

THE NEWSLETTER

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

NATIONAL PROBUS MONTH

Review of Dec. 15, 2020, Zoom meeting

President **Murray Uren** and 10 PROBUS members enjoyed a social get-together by Zoom. Thanks to Bernd Mueller for hosting the meeting.

A look back at Amazing Places in Norfolk from our February 2015 meeting.

Andrea Kilian wants you to visit the Amazing Places of Norfolk. Her job is to promote sustainable tourism. That's tourism that boosts the economy while preserving the landscape.

Andrea grew up in Beamsville. She earned a BA degree in English from Queen's University in 2001 and a diploma in public relations from Niagara College in 2008. In January 2013, the Long Point World



Andrea Kilian.

Biosphere Reserve Foundation hired her as its Sustainable Tourism Project Manager. She and her husband Brett live in Port Dover.

The Long Point biosphere reserve is among 16 unique ecosystems in Canada and 600 in the world recognized by the United Nations. Long Point has been recognized since 1986 for its variety of habitats — beaches, dunes, woodlands and Carolinian Forest.

The biosphere reserve, Norfolk County and Ontario Ministry of Tourism teamed up last spring to promote the Top 10 Amazing Places to visit in Norfolk. The public nominated 56 locations for their physical, natural or historic significance.

The 10 winning places announced last summer can handle visitors and are easy to access. They are promoted on the internet and through brochures.

Norfolk's Top 10 Amazing Places in no particular order:

- 1. Backus Heritage Conservation Area, Port Rowan.
- 2. Black Bridge, Waterford.
- 3. Bonnieheath Estate Lavender Farm and Winery, Waterford.
- 4. Sand Hill Park, Houghton.
- 5. Deer Creek Conservation Area, Langton.
- 6. Long Point Provincial Park Beach.
- 7. The Lynn Valley Trail.

- 8. Long Point Eco-Adventures, St. Williams.
- 9. Long Point Bird Observatory, Port Rowan.
- 10. Whistling Gardens, Wilsonville.

The Amazing Places project is good for tourism and the environment. People who know and love places will take better care of them.

The website visitamazing places.ca has been visited more than 150,000 times since last July 1. Some area businesses have noticed an increase in visitors.

Next steps are to add signs, a passport program and more locations.

Dick Pearson introduced Andrea and Gus Takacs thanked her.

Yours for a laugh from Murray Uren, Bruce Bowyer and the internet:

I never thought I'd be the kind of person who'd wake up early in the morning to exercise And I was right.

How to frighten the new generation: Put them in a room with a rotary phone, an analog watch, a TV with no remote, then leave directions on how to use in cursive.

Two things to make your day better. 1. Do not watch the news. 2. Stay off the bathroom scales.

I just paid for a 12-month gym membership. My bank called to see if my credit card was stolen.

Having plans sounds like a good idea until you have to put on clothes and leave the house.

I see people about my age mountain climbing. I feel good getting my leg through my underwear without losing my balance.

I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I missed my exit.

You don't realize how old you are until you sit on the floor and then try to get back up.

We all get heavier as we get older, because there's a lot more information in our heads. That's my story and I'm sticking to it.

A dysflexic walks into a bra.

I went to buy some camouflage pants but I couldn't find any.