



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District
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Next Meeting: April 20th, 2006



President's Message by Bob Spooner

It is that time of year when many of our friends and Probus members will be returning from their winter hiatus in the sunny south. Take time out to give them a call and give them a warm welcome and let them know when our next Probus meeting is being held. As President, I would welcome all members home and look forward to seeing them at meetings in the future as we get ready to embark upon a very long summer schedule.

Bob

Quote of the Month: Build the bridge and get over it. Lyndon Stratton

Club Program

- April 6th** (meeting) **Gil Brocanier** – Cobourg Councillor - Cobourg's new Seniors' Centre – be ready with your questions!
- April 20th** (meeting) **David Mowat** – Educational Development Officer for Alderville
- April 28th** **Dinner Theatre – Picasso at the Lapin Agile** – Dinner Theatre at the Best Western - \$30 – More below.
- April 28th** – Bus Trip **Magog Trip** – organized by Northumberland Club – 4 days, 3 nights \$385 all inclusive, double occupancy.
- May 4th** (meeting) **Nina Keogh** will speak on her experiences as a puppeteer.
- May 11th** - Walk **Old Town Baltimore and Lime Kiln Walk** – Escorted by Doreen West
- May 17th** **Spring Mixer** – Get together put on by Colborne Probus for all Northumberland Clubs. \$20.00 including lunch, entertainment, special speaker – details below.
- May 18th** (meeting) **Elizabeth Kellogg** from the Presquille Naturalists will speak and give a slide presentation on Blue Birds

Other Club Notices

Next month - Thursday May 11th

Exploring Northumberland

Old Town Baltimore and the Lime Kiln Walk
Meet at Baltimore United Church Parking Lot
10:00 a.m. Sharp. Escorted by our own
DOREEN WEST.

Summer Meetings

This summer, there will **not** be meetings on the day of **Picnic in the Park, July 6th** nor on the day of the **Summer Sizzler, August 3rd**. All other meetings will be held as usual – first and third Thursdays.

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Picasso at the Lapin Agile

Dinner Theater – April 28th

Yet another award winning comedy by Steve Martin. Set in a Parisian bar in 1904, two of the century's most influential figures, namely Picasso and Einstein, are brought together. These two men, both on the verge of greatness, argue about life, art, science and lust. Wild and crazy? You bet. Steve Martin even manages to sprinkle a little philosophy between the jokes that fly fast and furious. A show not to be missed!

Select your seating when you buy your ticket – see **Dorothy Allen** or **Mary Ryan**.

At the Best Western. Tickets \$30 – includes dinner, show, all taxes and services.

Derek Hatfield – March 2nd

Derek kept us on the edge of our chairs as he related his 182 days at sea on a 28,000 mile sailing adventure around the world in 2002/03 on the **Spirit of Canada**, finishing in 3rd place and only the second Canadian to have done it.

Sailing all alone for weeks without seeing land, sleeping for 20-minute catnaps while the boat is on auto pilot, waking for 90 seconds to check on things, then back for another catnap; it takes two days to get into this habit. Three layers of underwear makes up for no heat on board. Eating freeze-dried food when you get hungry and drinking salinated water, doesn't sound like a luxury cruise.

Getting tangled in lobster traps wrapped around the keel to having to cut loose the masts and sails during a storm that settled promptly at the bottom of the ocean, were some of the setbacks that threatened to end the race. "Just when you think the race is all over, you don't give up." said Derek.

The race can be followed on the internet from the communications station on board. Pupils learn a lot about geography and history from following the race with great interest. Daily visits from dolphins racing along side and whale watching relieves the boredom. As the route becomes more southerly, birds replace the mammals. An inquisitive albatross stayed with him for two days.

A new and faster Spirit of Canada, that will represent Canada in the Sole Round the World race in 2006/07, is being built in Cobourg on Willmott Street. The new boat will be 60 feet long and 19 feet wide with a top speed of 38 knots and will cost \$2 million. It took 4 months to find the perfect climate-controlled venue to build this boat that is drawing national attention from the Discovery Channel and corporate and individual sponsors. That's what's happening right here in Cobourg!

Derek was introduced by Malcolm Wardman and thanked by Larry Flood.



Regional Probus – Spring Mixer

All the Northumberland Probus clubs are getting together for a joint event on **May 17th, 2006**. **Colborne Probus** is the host and the program will be held at the Keeler Centre, 80 Division St., Colborne.

Program Details:

9:00 am - Registration, coffee, entertainment, socializing.

10:00 am -
"Keynote" speaker:
Broadcaster -
Author - Journalist,
Steve Paikin

11:00 am - Coffee
Break & Book
Signing

**11:30 am - Live
Entertainment** by
the local school's
**Award Winning
Jazz Band**



12:00 noon - Buffet Lunch - Door Prizes - Cash Bar

1:00 pm - Closing

Steve Paikin hosts two programs on TV Ontario, Studio 2 a nightly current affairs program in its 12th season & Diplomatic Immunity, a weekly program specializing in foreign affairs. Steve is also an author and his newest book is **"PUBLIC TRIUMPH PRIVATE TRAGEDY"** - The double life of John P. Robarts.

You'll have the opportunity to purchase and have Steve sign any or all of his three books.

The supplier of Probus identified items & merchandise will display for sale the many items available.

Tickets \$20.00 all inclusive (available at club meetings)

Final day for ticket sale - April 30th 2006

Please wear your Club Name Tag and

"Come and have an enjoyable morning the Probus way!"

(Above information is also available on the News Page at www.probusnorthumberland.com)

Toronto All Star Big Band

Fund-raiser for Hospice

We have reserved 50 seats for this event to benefit Northumberland Hospice.

It will be held at the **Capitol Theatre on May 6th**.

Tickets through Probus are \$28.00.

Arrive at 7:00 pm for the silent auction.

See **Nancy Foden** for tickets – **last day Apr. 6**



Christmas Party

Yes it's early to be talking about Christmas but at the last meeting, **Mary Korol** (of the 2006 Christmas Committee) talked to us about the need to raise funds to help pay for the entertainment for the Christmas party. The plan is to hold a **Silent Auction** at the first meeting in November.

Mary asked that we commit ourselves to donate a treasure or something of value. It could be a donation of wine which many of us make during the year.

Donations may be submitted at the next meeting and following meetings to **Angie Poirier** or **Don Porter** who have facilities to store the donations at their homes.



So, please bring your friends and yourselves to bid and shop. The success of this event will determine the price of our Christmas Party Ticket. This is your Party, so please participate in this event.

Great minds discuss Ideas
Average minds discuss Events
Simple minds discuss People

Eleanor Roosevelt

Other Events in Cobourg

Seussical the Musical

weaves together stories and characters from some of our favourite Dr. Seuss tales in a lively, exciting, touching musical, giving them a whole new life, live on stage. Featuring a strong cast including the **Big Easy 7 Swing Band**.



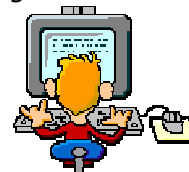
April 28 to May 6 – Evening and matinee performances at **Victoria Hall**.

Tickets: \$15 for Children; \$20 for Adults. See Box office at Victoria Hall for tickets & details.

Editor's Corner

It seems to me we have a chance to participate in a **big Probus party** at the Spring Mixer on May 17th – last chance for tickets this month!

More about our Club and others in Northumberland – including Photos – on our web site at www.probusnorthumberland.com



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