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Keeping in Touch -----

Greetings!

When unforeseen circumstances precluded the visit on April 5th, 2006 of our scheduled guest speaker, Richard Honey, Clare and Joan presented, in his stead, a video titled "Canada from the Air" for our delectation. It is well to be reminded from time to time of the beauty and diversity of this Canada of ours. The photography was truly spectacular defining the attributes of this great country from sea to sea.

Welcome guests of the morning were Bill and Marie Holdaway of the Trenton Club, and Mary Lou Armiston, Paul Coleman's sister from the West.

Barbara Reid was presented with her official name badge by President Cathy.

Welcome Barbara.

Guest speaker/entertainer/club member Mary Lee described, on April 19th, 2006, from the wealth of her experience derived from her life-long affiliation with music and singing, "the Art of Singing". Singing is an art, no doubt, and the voice is the most challenging of all instruments, the only instrument requiring words. "Anyone can sing", said Mary, "if they have a larynx, even if it be only in the shower, or driving, or ...?" Singing is a healthy exercise; it can lift your spirits and bring joy. Mary has sung with the Oriana Singers of Toronto for a number of years and heartily recommends singing with a group for fun and pleasure. Despite a cold and a sore throat Mary sang "You Cain't Gitta Man With a Gun" a la Betty Hutton in "Annie Get Your Gun", remembering most of the words. Thank you Mary, from the Club... Most enjoyable.

A complimentary lunch of soup, sandwiches and carrot cake in honour of the founding of Probus three years ago followed Mary's presentation. A number of the founding members were present to accept thanks from the rest of us for being so forward in their thinking. The Club has doubled in size and is still growing.

Business came first that morning:

President Cathy spoke of a web-site that posts waiting times for certain medical procedures in hospitals throughout Canada and announced that birth certificates can be purchased on-line to be received by the applicant in fifteen (15) days.

Paul Coleman received his official badge this morning... Welcome Paul.

Our Spring Mixer has attracted a good many attendees so far with probably many more to come. Logistics are coming under control. Volunteers will meet at the Keeler Centre on the evening of May 16th, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. for a briefing.

Great to have our Snow Birds back with us again, all safe and sound.

Eileen and Doreen have a slate of speakers lined up right to September, 2006.

Up And Coming:

May 3 rd , 2006	Shelly Wickabrod	Fashion Design
May 17 th , 2006	Spring Mixer	Steve Paikin
June 7 th , 2006	Cheryl Rickeson	Teaching the blind
June 21 st , 2006	Gayle Grosmaz-Brown	Travels
July 19 th , 2006	Summer picnic	
Aug. 16 th , 2006	To be announced.	
Sept. 6 th , 2006	Wayne Harrick	Dioxins in the Trent

Diane G. reported for coming events:

May 13 th , 2006	Plant sale (horticulture)	Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
May 13 th , 2006	Book sale	Trinity Anglican Church
May 26 th , 27 th , 28 th	Apple Blossom Tyme	All Colborne
	"Random Acts of Kindness"	

Also:

June 9 th & 10 th	Broadway's Greatest Duets	Victoria Hall, Cobourg
	(Beth Craig & Blair McFadden)	
June 8 th – 24 th	Storm Warning	Capital Theatre, Port Hope
June 29 th – July 15 th	Honeymoon for Three	Capital Theatre, Port Hope
July 8 th & 9 th	HMS Pinafore	Westben

Bulletin:

Our "Ringers" bowling team competed against other Probus Clubs' teams in Lakefield and had "great fun".

There is a number to call re the Northumberland Seniors' Games should you be interested. The games are great fun, so we're told, and there is just about any game you can think of that's available. Call 905-372-0708.

Spring being here now and golf dominating thoughts and conversations Cathy asked if anyone knew how golf got its name. There were a few conjectures, and then Cathy informed, "It was the only four letter word left."

I also heard it was "Gentlemen Only...Ladies Forbidden" when the clubs were formed.

See you all on May 3rd, 2006.

Cheers,

Nancy