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THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

First I would like to commend our past executives for their excellent handling of the club. As members we have enjoyed many complimentary events. Our club will be celebrating its 5th anniversary in April. It has evolved and the cost of running it has also gone up. The Keeler Centre has increased their catering fees by approximately 50% and we have incurred other expenses. As an executive we have met and come up with a possible solution. A motion to amend our constitution was put forth by Cathy Galt and seconded by Eric Milley and reads: Cathy Galt and Eric Milley will move or cause to be moved at the Colborne Probud meeting of March 5, 2008 that the annual dues be raised to \$40.00 starting with the next fiscal year The membership fee was set at \$30.00 five years ago and there have been no further increases. We realize that our responsibility as the present executive is to run the club within the boundaries of our cash flow and to end our term in office with a minimal amount left in our bank account for the next term. The \$10.00 increase in fees breaks down to fifty cents (\$0.50) per meeting. If you cannot attend the March 5th meeting, please give your proxy vote to another member or one of the executive to bring to the meeting to be counted.

We will be able to meet this goal with your support, thank you.

It was also decided at the executive meeting that the 50/50 tickets will now be one(1) ticket for a Loonie and three(3) tickets for a Toonie.

The Club could not afford to pay for our yearly anniversary luncheon so a hands-up vote was taken and members decided they will pay up to \$10.00 for the anniversary lunch. See you all on March 5th.

Speaker's Corner

March 5, 2008 – Andrea Ray

Andrea is a gemologist and geologist who has a jewellery store in Brighton. She specializes in heirloom jewellery – evaluation, care, and maintenance. Please bring along your “family jewels” for Andrea to appraise.

March 19, 2008 – Brent Townsend

Brent is a world-renowned artist living and working in Campbellford. He is also the person who designed the polar bear for our Canadian Toonie. Come and enjoy Brent's art and his journey in this exciting field.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

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| March 5 | Andrea Rae | Gemologist |
| March 19 | Brent Townsend | Designer/Painter |
| April 2 | Stuart Grainger | Head Master, Trinity College |
| April 16 | Amy Collins | African Discovery |
| May 7 | Eric Wright | Author |

CLUB EVENTS (Watch the notice board!!!!!!)

Colborne Probus Club's Anniversary Luncheon – Join your fellow Probus Club members at our 5th Anniversary Luncheon on Wednesday, April 16th, after the Club meeting. A sign-up sheet will be available at the March Club meetings. The Probus Club members voted at the February 20th meeting to cover the cost of the luncheon at \$10.00 per person, paid in advance.

Card Party – Wednesday April 9th at Trinity Anglican Church Hall at 7pm come out for the Probus Club's second Card Party of the year. Interested members can sign up at the March meetings. Cost will remain at \$3.00 per person to play either Bridge, Euchre or Whist.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Friday, Mar 14th – Salem Church Lunch, homemade soup, bun, dessert, tea & coffee. \$5.00
11:00 – 1:00pm

Saturday, Mar. 29th – “Earth Hour” from 8:00–9:00pm. Join the world and turn off lights, appliances, and other electric devices.

Saturday April 5th – All-Star, Big Band concert at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope. For tickets see Bill Doherty. Tickets are \$35.00

Sunday, April 13th – The Annual Hospice Fashion Show at ENSS in Brighton. Call Cathy Galt for tickets, which are \$20.00.

Wednesday, May 28th – The Port Hope Club is hosting the “Spring Fling”. The fourth annual Probus Clubs of Northumberland get-together. It's a morning filled with excitement and entertainment from 9:00 to 1:00pm. Keynote speaker is Marina Nemat, author of “Prisoner of Tehran”. Tickets \$25.00.
More to follow.

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

The apple pie was a hit! Harold Harnden was the perfect host. You missed a wonderful social time. River God by Wilbur Smith was Harold's choice for the February Book Club gathering. All agreed it is a spell-binding read about Egypt before common historical records. The book is written in the first person by Taita, an extremely intelligent slave of the most recent wife of the Southern Kingdom's pharaoh.

Next month we meet March 20th at 7pm at the Milley household to review Eric's choice, Famine, by Liam O'Flaherty. Any Irish descendant should join us! The Colborne Library has copies of the book for your reading pleasure. **Gord and Carol McArthur**

BOWLING CLUB REPORTS

We are pleased to announce that we had 15 bowlers out on a bright sunny day. Lots of laughter and ribbing amongst the bowlers and the top four bowlers are: Doug Galt 508, Diane Dycke 497, Mary Jane Doherty 460 and Bob Lee 460.

This is our last occasion for this year and we thank all for joining in and hopefully next year will also include bowling events. **Diane Dycke**