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Keeping in Touch ----- Greetings!

With his combination of wit and humour and an engrossing discourse re: some of the experiences he encountered during his posting as military attaché behind the Iron Curtain in Czechoslovakia during the years 1971-72, Colonel Cy Yarnell, guest speaker at the January 4 , 2006! Meeting of Probus Colborne instituted our new year on a positive and enjoyable note. Again, the audience was rapt and attentive.

We were pleased to welcome Phyllis that morning as well, Col. Yarnell's wife and companion of 61 years sharer of her husband's multitudinous exploits.

Col. Yarnell reminded us, as one who knows and has seen, how fortunate we are in Canada, though we tend to grouse and complain, to enjoy free elections; how many countries are not so blessed?

(The Colonel also flew Spitfires!)

We are very pleased to welcome Marg and Tom Gee, Jackie Oliver and Diane and Cecil Dycke to Colborne Probus and trust they will enjoy the association.

Ken Bushell received his name tag, which makes him official, I presume, though not the copy of the constitution since the revised edition is not available as yet. Next meeting.

Due to the immense popularity of the Great Probus Bowling Tournament of Nov. 30, another spectacular has been arranged for Wed. morning, January 25 (Rabbie Burns Day) wherein Cicely and Muriel and Jean are advised that they will be under attack! Please call Doug at 355-2394 for further info. and sign-up.

The Club sends hearty congratulations to Harold Harnden who celebrated his 80th birthday with an open house at Colborne United Church where over 200 well-wishers were on hand to wish him happy birthday.

There are several community events in the offing eg:

- Jan. 20,21,22. Dinner Theatre, Cobourg Best Western Inn For info. call372-2105
- Jan. 27,28,29 Northumberland Weekend Film Festival.....Northumberland Mall Theatres
- Jan. 21st to 29th Brighton Winterfest held mostly at Gosport and Presquile Claude Thompson, Chair.
- Feb. 3rd Stephen Lewis, UN special envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa , noon luncheon at Cobourg Best Western Inn.

Feb. 11.Valentine's Big Band Dance with Cobourg Concert Band at Cobourg Best Western Inn.
Fund raiser for the hospital with "The Royals" Info. 372-0644.

Our Program arrangers have been assiduous so that we are programmed well into April:

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| Jan.18 | Rob O'Neil | "Food for All" |
| Feb.1 | Pat Arato | "Aphasia" |
| Feb. 15 | Dorothy Hampson | "Dragon Boat Races" |
| March 1 | Sheila Burns | "Saving Donkeys" |
| March 15 | Jim Benham | |
| April 5 | Richard Honey | "Bird Flu" |

Though the New Year presents us with a clean slate to be written or scribbled upon, people do tend to be reflective, casting thoughts back along the paths they have taken and wondering.....

In casting her thoughts back , 85 year old Nadine Stair declared she would make some changes if she were to live her life again.....

She would, she declared, dare to make more mistakes next time, be sillier, take fewer things seriously, take more chances. "If I had to do it again, I would travel lighter and without a thermometer, I would start barefoot earlier in the spring, go to more dances, ride more merry-go-rounds.

I would pick more daisies.....

May we all have more daisies to pick this year.

Cheers,

Nancy