



# THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District - Established April 1995

P. O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: July 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007



## President's Message

Well, I write this message fresh from attending Northumberland's *Biggest Coffee Morning*. I hope everyone was well enough to attend around town somewhere. What a tribute to June Harvey and also the friends who continue to love and support her! Don't forget to join us at another important Probus event, the Probus Tree Planting on Wed. July 11<sup>th</sup> - tickets are on sale now. **PLEASE BE REMINDED** that there will be **TWO regular Probus MEETINGS IN JULY** and **TWO regular Probus MEETINGS IN AUGUST**.

Karin L. Allan, President

*"Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there"*

Will Rogers

## Probus Tree Planting Wed. July 11<sup>th</sup> and Luncheon at the Yacht Club



**2007** is going to be a very special year in that we have lost no less than 7 of our members. They are: **June Harvey, Shirley Fraser, Dorothy McKenna, John Cobbe, Jean Mock Macklin, Doris Moore and Bud Edwards.**

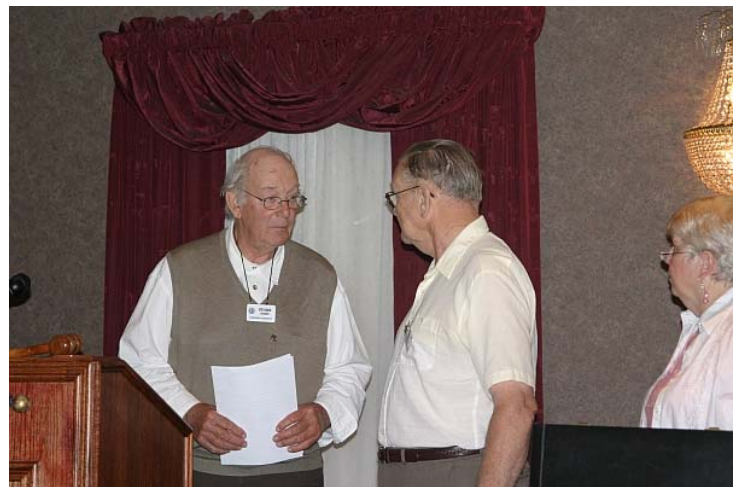
This year's ceremony will be held on **Wednesday July 11/2007 at 11:30 AM**. The ceremony, with Mayor Peter Delanty officiating on behalf of the town, is only 15 minutes in duration, so it's our hope that you will all be able to find the time to attend.

A Japanese Silk Lilac will be planted in the same general area that we planted last year's tree. The location is at the Marina, (see photo above) in a triangular piece of property just north of the anchor and the marina gas pumps.

Following the ceremony there will be a social event at the Cobourg Yacht Club where a catered light lunch will be served. We will be inviting family members to be our guests and we hope that all of you will buy a ticket for this function at a nominal price of **\$10 per person**. **Bert MacMillan** has tickets for purchase.

## Club Memberships for 2007-08 Are Now Available for Purchase

The individual membership fee for the coming year is \$30. Memberships will be available for purchase at the regular meetings of **July 5<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>, August 16<sup>th</sup>** and at the meeting of **September 6<sup>th</sup>** when membership renewals are due. **Cheques only please**, and you may post date your cheque to **September 6<sup>th</sup>** should you wish to do so. Information on membership is available from **Alma Draper at [adraper8@cogeco.ca](mailto:adraper8@cogeco.ca)**.



## The Meeting Site "Great Debate"

Stone Avery and Ross Adams did a commendable job of presenting the pros and cons of a possible venue change for future regular Probus meetings. After much debate and audience participation, it was decided to ask that the original motion made by Ross Adams and seconded by Bill Duncan recommending a venue change be withdrawn. There was great member support for this suggestion and further discussion was halted pending a decision to withdraw the motion.

## Probus Last Month –

*A review of last month's meetings*

### June 7<sup>th</sup> – Lynn Phillip Hodgson Told the story of “Camp X”



Lynn Phillip Hodgson told the fascinating story of Canada's World War II spy school which was located near Oshawa. Many well-known names such as **Ian Fleming**, creator of James Bond fame, and “**Wld Bill**” **Donovan** were but two of those mentioned. Ian

Fleming chose the name James Bond after residing in Toronto across the street from James Bond United Church during the war while connected with “Camp X.” A truly fascinating speaker with great insight into the history of “Camp X” and its major players.

### June 21<sup>st</sup> – After Katrina as told by Journalist Jeanne Beneteau



“It wasn't the wind ... it was the water,” said Northumberland News reporter **Jeanne Beneteau**, as she recounted her trip to New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. As part of a Canadian Habitat for Humanity volunteer work crew, Jeanne told of the utter devastation and human

tragedy she encountered. Jeanne was assigned to a Habitat crew framing new homes in one of New Orleans' poorer districts and she was appalled at the lack of aid offered by FEMA (the American Federal Emergency Measures Authority) to those who had been hardest hit by the storm. Her vivid description of personal encounters with survivors was most moving, and once again it was driven home just how fortunate we are to live here in Northumberland. This was just one more in a long list of excellent speakers we have been so fortunate to hear at Probus.

The speaker was introduced by **Ron Oberholtzer** and thanked and presented with a small memento by **Cath Oberholtzer**.

## Probus Next Month –

*A look ahead at what's in store*

### August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Regular Meeting Speaker – Russ Donaldson – Digital Images

**Russ Donaldson** will speak to the club about the amazing things you can accomplish with photography. The digital camera has presented new opportunities for both professional and amateur camera enthusiasts. This should be an informative, interesting and creative presentation by one of “*our own*.” Plan to attend and enjoy some great images.

### August 16<sup>th</sup> – Regular Meeting Speaker - Dr. Bill Moebus | “Volunteering in Central America”

Retired Cobourg dentist, **Dr. Bill Moebus** is known best, perhaps, for his canoeing across Lake Ontario or cycling around the same lake raising awareness for the local United Way campaigns. He has also spent a great deal of time making a number of volunteer trips to Central and South American countries providing dental services to people in remote areas who do not have such service available and seldom if ever see a dentist. The story of his experiences is both humorous and tragic. You will find him an excellent speaker with wonderful stories to tell. Mark your calendars, today, for Bill Moebus, Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>.

### Dinner Theatre Alert -

“**Maggies Getting Married**” - at the **Best Western Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre, Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>**.



*Tickets on sale closer to the show date!.*

## The Cobourg & District Probus Passing Scene



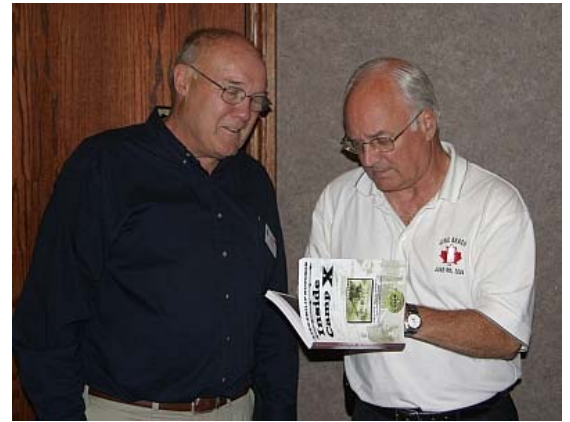
From the left, **Angus Read**, guest of **George Brown**, **Dwight Swerdfeger**, guest **Ted Curtis**, Probian **John Bark**, Guest **Jim Gordon**, Probian **Gerry Ender** and Probus Past President **Bob Spooner**. While all are members of the infamous "Dutch Oven Senate", the Probian members invited their guests to enjoy the story of Camp X.



**Top right**, - who else but **Mary Ryan**, back from New York and giving her impression of the Statue of Liberty.



**Above left**- Chair **Warren Harvey** and the 2008 "Road Rally" committee are already making plans for another adventure.



**Above right** – Probian **John Stalker** has his Camp X book autographed by speaker **Lynn Phillip Hodgson** at the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting.



**Left** – Probians enjoy the display of Camp X memorabilia and photos provided by speaker **Lynn Phillip Hodgson**. There was a great deal of interest and enthusiasm among Probians to learn more about the subject of Camp X. and the fascinating cast of characters who inhabited the site during the war years. Of particular interest was the participation at Camp X of **Ian Fleming**,

creator of master movie spy British, James Bond. I wonder what **Miss Money Penny** would have to say about that?



**Bruce and Jean Campbell** along with **Bert MacMillan**, received their **10 year pins** at the June 21<sup>st</sup> meeting.

### Great parade of speakers coming up

From personal experience I can predict without reservation that we are in for some really interesting speakers over the next three meetings. Not to imply that we had not had great speakers in the past, but I to know from personal experience that Brian Milner (July 29), Russ Donaldson and John Draper (August 2) and Bill Moebus (August 16) - all know there subjects extremely well and that they have the facility to make their talks humourous as well as interesting and informative. We should offer our “thanks” to this year’s speakers committee for consistently providing our Club with top notch speakers week after week. Well done, folks!

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Bill Johnson

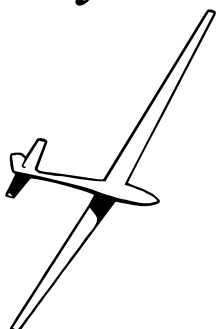
### July 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Canada Day	2 Waterfront Festival	3	4 Independence Day – U.S.A.	5 Probus Meeting	6	7
8	9	10	11 Probus Tree Planting	12	13	14
15	16	17	13	19 Probus Meeting	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

### August 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Probus Mtg. Summer Sizzler	3	4
5	6 Civic Holiday	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16 Probus Meeting	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

## July 19<sup>th</sup> Speaker – Brian Milner: Gliding Adventures



Speaker **Brian Milner** is well-known as a most successful glider pilot. A dedicated competitor, he and his wife Sherry have travelled extensively to take part in major North American Gliding competitions. He is also a licensed pilot, owning his own

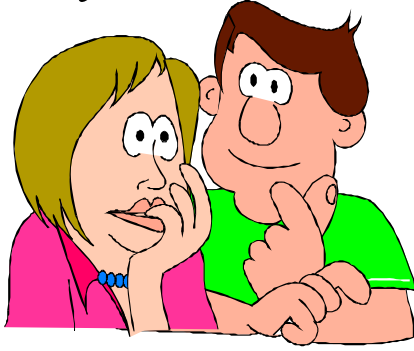
plane which he keeps at the Peterborough airport. He has some truly amazing adventures in the air and has some great stories to tell. Don’t miss him.

### Amazing, but true:

**Jell-O** once came in celery flavour. It was intended for use in salads.

**Eight million pounds (3.6 million kilograms)** of sugar are used each year to make **Hostess Twinkies**.

## How's your memory?



\*This is a test for us, older kids! The answers are printed below, but don't you cheat.\*

### 15 Questions...

- 01.\*\*** After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, Who was that masked man? Invariably, someone would answer, I don't know, but he left this behind. What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 02.\*\*** When the Beatles first came to the U.S. in early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.\*
- 03.\*\*** "Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_."\*
- 04.\*\*** "The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed \_\_\_\_\_."\*
- 05.\*\*** "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, " \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 06.\*\*** After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we "danced" under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the " \_\_\_\_\_."\*
- 07.\*\*** "N\_E\_S\_T\_L\_E\_S", Nestle's makes the very best.....  
\_\_\_\_\_."\*
- 08.\*\*** Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 09.\*\*** What takes a licking and keeps on ticking?  
\_\_\_\_\_.\*

- 10.\*\*** Red Skelton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, "Good Night, and " \_\_\_\_\_".\*
- 11.\*\*** Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.\*\*
- 12.\*\*** The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the ! VW . What other names did it go by?  
\_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 13.\*\*** In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, "the day ! the music died.\*\* \*\*\*"This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 14.\*\*** We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit. The Russians did it. It was called \_\_\_\_\_.\*
- 15.\*\***One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waists. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_.

### 15 ANSWERS...

- 01.** The Lone Ranger left behind a silver bullet.
- 02.** The Ed Sullivan Show
- 03.** On Route 66
- 04.** To protect the innocent.
- 05.** The Lion Sleeps Tonight
- 06.** The limbo
- 07.** Chocolate
- 08.** Louis Armstrong
- 09.** The Timex watch
- 10.** Freddy, The Freeloader and "Good Night, and may God Bless."
- 11.** Draft cards (Bras were also burned.)
- 12.** Beetle or Bug
- 13.** Buddy Holly
- 14.** Sputnik
- 15.** Hoola-hoop
- Send this to your "old" friends. I t will drive them crazy! And keep them busy for a few minutes.*

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*And remember, Probians – You are only young once... but you may be immature your whole life.*



## ***HATS OFF TO THE COFFEE CREW***

*Left to right - top row - Bert MacMillan, Nancy Foden, Eleanor McFarlane, Dorothy Dawson, Doreen West, Nobie Clarkson, Sheila Matthew,s Charlotte Cockerill, Heather Hebert, Marie Chisholm.*

*Bottom row, Left to right - Nancy Logan, Carol Van Gogh, Jackie Hick, Wendy Thorn, Alma Draper, Dorothy De Lisle*

*We do not have a total yet and still money coming in We expect the total will now top **\$93,000**.  
A job well done by everyone! What a great County to live in. Congratulations to all who took part either hosting or attending a coffee party to help raise funds for the NHH Hospital Foundation MRI campaign.*

### ***Did you know?***

*The parasol, as carried by Mary Ryan last meeting, was first seen 4,000 years ago in Greece, Egypt, Assyria and China and used for sun protection.*

*Stay cool this summer and watch those UV rays when you are outside.*