



# The Beacon



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### President's Message

#### *The National Scene...*

2007 marks the twentieth anniversary of Probud Clubs in Canada. The first club in Canada was a men's club and was sponsored by Rotary Galt, District 7080. The Probud Club of Cambridge was chartered on March 17, 1987 with fifty-two members. Congratulations to the Cambridge Club as they celebrate this significant milestone.

And gals, just so you know, the first women's club was the Probud Women's Club of Burlington who received their charter October 10, 1990 and had 45 charter members. The Club was sponsored by Rotary Burlington. Probud Canada now has 181 clubs with over 23,100 members!

Rendezvous 2008 - September 25-27, 2008 - St. John, New Brunswick – mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. Plans are well underway and more information will soon be available online as a link on the Probud national site...[www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org). . "Catch the Wave" for 2008.

#### *Closer to Home...*

At our last meeting we were visited by Ken Bushell, President of The Probud Club of Colborne. He delivered to us the "traveling" PRO-BUS, which is on a Canada wide tour having started its journey in 1993 in Chilliwack, BC. The purpose of the PRO-BUS is to promote interclub visits. Until recently, the bus made only one stop per year, but that has changed as the speed limit has been increased. The ultimate destination, before returning home to BC, is the East Coast.

The bus is currently in the Brighton "garage" undergoing an upgrade to its GPS system in order to accommodate future destination plaques. In addition to putting our own Club plaque on the upgraded GPS system, we will add Brighton's stopover details to the bus's accompanying logbook. Once safety checked and fuelled up, I will have the honour of "driving" the bus to the next stop on its easterly journey. Before the PRO-BUS leaves Brighton, it will once again appear at our meeting for all to say Bon Voyage!

Until next time, keep smiling and remember – "Our Strength is Fellowship, Our Success is Participation"

*Lynda Van Dusen*



## **SOCIAL EVENTS**

### **Clarification on Payments**

The Social Committee's financial objective is to manage events on a "break even" basis. When we book a show and/or bus, we have to guarantee a minimum of 30 people. Typically, the Club is required to pay for the event a month or more in advance. This payment is contractual and deemed non-refundable. Should a member be unable to attend the function once the Club has paid for the event, refunds are not possible, regardless of the reason for cancellation. While it is recognized that most of the reasons for cancellations are very valid, we are unable to reimburse monies that have already been paid to the service provider of the event. In these unfortunate situations, we encourage members to try and recoup the money by searching out someone else to buy the ticket(s).

### **SOCIAL DATES TO MARK IN YOUR CALENDAR:**

**Wednesday, February 14, 2007**

**Valentine's Dinner & Dance - \$25.00 ea.**

The location is the Brighton Legion Hall and the DJ is J.J. O'Neill who we understand is quite good. Cocktails 5.30; Dinner 6.30pm.

The Sign Up Sheet is still available.

*Contact: Dorothy Miller 613-475-9503*

Please Note: At present we have 29 people signed up. But to "break even" we need at least 40. In order to have a pleasant party atmosphere we need at least 50. Please consider joining in the fun and helping us to make this a memorable event.

**Thursday, March 8, 2007**

**Canada Blooms – Metro Convention**

**Centre, in Toronto. Cost: \$59.00 (or less)**

Sign Up Sheet will be available on January 24<sup>th</sup>.

*Contact: Dave Farmes 613-475-3165*

**Entertainer, Ralph Kuster will be performing** in a St. Patrick's show in Port Hope at the Capital Arts Centre on **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007**. If we get more than 25 people interested, Ralph can obtain tickets at \$21.00 ea. \$25 to buy separately. If we get enough interest we can arrange transportation and a meal if you so wish.

Sign-up Sheet available Jan 24<sup>th</sup>

*Contact: Celia Miles 613-475-1524*

**April 2007**

**Kawartha Downs**

**Saturday, May 26, 2007**

**Gananoque Trip**

Sign Up Sheet available soon.

*Contact: Cy Peister 613-475-2488*

### **For Your Information:**

**Our Probus National Website is:**

[www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

**The Probus Northumberland Website is:**

[www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com)

## CLUB INTEREST GROUPS

### Bid Euchre

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays 1:00 p.m.  
Anglican Church Hall  
Karen Faulkner 613 475-0211

### Bridge

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday's 1:00 p.m.  
Anglican Church Hall  
Dolores Holm 613 475-4371

### Chapter One Book Club

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday 10:00 a.m.  
Kate Cattell 613 475-1613

### Chapter Two Book Club

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday 10:00 a.m.  
Rosemary Kennedy 613 475-1741

### Single Diners

Ruth Bennett 613 475-5026

### Scrabble

If interested, please call  
Celia Miles: 613 475-1524

### SPEAKERS:

#### Today's Speaker:

Mr. Jeff Brace  
The Functions of the Cancer Society and  
Prostate Cancer

#### February 14, 2007

'The Backwoodsmen' with Lorne Buck &  
Jimmy Ellis. Playing Country Music  
Also, They will have CDs for sale

#### February 28, 2007

St. John's Ambulance  
Topic: Choking  
The Do's and Don'ts when a person is  
choking.

#### March 14, 2007

Mr. Fred Helleiner  
Topic: Birds of Presqu'ile

### More Information regarding our last meeting's Subject: The Genealogical Society

Quinte Branch – Ontario Genealogical Society  
Monthly meetings are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday  
At 1.00 p.m. in the Q.W. Public Library at  
7 Creswell Drive, Trenton.

Website: [www.rootsweb.com/~canqbogs/](http://www.rootsweb.com/~canqbogs/)

Email address: [quintebranch@ogs.on.ca](mailto:quintebranch@ogs.on.ca)

The speaker at their Feb 17 meeting will be  
John Reid.

Topic: Family Secrets Revealed by DNA Analysis.

If you have more questions our speaker would be  
happy for you to email him at: [rdawes@explornet.com](mailto:rdawes@explornet.com)

### NEW MEMBERS:

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9 Forest Drive, Brighton. 613-475-8830

Olive Burke  
23 Harbour St, Brighton. 613-475-0818

Fay and Peter McCann  
99 Percy Street, Brighton. 613-475-4752

Welcome Aboard!

Current Membership now stands at 161

### SNOWBIRD CHATTER:

Alec, our Roving Reporter in Florida, reports  
that Gilles and Rosemary O'Neill visited  
Bonnie and Jim McDonald recently – I'm  
sure a golf game or two was on the agenda!  
Our Treasurer, Ruth Bennett, is vacationing  
in Mexico.

Alec and Margaret McVean are enjoying their  
winter by playing golf, taking art classes and  
concert-going.

Sharon and Malcolm Schofield are spending a  
two week vacation in the Bahamas with their  
family.

Rene Simpson and Don Whalen took their  
first cruise to the E. Caribbean recently and  
can highly recommend it!

Please contact Alec if you have any news to  
share! [ammcvean@earthlink.net](mailto:ammcvean@earthlink.net)

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			<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
				<b>1</b> Chapter Two Book Club 10.00 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tues</i>				
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Bid Euchre 1.00 pm Anglican Church Hall	<b>6</b> Chapter One Book Club 10.00 am	<b>7</b> Bridge 1.00 pm Anglican Church Hall	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Turkey Dinner at Trinity St. Andrews CNIB ...Crocus...	<b>10</b> Sale
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Probus Meeting Valentines Dinner/Dance	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Bid Euchre 1pm Anglican Church Hall	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> Bridge 1pm Anglican Church Hall	<b>22</b> Management Mtg Municipal Office 9.30 am	<b>23</b> Deadline for the Beacon newsletter	<b>24</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> General Meeting of Probus 10.00 am			