



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: August 16th, 2007



President's Message

SEPTEMBER 6th, 2007 every member has the right and the obligation to VOTE on the Motion introduced on June 7th, 2007 to have the Probus Club of Cobourg and Dist. relocate their twice monthly meetings from the Best Western to the Lions Community Centre. On June 21st we held a discussion meeting to ask ourselves what we would be gaining by moving – please see part of the information presented on a separate sheet contained within the Probian. The motion has not been withdrawn so there must be a vote. IF you are going to be away or unable to attend on September 6th, you will be able to vote by PROXY. Indicate the person you are giving your proxy to, then date and sign it. The person indicated must have this written authorization in order to receive a ballot other than their own.

Karin L. Allan, President

"I believe that we are solely responsible for our choices, and we have to accept the consequences of every deed, word, and thought throughout our lifetime"

Elizabeth Kubler-Ross

120 attend Probus Tree Planting and Luncheon at the Yacht Club



Deputy Mayor Gil Brocanier speaks to the large crowd.

On Wednesday July 11th we held the 8th annual Probus Tree Planting. The Japanese Silk Lilac tree that we planted commemorates the life and times of the following 8 Probus members: *Doris Moore, John Cobbe, Shirley Fraser, Lucie Anne Christie, Jean Macklin, June Harvey, Bud Edwards and Dorothy McKenna.*

Over the past 9 years we have planted trees in our community's parks in memory of 32 of our members. "These trees are a



lasting tribute to the memory of your friends" said Deputy Mayor Gil Brocanier, as he accepted the tree on behalf of the town.

In total 35 family members of those honoured attended the short ceremony. One family came all the way from Newfoundland to be there. Every one of them was very appreciative and proud to think that their loved one was being remembered this way.

Following the planting all 120 in attendance moved to the Cobourg Yacht Club for a light luncheon which was organized by *Bert MacMillan* and her hard working committee of *Marg Robb, Kathy Cole, Tom Macmillan and Donna Donaldson.* Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves very much.....Well done Bert!

As chair of the Tree Planting Committee I wish to thank the only other member of my Committee, *Marilyn Macklin.* Without Marilyn, I am positive that these annual events would not be near as successful as they are. Marilyn keeps all the records, writes all the letters and maintains a memory book dedicated only to the plantings. The next time you see Marilyn, be sure to say thanks and ask her to show you the memory book.

Thank you to everyone who turned out for this year's event. Your support is what keeps me motivated.

Russ Donaldson

Please see more Tree Planting photos on page 3.

Have you renewed your Probus Membership for 2007-08?

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

Probus Last Month –

A review of last month's meetings

July 5th – David Phillips Made "Weather" Entertaining



We were honoured to have **David Phillips**, (right) Senior Climatologists for Environment Canada, as our guest speaker. A 40 year veteran of the service, he is an expert at promoting awareness and understanding of the weather and climate in Canada. In addition he is a humourist and a story teller extraordinaire! Weather plays a major role in every facet of our lives. We think, experience, worry and enjoy it every day. It even helps to shape the future of our country. Weather affects our daily wardrobe. We don't stop to think about it very often, but when David related how we plan our daily dress based on the weather it surely hit home. David Phillips is a recipient of "The Order Of Canada". He was introduced by Probus guest, **Steve Hardaker**, son of **Doreen Hardaker** and himself a veteran of 14 years in the service before joining the Defense Department. A thank you was provided by **Russ Donaldson**.

July 19st – Brian & Cheri Milner "Adventures in Soaring"



Brian and Cheri Milner gave a Powerpoint presentation of their adventures in competitive soaring. A lifelong interest in flying since his days in Air Cadets, Brian is an award winning glider pilot with many years experience in international competition. There were many questions from the audience, indicating a high degree of interest in the subject and the speakers. The Milners were introduced by **Hal Jacobsen** and thanked by **Jim Stewart**.

Probus Next Month –

A look ahead at what's in store

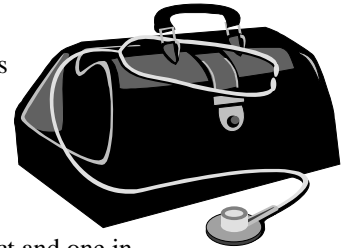
September 6th – Colin Sanders Aging Parents – Challenged Children



Colin Sanders of Port Hope, is the President of the newly formed Keystone Community Supports Corporation - a non-profit organization dedicated to responding to the growing needs of aging parents of intellectually challenged children. In Northumberland County alone, the aging parents in more than 80 families with challenged children fear they are running out of time in their search for acceptable housing and living standards for their child after they are gone. Based in Campbellford, Keystone has embarked on a plan to build five new fully equipped residences which will meet the needs of these families. The first of these homes will be built in Cobourg with those which follow to be located in communities across Northumberland where the need is greatest.

September 20th – Mary Ann Shill Speaks on Doctor Recruitment

Mary Ann Shill is Northumberland Hills Hospital's Vice President of Patient Services. At this meeting she will be presenting information on the hospital's efforts to recruit new doctors to our area. This is a vitally important subject and one in which Probians have a great deal of interest and concern.



Many individuals living in the Northumberland Hills Hospital catchment area do not have a family doctor. When you stop to consider that in Cobourg alone, 25 per cent of the population is 65 years of age or older, you can easily understand the need for more practicing physicians. We can all take great pride in our hospital and the dedicated staff there providing our health care needs. Our community has been very fortunate to have this facility available. **Mary Ann Shill** will provide a further update on the progress so far in bringing new doctors to the area.

Dinner Theatre Alert -

"Maggies Getting Married"
- at the

Best Western Cobourg Inn & Convention
Centre, Friday, October 26th.



Tickets on sale closer to the show date!.

The Cobourg & District Probus Passing Scene



President Karin cuts the luncheon “Tree” cake (seen at right) with the help of **Warren Harvey**.

(Right,) part of the large crowd which enjoyed the luncheon and fellowship after the tree dedication ceremony.



The brief shower that fell just after the ceremony could not dampen the warmth and good fellowship experienced by all who attended.

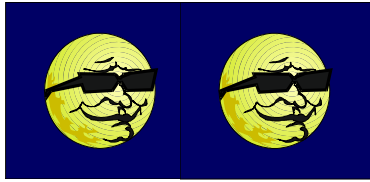
It was a very proud moment for the families of those Probian honoured by this annual event.

This year’s tree, another *Japanese Silk Lilac*, was planted just west of the entrance to the Cobourg Marina at the foot of Third Street. There are now two Probus dedicated commemorative trees in the immediate area, and they will brighten the lives of those who follow just as our departed Probian friends have brightened ours.

A special word of thanks to Past-President **Russ Donaldson** and **Marilyn Macklin** for their hard work and commitment to this project on our behalf.



Two Moons Heading our Way August 27th at 12:30 a.m.?



Planet Mars will be the brightest in the night sky starting in August. It will look as large as the full moon to the naked eye. This will culminate

on August 27th when Mars comes within 34.65M miles of earth. Be sure to watch the sky on August 27th at 12:30 a.m. Not only will it appear that earth has two “moons”- but it will not happen again when Mars once more comes this close to earth in the year 2287. This may be our only chance!

Special thanks to **Russ Donaldson** for this timely bit of interesting information.

Ten issues and counting!

Believe it or not - this is the tenth issue of the **Probian** I have had the pleasure of preparing on your behalf. It is hoped that you have enjoyed the reports on Club activities, photos and attempts at humour as much as I have in preparing each issue.



Please remember that the **Probian** is your newsletter and it is you, the reader, who is the very reason it exists. Your comments are always welcome, and when you have something you feel would be of interest to **Probian**s, please email it to me and I will do my best to fit it in. Photos (jpgs) are welcome too, so don't be shy, just email them to me.

Deadline for publication is the **21st of the month previous**.

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Bill Johnson

August 2007

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

September 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3 <i>Labour Day Holiday</i>	4	5	6 <i>Probus Meeting</i>	7	8
9 <i>Grandpart's Day</i>	10	11	12	13 <i>Rosh Hashanah</i>	14	15
16	17	18	19	20 <i>Probus Meeting</i>	21	22 <i>Yon Kippur</i>
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Parting Shots –

One drop of water per second falling from a leaky faucet wastes about 10,000 litres per year.

www.igreenbuild.com

Every two seconds, one person joins the planet's expanding urban population. In 2008, for the first time in human history, a majority of people will live in cities. Worldwatch Institute

The wild lily, or lilium. Philadelphicum. whose profuse blooming across much of North America marks high summer, is part of the lily family that includes onions, garlic, and asparagus. (websites)

Rising levels of carbon monoxide in the air are making poison ivy grow faster, bigger, and helping it produce more toxic rash-raising oil.

www.sciencenews.com

The following is a summation of the submissions made regarding the Motion to move to the Lions Centre. These facts & questions of yours were presented to those attending on June 21st, 2007.

There was an immediate call from the floor for the withdrawal of the motion.

Secunder unavailable so the Vote will still take place SEP 6th 2007 - see President's Message

*** Numbers following each "Pro" are the number of submissions received

BEST WESTERN PROS

Better location - have no car 3
Elevator 4
Comfortable - padded chairs 7
Good set-up 7
Food for meetings good 4
Glasses provided for water/juice 2
Ambiance/Elegance 13
Carpeting & table clothes 2
Washrooms handy 1
Birthplace-best of both worlds 6
Professional staff 2
Good Service 1
Can hear well 1

LIONS CENTRE PROS

Central location 1
No stairs to climb 7
Good set-up 1
Food good for meetings 6
Clean and bright 1
Ample parking 8
Digital Projector available
Gives back to community 4

CONS TO EITHER

L-has stacking chairs - less comfortable 3
BW-coffee set-up 1
BW-food improvement 2
L-coffee and munchies in short supply 3
L-Disposable glasses for water/juice 2
L-Room too large & too cold 2
L-Glaring lights 1
L-noisy & poor acoustics 3
L-washrooms out to lobby and down the hall 1
BW-bumps us out 6
L - no guarantee we won't be bumped - where then? 2
L-noise/low ceiling-hard hearing with hearing aid 4
BW-lack of parking 2
L-have to walk all around the building to the front 3
BW-microphone problems 1
L - no generator for back up power 1

Questions Submitted:

What happened to Parliamentary Procedure? - We are a Social Club. The founders of our club back on 18 May 1995 adopted as few by-laws as possible. In fact, the original recommended by-law said that the meetings would take place at the Best Western although that was amended. Article V111 Amendment (a) Any clauses in these by-laws may be amended by a majority vote of the members. - no changes made. This club has operated successfully for 12 years - so successfully that we have had 3 clubs spring from it. Why mess with success?

If we leave the Best Western can we get back in? - I personally don't know

Why not Columbus Centre? Not mentioned in Motion and it is too small to accommodate our need for membership and special activity tables. Percentage of meetings in which we have been displaced? 16% (4 out of 24) - Oct 19th, Nov 15th, Mar 15th and Apr. 15. Mar. 15th we only got 13 days notice and because we were out, the hotel lost our planned lunch business because we withdrew it

Northumberland Club moved! - I talked to both Mike Hanlon (Pres) & Barry Hollis (ViceP)-They can't start until Sep 21. Displaced 4 times since Jan. They have received no guarantee that they will not be displaced at the Lions Centre. They had not thought to have telephone/email notification.

NINE LINES TO MAKE YOU SMILE

1.. *My husband and I divorced over religious differences.
He thought he was God and I didn't.*

2.. *I don't suffer from insanity; I enjoy every minute of it.*

3.. *Some people are alive only because it's illegal to kill them.*



4.. *I used to have a handle on life, but it broke.*

5.. *Don't take life too seriously; No one gets out alive.*

6.. *You're just jealous because the voices only talk to me!*

7.. *Beauty is in the eye of the beer holder.*



8.. *Earth is the insane asylum for the universe.*

9.. *I'm not a complete idiot -- some parts are just missing.*

***And ... just in case you need a laugh
before your next flight:***

*Remember it takes a college degree to fly a plane, but only
a high school diploma to fix one.*

Reassurance for those of us who fly routinely in their jobs:

*After every flight, UPS pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe
sheet," which tells mechanics about
problems with the aircraft.*

*The mechanics correct the problems; document, their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the
gripe sheets before the next flight.*

*By the way, UPS is the only major airline that has never, ever, had an accident. Perhaps we should all
fly "Brown" air cargo!*



***Please remember that we will be voting on the club meeting location motion at the
September 6th Meeting. Please see President Karin's message in this issue of the
Probian for the details.***