



The Beacon



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Message from Bob

Well summer has finally arrived as witnessed by the heat and humidity of the first week of June. Hope you managed to keep cool.

I missed my first meeting in over a year and a half on June 8th. We were on a cruise – left Montreal, PQ, June 4th, visited Quebec City, June 5th, Charlestown, PEI, June 6th, Sydney, NS, June 7th, Halifax, NS, June 8th, Bar Harbor, ME, June 9th, and arrived in Boston, MA, June 10th. Great weather. Needed the break but arrived home exhausted.

Came across this little article that is so true – thought I might share it with you.

Great Truths About Life That Adults Have Learned

1. *Families are like fudge...mostly sweet, with a few nuts.*
2. *Growing old is mandatory, growing up is optional.*
3. *Raising teenagers is like nailing Jell-O to a tree.*
4. *If you can remain calm, you don't have all the facts.*
5. *Today's mighty oak is just yesterday's acorn that held its ground.*
6. *My mind not only wanders; sometimes it leaves me completely.*
7. *One reason to smile is that every seven minutes of every day, someone in an aerobics class pulls a hamstring.*
8. *God put me on earth to accomplish a certain number of things. Right now, I am so far behind I will live forever.*

Good luck, good health and God Bless.

Bob McMurdy

Speakers:

June 22 Bert Batstone
History of Newfoundland.

July 13 Rosemary & Ian Kennedy
A visit to a South African
Game Park

Nominations for Management Committee 2005/2006

Past president, Gord King is heading up the nomination committee to fill any vacant spots for the upcoming 2005/2006 Probus year. In addition to Gord, the committee consists of Bernie Rosebush and Pat DesCote.

If you feel that you can contribute your time in some way to help your club, please speak to a member of the committee.

Apart from the position of Vice-President all positions call for only a one-year commitment that can be extended if desired. The position of Vice-President assumes a three year commitment, first year as Vice, with the second year as President and the third year as Past-President. This three year commitment tries to ensure continuity of the Management Committee process.

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Summer Meeting Dates

Following the plan established last year, the General Meetings for July and August will be cut back to only one meeting each month. So mark your calendars for the second Wednesday of those two months. That is Wednesday, July 13th and Wednesday, August 10th

The following letter was written by an 83-year-old woman to her friend. We can all learn from it.

Dear Bertha:

I'm reading more and dusting less. I'm sitting in the yard and admiring the view without fussing about the weeds in the garden. I'm spending more time with my family and friends, and less time working.

Whenever possible, life should be a pattern of experiences to savour, not endure. I'm trying to recognize these moments now and cherish them. I'm not "saving" anything; we use our good china and crystal for every special event – such as losing a pound, getting the sink unstopped or the first Amaryllis blossom.

I wear my good blazer to the market. My theory is if I look prosperous, I can shell out \$28.49 for one small bag of groceries. I'm not saving my good perfume for special parties, but wearing it for the clerks in the hardware store and tellers at the bank. "Someday" and "One of These Days" are losing their grip on my vocabulary. If it's worth seeing or hearing or doing, I want to see and hear and do it NOW.

I'm not sure what others would've done had they known they wouldn't be here for the tomorrow that we all take for granted. I hope they would have called family members and a few former friends to apologize and mend fences for past squabbles. I like to think they would have gone out for a Chinese dinner or for whatever their favourite food was. I'm guessing. I'll never know.

It's those little things left undone that would make me angry if I knew my hours were limited. Angry because I hadn't written certain letters that I intended to write "One of These Days". Angry and sorry that I didn't tell my husband and children often enough how much I truly love them. I'm trying very hard not to put off, hold back, or save anything that would add laughter and luster to our lives. And every morning when I open my eyes, I tell myself that it is special. Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift.

Life may not be the party we hoped for, but while we are here we might as well dance!

Submitted by Keith Stainton

**NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS
COUNCIL PICNIC**

Thursday, August 11, 2005

Date: Thursday, August 11, 2005
Location: Roseneath Fair Grounds
Time: Gate open at 2:00 P.M.
Events get underway at 2:30 P.M.
Cost: \$15.00 for Probus Members
\$17.50 for non members
\$7.50 for children under 12

Entertainment: Tweed Twangers
Activities: Each club will be responsible for
a game or an event.
Food: Roast beef and pork on a bun
with 3 salads, corn-on-the-cob,
beverage and dessert.

Sign up sheet available at General Meeting.
Contact: Gord King 475-4101

“On The Go with C.J. & Co.”

Friday, June 29, 2005

GOLF

Location: Murray Hills
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Cost: To be announced
Lunch: To follow
Contact: Keith Stainton 475-0496

Thursday, July 14, 2005

GOLF

Location: Salt Creek.
Time: 10:00 A.M.
Cost: \$13.00 for golf.
\$ 6.00 for cart.
Lunch: Bar B Que
Contact: Keith Stainton 475-0496

Thursday, July 21, 2005

THIRD ANNUAL BBQ

Location: Proctor Park
Time: Start 4:00pm
Eat 5:00pm
Cost: Free to members
\$10.00 non members

Contact: Joan Stainton 475-0496
David Farmes 475-3165

Sign-up sheet available general meeting.

Wednesday, August 17, 2005

SENIORS' JUBILEE

Roy Thompson Hall, Toronto
Time: Bus leaving Brighton at 8:45 A.M.
Please be on time.

This year's cast features performers from across
Ontario. Beginning at 11 am, audiences can
dance to the music of live bands, sing with the
choirs, enjoy buskers and enter contests. The
variety show matinee begins at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$55.00 pp

Sign-up sheet available at general meetings.
Contact: Joan Stainton 475-0496

Thursday, August 25, 2005

CAR RALLY

A full day's outing, finishing with a Bar B Que.
Details to follow later.

Contact: Rick and Marilyn Ziller 475-4347
Mike and Sue Thompson 475-8804

Up-Coming Event:

Monday, September 26, 2005

(Rain date, Thursday, September 29, 2005)

INTER-CLUB GOLF / PUTTING

Time: 8:30 sharp
Location: Ash Brook Golf Club
1725 Dale Road, Port Hope
Cost: Golf and lunch \$40.00
Putting and lunch \$20.00
Cart: \$7.50

Note: Shotgun start – 9 holes.

Coming this Fall

Dolores Holm, plans to start a Bridge Group if
enough people sign up. If you are interested in
joining this group please sign on the sheet at the
door or give Dolores a call at 475-4371. No
partner required.

July, 2005

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
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3	4	5 Book Club 10:00 am	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Probus Meeting 10:00 am	14 Salt Greek Golf	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Management Meeting 9:30 am Bar B Que 4:00 pm	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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