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Probud Club of Colborne  
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### **THE PRESIDENTS PERCH**

Spring has sprung and brought with it the chance to sow seeds, seeds that will germinate, grow and blossom for years to come if only we nurture them.

As The Probud Club of Colborne nears it's fourth anniversary you have the timely opportunity to examine and appraise every facet of the running of the club and it's current activity.

No business endeavour stands still, it either moves forward and progresses or it slips back, sometimes into decline.

I invite and urge you to give careful thought to the club activities you enjoy, offer constructive criticism on those where you feel that there is room for improvement and above all to present new ideas or direction.

Bring your proposals to the April 4 meeting or to the attention of any member of the Management team before that date.

The Management Committee will convene in April when all members can be present to study your comments as well as their agenda. You will be apprised of the outcome as soon as possible thereafter.

*Sincerely, Ken*

### **THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Apr 4	Patti Gilchrist	Organ Donation
***Apr 18	Ed Greenwood	Games Inventor
May 2	Michelle Humphries	Forensic Art
May16	Will we have a regular meeting????	
<i>Thurs May 17</i>	<i>Spring Mixer</i>	<i>arranged by Northshore Probud – speaker Ted Barris</i>
June 6	Bob Thorndyke	Inventor
June 20	tba	.....
July 18	summer	Picnic at the Mckinney Farm
Aug 15	summer tba	.....
Sept 5	Brian Read	Horizon Plastics
Sept 19	Annual General Meeting	
October 3 - October 17 - November 7 - November 21 - December 12, Christmas Party		

\*\*\* Colborne Probud Club 4th. Anniversary Special A wonderful celebratory meal plus several special surprises, all arranged by Dorothy McKinney await you at the April 18 meeting at the Keeler Centre. Register your name with Dorothy if you haven't already done so. Plan to attend.

Who said "there's no such thing as a free Lunch"

**CLUB EVENTS (check the bulletin board!!!!!!!)**

- Apr 25 Cards Night at the Legion  
May 5 HOSPICE - Fundraiser at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope, 8pm – The Toronto All Star Big Band, hits of the 30s/40s – group price of \$30/person – pay Bill Doherty ASAP and no later than Apr 4 - (min 20 and we have 20 so far!!!)– silent auction opens at 7pm – reception and wine bar available – music at 8pm – car pooling can be arranged nearer to the date - see Dorothy McKinney

**Embroidered Badges have been ordered by Brighton Probus and should be available the first week of May**

***THE SPRING MIXER***

The Northshore Probus Club is pleased to announce that the following arrangements have been finalized for the 2007 Spring Mixer:

Date : Thursday, May 17 , 2007

Location: The New Baltimore Arena, 23 Community Centre Rd, Baltimore, north from Cobourg on Hwy 45 for 4.2 km, turn right onto Community Centre Rd for .3 km, the Baltimore Recreation Centre is on the right side.

Cost: \$23/person

8:45 am registration, light breakfast, entertainment, social

10 am keynote speaker

Speaker: Ted Barris - topic **Victory at Vimy** (90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Vimy Ridge)

11 am coffee break and book signing – more entertainment, door prizes

noon buffet lunch (special diets can be accommodated), cash bar

1 pm closing

**Ted Barris is an accomplished author and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and regularly contributing to The Globe & Mail, and National Post, he has authored 15 books including his Thomas Allen trilogy on the Second World War: Juno Canadians at D-Day, Days of Victory: Canadians Remember 1939-1945; Behind The Glory: Canada's Role in Allied Air War , and his latest book published in February 2007-Victory at Vimy. Mr. Barris is a professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College.**

**A note from Mary Jane.....We must have our commitment to Northshore Probus by May 3 and with only 2 meetings in April and one as late as May 2 – too late - please get your tickets from Mary Jane as soon as you can. Some members have already made their purchase..... Thank you.**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

- Apr 7 **Float Your Fanny Down The Ganny**, Port Hope's 26<sup>th</sup> 10km river race for canoes, kayaks, and crazy crafts.

- Apr 14 Ganaraska Forest Centre – **Owl Prowl Program** – 7pm - \$12/family, \$4 senior
- Apr 13-15 [www.fortheloveofgardening.ca](http://www.fortheloveofgardening.ca) – annual garden show, Evinrude Centre, Peterborough
- May 5 **Laurie Lawson Property Open House** – enter the photo contest (by Apr 22) of Northumberland County scenery, nature close-ups, &/or people – details at northumberlandlandtrust.ca
- May 12 **CDHS Plant Sale** – Old St Andrews Presbyterian – 10am sharp – blink and it is over!!!
- May 26/27 **APPLE BLOSSOM TYME**
- July 7 Port Hope Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, **ACO, Garden Tour**
- July 14 **CDHS Summer Flower Show and Tea** – Old St Andrews Presbyterian
- Sept 14-16 Port Hope 176<sup>th</sup> **Agricultural Fall Fair**
- Sept 21-23 **All Canadian Jazz Festival** – Port Hope
- Sept 29 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual **PORT HOPE HOUSE TOUR** – tickets on sale July 07

### **BOOK CLUB REPORTS**

The club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of each month. Last month “**On Being Caribou**” by Karsten Heuer was enjoyed by all members of the club. With the focus on ‘green’, it brought forward the need to consider the majesty of what we have and the need to make an effort to ensure it remains. Oil sands drilling in the migrating and birthing areas of the caribou does not seem to make sense. For March we are reading “**The Stone Diaries**” by **Carol Shields**. (Joyce Gamble has arranged with the Librarian to have 3 copies of the current book on the shelves of the Cramahe Library in Colborne.)

### **BOWLING CLUB REPORTS**

Top Six Bowlers on March 14, 2007:	Doug Galt	427
	Martin Noakes	426
	Muriel Todd	412
	Adrian Dubois	395
	Cicely Scroggs	371
	Doris Noakes	371

The women’s high single went to Cathy Galt with 182. She had one strike and 6 spares in that game. Muriel Todd took high triple with 412. The men’s high single and high triple went to Doug Galt with 178 (please note his wife got 182) and his triple was 427. Honourable mention goes to Martin who had a high triple of 426.

The challenge for 2007 was won by the men as they took high bowler for 2 of the 3 outings. Just to show we have equality the top six bowlers are still three men and 3 women.

There is a lot of camaraderie in this club, we had bowlers who had overnight guests and were only able to come for the last two games, another bowler had an eye appointment and came even though he was still blurry eyed but joined us for the third game and another couple had a sick dog and were leaving for down south the next day but still came and bowled two games. There was plenty of laughter and ribbing of one another. Cecil and I would like to thank you for your participation, we feel that all who were able to participate had a real good time and look forward to doing it again next year.

*Reported by Cecil and Diane*

## CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB REPORTS

Members brought a favourite CD to the Feb meeting. The next meeting, Apr 9, will focus on JS BACH.

### WE CARE

- Please notify Barbara Reid at 905 355 1823 (you may leave a message)

### March IN REVIEW

3/7 - Pres Ken welcomed a small but enthusiastic crowd on a cold day.

- new member Rose Bellamy was awarded her badge

- Gayle introduced speaker **Barb Keenan from the Big Sisters, Big Brothers of**

**Northumberland**. They are now organized under the United Way. Barb detailed the many facets of the work including: sourcing volunteers, fundraising, thrift shop management, soap box derby, scholarship awards, and of course managing the match of children to volunteers. Many questions as to how the program worked: how the kids are chosen, how reviewed, how to get out if a problem. Barb asked for more volunteers, especially north of the 401.

- Barbara Reid thanked Barb and she selected Clare as the winner of the 50/50.

- After the break, Pres Ken summarized some of the other 181 Probus Clubs in Canada.

Twelve clubs have from 12-25 members, one in Cape Breton has over 300 women only!

- Probus Canada has scheduled a 2008 meeting in Eastern Canada

- Card night at the Legion has had a change of date

- There were no takers for a repeat at Air Farce

- Mary Lee circulated an order form for Impatiens @\$23/flat, a fundraiser for her choir. To order phone Mary at 344 8319. (can deliver)

3/21 - Pres Ken welcomed another small group on another cold day. Cathy led us in singing our national anthem.

- Shirley introduced speaker **Ian Reilly, President, and Thelma Coulter, Secretary, of the Marilyn Adams Genealogical Centre located in Ameliasburgh**, Prince Edward County and owned by the Seventh Town Historical Society. Ian's passion for collecting history was contagious. He loves found items and the group works to find a place for them. Whether it is a photo, a bible, or a filing case it is treasured and put to good use by this very successful group. Their records are resourced by people around the world. Adrian thanked Ian and Ian pulled Thelma's ticket.

- **Doug Palmer of Northshore Probus** gave us a personal invitation to the Spring Mixer.

They expect over 600 from 12 clubs

- **Leslie Nemisz, Director, spoke to us about Colborne Community Care** and invited us to access, volunteer, visit and donate to the many services they provide our community.

- Ken thanked everyone who stepped in for those away from their usual roles. He suggested a theme approaching our 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary, ie think about how you might like to contribute to the success of the club – specifically for the coming year.

- Clare read an email citing another fraud situation – George had a number to call to report frauds. Please see these on the bulletin board & remember, if it sounds too good....it probably is.

- Ken awarded Cathy a prize for creating a word describing a group of probians. Some suggestions were a "slumber", a "retirement", a "presence" of probians. Cathy's won a "round the world cruise on the QE.....sailing in the year 2075"!!!! Have fun Cathy!

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