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THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

For those of you who missed the last meeting, we voted on a motion for a raise in membership Dues come Sept.2008. We are pleased to announce the vote was yes 43 and no's 4. Motion carried. Thank you. This will give our club a sense of stability heading into 2009. The port Hope Club has limited us to twenty (20) tickets for Spring Fling. We have reached that, so if you wish to attend please add your name to the waiting list and see if we can get more in the future. If you are planning to attend the Anniversary Luncheon, the last opportunity to sign up will be April 2nd meeting. We had about six visitors at the last meeting. Its so nice to meet new folks. Hopefully they enjoyed their visit and will return. Regards, **Eileen Milley**, Pres.

Speaker's Corner

April 2/08 **Stuart Grainger**, headmaster of Trinity College in Port Hope

April 16/08 **Amy Collins** is a young student at Queens University who has spent some time in Africa, and will speak to us about her experiences there. Following Amy's talk, we will have our anniversary luncheon.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

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. Cost is \$10 and bar service will be available at cost.

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. Cost will remain at \$3.00 per person to play either Bridge, Euchre or Whist. Refreshments and laughter provided.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Sunday, April 13 – Fashion Show in support of palliative care through Northumberland Hospice at Brighton HS. Doors open at 1:30. Clothing, Shoes, bags and jewellery shown. Door prizes and refreshments. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased from Cathy Galt.

Friday April 11th and 25 – Soup and dessert lunches at Salem United Church 11:30 1:00. Cost \$5.

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.

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

Eric Milley chose ‘Famine’ by Liam O’Flaherty as his book choice. Obviously the book is an historical fiction about the Irish Famine which started in the 1840’s. The trials of a poor Irish family are chronicled. Next month we meet at Gayle Jones’ home on April 17th at 7pm to discuss ‘The Power of One’ by Bryce Courtenay. **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

THE LAST WORD

Although our first meeting of the month was cancelled due to bad weather, the second one proved to be very interesting. Our guest speaker, Brent Townsend, reminded us that we have many outstanding people living ‘just around the corner’. Mr. Townsend was introduced by Doug Galt, and he is the man who designed the polar bear on the Toonie. He is indeed gifted, as he sold his first painting at the age of ten. He was painting in oils by age twelve, and his career soared from there. As a wildlife artist, he won the Western Wildlife Art Exhibition, and has had art shows as far away as Japan, combining his work with that of Robert Bateman. It was thrilling to be a new resident in this community and to know that there are such renowned artists among us.

We had five guests at this meeting – Kris Rahn, Cecilia and Nicholas Ignatieff, Betty Cotter and Laura Mitchell. Our newest member, Jillian Seggie, received her membership pin. Welcome everyone!

I was approached by a man named Leonard D’agostino, who has Parkinson’s Disease. He asked if there were any members who could help the Parkinson’s Society on Friday and Saturday, April 26 and 27 for a couple of hours selling tulips at the CIBC, Drugstore and the Liquor Store. Contact him at lendag@sympatico.ca.

Also, nominations are being received for Citizen recognition. You can ask for an entry form from Terry Scott at the Keeler Centre to submit a nomination for (a) Outstanding Volunteer of the Year or (b) Youth Volunteer of the Year. Entries will be judged by the committee and the recipient will be presented with the award on April 17th at 7pm, second floor of the Keeler Centre. Your Probus Executive will be in attendance. All entries must be in by April 10th.

Spring is on its way! Sooner than later, I hope.

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