

# THE NEWSLETTER



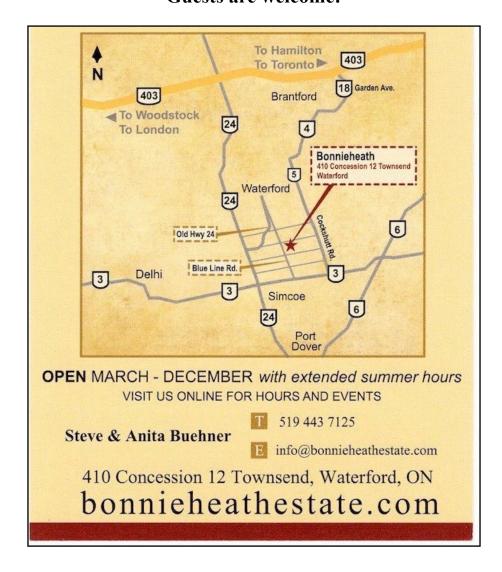
The PROBUS Club of Simcoe & District
Meets second Tuesday of each month at St. James United Church hall

# MEETING NOTICE Tuesday, July 10, 2018

Visit to Bonnieheath Estate lavender farm and winery.

9:30 a.m. Meet at St. James Church to convoy to Bonnieheath or meet us there.

10 a.m. tour.
Guests are welcome!



#### Review of June 12, 2018, meeting

**Dick Pearson** filled in for vacationing **President Murray Uren**. Dick called the meeting to order at 10 a.m. **Brian Cook** led us in our national anthem.

#### **PROBUS business**

**House:** Rick Middaugh reported all is well.

**Treasurer:** Dave Montross reported our club will be solvent until the autumn. Annual

fees for 2018-19 must increase.

Wellness: Gerald Sheppard had no reports of illness.

**Program:** Dan Pearson has arranged speakers until February.

### **Guests: barbershop quartet Singsation**



(From left) Tenor Laurie Schaeffer, lead Pat Davies, baritone Heidi Bowman and bass Debbie Dumais.

**Singsation** began performing in 2004. They have performed at churches, nursing homes, restaurants and at countless private and community events. They sang more than a dozen numbers for us, including *Side by Side*, *The Lion Sleeps Tonight*, *Rock Around the Clock* and *Under the Boardwalk*.

Dan Pearson introduced Singsation and Frank Brock thanked them.

## Who Are We: Brian Cook on NGH disaster plans

**Brian Cook** presented the first of what we hope will become a regular feature of our PROBUS meetings — a Who Are We talk in which members speak for a short time about an area of personal interest or expertise.

About 45 years ago, Brian served on the committee that created the first disaster plan for Norfolk General Hospital in Simcoe. Brian was head of the hospital's lab department for many years. Hospitals must have disaster plans to be accredited.

Staffing is the first priority so NGH regularly tests calling in staff through a system called a phone tree. To avoid jamming the hospital's switchboard with calls, one person calls a staff member outside the hospital. This person has a list of key people to call, who, in turn, call other people.

The hospital has a generator to maintain power for essential lighting, operating rooms, equipment and elevators. Emergency supplies are stored at hand. A triage system prioritizes and sorts patients. ID tags keep track of diagnosis, tests and where patients have been sent.

Security is important. All visitors are asked to leave the hospital. No media is allowed in. An area is established where relatives can wait for information.

Every department has a plan. A temporary morgue is set up.

Disaster plans are tested every five years. The first mock disaster featured high school students playing victims of a bus accident.

Usually in disasters, patients are transported to the closest hospital until that hospital is saturated. After that, they are sent to the next closest hospital.

David Judd introduced Brian and Dick Pearson thanked him.