



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District

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

Next Meeting: November 15th, 2007

President's Message:

We are now into our 12^b year as the Cobourg and District Probus Club and I am happy and honored to be the president and know that members will be looking towards me for leadership and direction and all the good things that go with the job. Well I have a full slate of willing and able officers for our management team who will share the load and get the job done.

We have agreed that each will do their job, sharing the load so that we can provide the basis of a fun, smiling and happy progressive club, a true PROBUS club.

Now that we have made this start, I ask the members to support and join in the various activities and volunteer in projects we are involved in.

Keep Smiling,

President Larry



SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

NOV. 1st Lieutenant Colonel, John Conrad, Serving in Afghanistan (Winner of the Meritorious Medal)

NOV. 15th Grant Elliott (teacher) Cobourg District Collegiate Institute Phoenix Mars Lander - Canada's first major mission to another planet

DEC. 4th Christmas Party at Best Western. Social hour 5:30 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment: Dinner music and Band of Gold. Party favours. 10 door prizes Seating plan and choice of table. Get your tickets soon. VIA Rail has provided 2 tickets. To win, you can buy tickets now on sale at our Probus meetings.

KEEP WATCHING: Mary Ryan is making plans for other activities in the coming months which include: A bus trip to Buffalo for shopping, before Christmas.

January lunch

Progressive Lunch, Feb. 14^h

March, Canada Blooms.

April, Dirty Dancing.

A NEW PROBUS CLUB.

Probus of Ganaraska Valley is our 7th club in Northumberland. Welcome to our Probus family. They started off with 115 members already. Best of all, 40 members volunteered to take positions on the executive or Committees, now that's outstanding, with that kind of enthusiasm, watch this new club grow and glow.

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THE SUBJECT "MAN"

(Contributed by Joan Godsell)

Like Turkish cigarettes, men are all made of the same material, the only difference being that some are better disguised than others.

A bachelor is an eligible mass of obstinacy, entirely surrounded by suspicion. Husbands are of three types, prizes, surprises and consolation prizes. Making a husband out of a man requires science, sculpture, common sense, faith, hope and charity. It is a psychological marvel that a small tender, soft violet scented thing like a woman should enjoy kissing a big awkward stubbly chinned tobacco and whiskey scented thing like a man.

If you flatter a man, you frighten him to death, if you permit him to make love to you, he gets tired of you in the end; if you don't, he gets tired of you in the beginning. If you argue with him in everything, you cease to charm, if you believe everything he tells you he thinks you are a fool; if you don't, he thinks you are a cynic.

if you wear gay colours and rouge or silly hats. He hesitates to take you out; but if you wear a little brown beret and a tailored suit, he stares all evening at a woman in gay colors, rouge and a silly hat.

If you approve of his drinking, he swears you are driving him to the devil, if you don't approve of his drinking, and urge him to give up his gaieties, he swears you are snow and ice.

If you are a clinging vine type, he doubts whether you have a brain. If you are a modem, advanced and intelligent, he doubts whether you have a heart. If you are silly, he longs for a bright mate, if you are intelligent he longs for a playmate.

Man is a worm in the dust, he comes along, wriggles around, and finally some bird gets him.

TRINITY COLLEGE SCHOOL

Our October 18th Probus meeting heard Stuart Grainger, Head Master of Trinity College School, tell of the activities that keeps the student busy with studies, sports, music and many community projects that help form their futures as adults. It is co-ed from Grade 5 to 12. About 600 students attend, about 300 are boarders at the school. About 150 are from outside Canada who come to TCS for quality education.

He listed some of the problems youth face today: one third between 2 and 11 are overweight; only 35% sit down to a family dinner; one in five drink regularly; marijuana use has increased 15% in the last 10 years; 71% are sleep deprived and parents report only 25 minutes per week of quality time is spent with teens. 43% of girls and 35% of boys sometimes so depressed they find it hard to function.

Mission Statement of TCS is: "Develop habits of the heart and mind for a life of purpose and service."

ROAST BEEF DINNER

(John M. Simpson)

Rosenrath, Scotland, was settled about 600AD near the tip of Loch a gie barren place.

Roseneath, amongst the rolling hills of Northumberland County area was settled in the early 1830s where the local ladies have been serving up the most scrumptious dinners several times per year ever since. Now with these many years experience their culinary skills are honed to a fine art. They are capable of serving several hundred people tasty dishes of roast beef, pork chappit neeps and taffies; for dessert we has a choice of a great assortment of home, country made pies.

Margaret and I along with several friends attended such a dinner October 22, 2007, it was a grand evening to drive up # 45 highway as the foliage appeared the best we have seen this fall. Knowing that the event would be well patronized we enjoyed the early sitting. This was an added bonus as our drive home was while the sun was setting; that evening Mother Nature came out in all her splendor as we were coming down "yes" the Simpson Hill we had a panoramic view over the Northumberland Forest in its autumn glory complimented by the red tainted clouds as the sun sank.

Counting my money at bedtime that night after such a reasonable priced dinner (\$12.00 each) I thought how fortunate we are. Being a generous Scot I believed I should share my knowledge of the attraction of Roseneath in the hopes that any reader might benefit by partaking of a similar delight in the future. Marilyn Adams always knows the dinner dates.

LAUGHTER AND ENTERTAINMENT

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van

However, he was captured only two blocks away when his van ran out of gas.

When asked how he could mastermind such a crime and still make such an obvious error, he replied. "Monsieur, the reason I stole the paintings is: I had no MONET to buy DEGAS to make the VAN Gogh." And now you are wondering how I had DEGAulle to send this on to someone else.

I figured I had nothing TOULOUSE.

Last night, I wondered where the sun had gone. This morning it dawned on me.

My favourite bumper sticker: "I may be slow but I'm ahead of you."

Don't steal, the government hates competition.

Even a turtle has to stick his neck out to get ahead.

Contributions for the newsletter are most welcome. There are good stories out there. All you have to do is remember some events of your life that others might like to hear about. They can be hilarious or serious or anything in between. Maybe we could have a "Getting to Know You" column for all our new members. Or a "Can You Top This" challenge. Anything, its your newsletter, make it what you want. Then send it to me before to 21st of the month. Elma Parker 905-372-9143 or elmapar@eagle.ca