything we ask for.

I've learned.... That money doesn't buy class.

I've learned.... That it's those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

I've learned.... That under everyone's hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I've learned.... That to ignore the facts does not change the facts.

I've learned.... That when you plan to get even with someone, you are only letting that person continue to hurt you.

I've learned.... That love, not time, heals all wounds.

I've learned.... That the easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

I've learned.... That everyone you meet deserves to be greeted with a smile..

I've learned.... That no one is perfect until you fall in love with them.

I've learned... That life is tough, but I'm tougher.

I've learned.... That opportunities are never lost; someone will take the ones you miss.

I've learned.... That when you harbor bitterness, happiness will dock elsewhere.

I've learned.... That I wish I could have told my Mom that I love her one more time before she passed away.

I've learned.... That one should keep his words both soft and tender, because tomorrow he may have to eat them.

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I've learned..... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I've learned..... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, that you're hooked for life.

I've learned.... That everyone wants to live on top of the mountain, but all the happiness and growth occurs while you're climbing it.

I've learned.... That the less time I have to work with, the more things I get done.



Wine Tasting & Food Pairing Event







March Walk



Next Newsletter....May 17th
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