

The PROBUS Club of Bradford

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Upcoming Events:

March 3 & 24th - Bowling with the BWG Club

March 4 - Bid Euchre Tournament at Doug Osborne's

March 14 – General Meeting- Guest Speaker, Cathryn Rees: Discovering Northern Canada, Yourself & Love in a Canoe

March 16 – RODEO luncheon date at the Roman Bistro in Newmarket at 12 noon

April 2 – Dinner & Play in Orangeville – 'The Gentleman Clothier'

February General Meeting

Dave Martin, President, welcomed the members to the meeting. There were no guests.

Birthday wishes were extended to the members celebrating birthdays in February. Pete Liukaitis discussed some interesting February trivia and notable events.

Club Events:

The Bradford PROBUS clubs and contacts were displayed on the screen.

Upcoming events were discussed:

Bowling with the BWG PROBUS Club on March 3rd and 24th.

Badminton with the BWG PROBUS Club every Monday from 1:30 pm. - 3:30 pm.

Seniors Defensive Driving Course on February 21st and 23rd.

Bid Euchre Tournament, March 4th at Doug Osborn's.

Brenda Andrew's explained a new event, RODEO, which stands for "Retired Old Dames Eating Out" and it consists of monthly lunches at different restaurants.

The first RODEO event is on March 16th at the Roman Bistro in Newmarket at 12:00 pm.

The Gentleman Clothier play and dinner in Orangeville, April 2nd.

Guess Who's Coming for Dinner, April 29th

Carol McMillan explained that 'Guess Who's coming for Dinner' is a social event, not an eating event and gave an overview of how the activity is run.

Brenda Andrews discussed the 'Windsor and Point Pelee Spring Trip' in May and gave an overview of the tours and activities included.

John Blaise reviewed the itinerary for the 'Huron/Superior Fall Trip'.

Dave thanked John Blaise and Brenda Andrews for their prep work.

Carol McMillan and Brenda Andrews were thanked for Games Night.

Jo and Wilf Kenemy were thanked for the wonderful time at their Collingwood condo.

There was a Peek at Upcoming 2017 Events on the screen.

All events are outlined on the club website.

There will be a sign-up sheet at the March meeting for Canada's 150th Celebration.

Pete announced that February 28th is the last day to send in "My Canada" pictures.

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Pete Liukaitis explained that he has priced a new 104-inch screen and projector and asked the membership for approval to purchase it, at approximately \$1,100.00 plus tax.

Pete used a tape measure to show how wide the new screen would be, allowing members at the back of the room to have a better visual.

There was no opposition and it was unanimously agreed that Pete should purchase the new screen and projector for our club.

50/50 Draw and 'What Is It?'

The 'What Is It?' item was an individual coffee maker from Costa Rica, belonging to Lorna and Carm Foti.

Brenda Andrew's won \$52.50 on the 50/50 draw.



Guest Speakers

Constable Bussie Wood &

Constable Amanda Biter

'Keeping Our Seniors Safe'

Mark introduced and welcomed the two Safety Officers, Constable Bussie Wood and Constable Amanda Biter from York Regional Police. These officers provide service training, host events and give presentations.

They invited all who are interested to attend presentations that will be taking place in April at the East Gwillimbury Arena.

Today three out of ten Canadians are seniors and the numbers are growing. It is expected that by 2031 there will be a 150% increase in seniors in York Region.

Frauds and scams against seniors are on the rise.

The target-age for frauds and scams seems to be between 60 and 69 years old as pranksters feel that baby boomers come with cash to spare.

Constable Bussie warned us that our personal information is out there and that 'ugly people' can easily access it. The officer cautioned the group not to reveal too much information on the computer.

The most popular scams are: lottery scams, telemarketing scams, emergency scams, investment schemes, romance scams and distraction thefts.

Examples of popular scams that target seniors were given.

One of the biggest scams around tax time is the one stating in a telephone message that it is a call from Canada Revenue, insisting on you sending in money right away.

When a scammer calls and you are unsure, ask them questions, such as 'who are you?' and 'where are you calling from?'

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When you receive something that you are unsure of Constable Bussie advised to always check with your own sources, share your concerns, ask others and remember that it is never an emergency.

The speakers also cautioned the group not to let people into their homes unless they have made arrangements to have them there.

Mark thanked the Constables for coming and speaking with us and presented them with a gift.



Collingwood Day Trip



SOME INTERESTING INFORMATION

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times!

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.

The song Auld Lang Syne is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating reduces the acid in your mouth by 61 percent. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450F.



The next edition of the PROBUS Club of Bradford newsletter will come your way on
March 28, 2017- Jayne Greer, Editor

