



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District

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

Next Meeting: September 21st, 2006



President's Message by Bob Spooner

How quickly a year can pass. My term as your President is over with our meetings in September. The past year has had many highs and lows. The good times were had because of the tireless volunteers of this club. Car Rally, Christmas Party, Picnic in the Park, our first Summer Sizzler and some good and interesting speakers - all these things are made possible by the aforementioned volunteers. Our lows for all of us were the loss of members and friends and the lowest

attendance figures at our meetings this past year.

As President, I have asked your present executive to bring in all those on our waiting list and the executive have agreed. Therefore we shall have approximately thirty new members at our first meeting in October. Please make them feel welcome.

Finally, to the past Presidents, I give my sincere thanks for their advice and help along the way – namely Ray, Ross, Malcolm and the Harveys. To the members of the outgoing executive, I thank you. And to your new incoming executive, my best wishes to you and to those who are stepping down as committee chairs, I offer my utmost appreciation.

Bob Spooner

Quote: If you wish to leave your footprints in the sands of time, wear workboots.

Club Program

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| Sept. 7th (meeting) | "Select Members" will speak to us |
| Sept 21st (meeting) | This is our Annual General meeting with voting for a new executive and the passing of the baton. |
| October 2nd | Train trip – Fall Colours – Credit Valley Explorer Train – cost of \$99.00 includes bus, hot lunch, train and all taxes and gratuities |
| October 5th (meeting) | Speaker to be decided. |
| October 12th | Car Rally – Every year is different – come find out for yourself. |
| October 19th (meeting) | Silent auction will be held for the Christmas Party fund-raising |
| October 27th | Dinner Theatre – Barefoot in the Park - \$30.00 |
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Membership renewal

Sept 21st is the last day to renew your membership so you only have meetings on Sept 7 and Sept 21 to deliver your cheque. The fee is \$36.00 per year.

Proposed Executive

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After the new executive has been decided, it will be published on the web site: Enter www.probusnorthumberland.com then go to *About Us* and select Cobourg.

Probus Rendezvous 2008

The date has been set: Sept 25 – 28, 2008. The place will be St. John New Brunswick. Plan now to go to this great event. More details soon.

Christmas Party

Items for the **Silent Auction** to support the Christmas party are being accepted until Oct. 5th. The Auction will be held at our meeting on **October 19th** with our very own **John Simpson as Auctioneer**. So be sure to bring your cheque book for this entertaining event. Something for everyone – at all prices.



Other Probus Events

Train Trip – Fall Colours

This starts with a Coach ride to Orangeville then is followed by a three hour Train Ride to Credit Valley to see the Fall Colours. The train is the **Credit Valley Explorer** (above right).



Cost is \$99 which includes bus, hot lunch, train and all taxes and gratuities. Trip will be on Monday October 2nd. Booking available now and money must be "in" by Sept.5th.

Car Rally

The organizers assured us that this year's Rally - on October 12th - will have no resemblance to a **Real Car Rally** but is just an excuse to go on a drive through the countryside to a *nice place for Lunch*.



However, there might be a few questions asked but nothing too hard.

Tickets are now available at each meeting.

Dinner Theatre

Northumberland Players presents:

A hilarious adaptation of Neil Simon's comedy that takes place in 1967 about a buttoned-down, straight arrow young lawyer, Paul Bratter who's wound a little too tight and his new wife Corie, who is an effervescent free spirit and won't let anything disturb her romantic bliss with Paul. In their highly passionate relationship, they learn to live and love in a laughably small fifth floor walk-up Greenwich Village apartment in New York.



Date: October 27th **Tickets:** \$30.00 includes dinner, show, all taxes and service.

Contact Dorothy Allen at 905 372-5658

August Probus Speaker

On August 17th, the **Honourable Paul H. Macklin** entertained us with a talk on his time as a member of Parliament in Ottawa.



We learned about the daily life of a member – the committee meetings that go on into the night – the travel that comes with the job – the interesting people you meet – the interesting situations you live through and his positive feeling towards his job came through very clearly. His feeling was that this opportunity in his life was a privilege.

He left us with a moving story of his experience in Bosnia under his work as Secretary to the Ministry of Justice and the Arms Service Committee. His total feeling of helplessness when over 100 Muslims were under siege and he had to watch our Canadian UN troops stand by, and could do nothing as they were under UN law and not allowed to enter military action. To hear the cries of the people and know it still goes on in this world today is a life lasting memory. Russ Donaldson thanked our speaker.
Ann Hubbs

The Purpose of Probus

~ From Probus Canada ~

To stimulate thought, interest and participation in activities at a time in life when it is easy to become complacent and self-centred.

Probus Clubs worldwide

In order to provide regular gatherings to those who, in retirement, appreciate and value opportunities to meet others in similar circumstances and of a similar level of interest, Rotary Clubs sponsor Probus Clubs.

Retired or semi-retired professional, business or like responsible persons, become a Probus Club. Each Probus Club is autonomous. A system is organized through Probus Centre so that the clubs themselves, through regional representatives on a national board, agree to a minimal measure of conformity through e.g. a standard constitution and recommended by-laws, to preserve the integrity and reputation of these clubs. This has proved a successful basis for serving the needs of retirees in the many countries in which Probus Clubs are now flourishing.

Other Local Events

- September 8 & 9
Brad Halls Words and Music – Victoria Hall
- September 10
Sweet Water Country Music – Victoria Hall
- Sept 22 – 24
Port Hope Jazz Festival
- September 23
Cobourg Dragon Boat races – at the Cobourg waterfront
- September 29
8th Annual Candlelight walk – Port Hope – call Lori 905 377-0722 for details
- October 4, 11, 18, 25
Viewpoint 2006 –Speakers at Victoria Hall on a range of subjects – popular every year.
- October 27, 28, 29
Vintage Film Festival – 13 classic movies at Victoria Hall and Capitol Theatre

Cobourg History

The Heritage and History of Cobourg is often in the news and certainly is of interest to many people in Cobourg. Many long time residents of Cobourg will be aware of local organizations that are active in this area but I thought that for the sake of newer residents, a listing might be useful.



- **Cobourg Historical Society** – President David Gregory 905-377-1874 – meets 4th Tuesdays at Victoria Hall at 8:00pm – all welcome.
- **LACAC** - Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee - an advisory committee of Cobourg Municipal Council
- **ACO** – Architecture Conservancy Ontario, Cobourg Branch - Gail Rayment President - 905 377-0536
- **Cobourg Library** - has a room full of historical documents
- **Museum Foundation** – President Keith Oliver - 905 377-0107
- **Lakeshore Genealogical Society** - President Paul Morton - 905 373-0396
- www.CobourgHistory.ca - Web site devoted to Cobourg's History. See Peter Delanty's article on Cobourg's street names.

Annual General Meeting

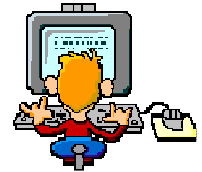
On September 21, we will be presented with a slate of Candidates for a new executive (see page two for a list).

If there are additional candidates, a vote will be held to decide – if not, the slate will be acclaimed.



Editor's Corner

It seems just like yesterday that I took on the role of Newsletter Editor but this is my last edition. It's been fun and the kind comments are much appreciated.



Starting with the October Edition, Bill Johnson will be taking over. I am sure he will do a great job and probably put his own ideas into action that will freshen it up.

I will continue to look after our web site:

www.probusnorthumberland.com

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Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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October 2006

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