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THE PRESIDENT’S PERCH

Our last meeting was hurried due to the fact that our room was rented for the afternoon. We were enlightened about the water situation in Ontario by our very own Mary Lee. What an excellent presentation. I am sure we all came away wiser. The items are rolling in for our silent auction on June 18th. Thank you. We have some interesting things. I’m suggesting that we can convene at 9:30 a.m. so as to have more time to “cruise the tables”. It should be a bidding good morning. The McKinney’s and the McArthur’s have posted sign-up sheets for the July 17th picnic. The response has been good and we all look forward to that fun day. Our next speaker is a decoy expert, so bring your ducks, we’ll line them up in a row, and he will date and appraise them. I look forward to seeing you on June 4th. Regards, **Eileen Milley, President**

Speaker’s Corner

May 7 – Eric Wright – pastor and author was our speaker. He talked about the process of becoming a writer, and read us some excerpts from his latest book, The Lightning File. Many of us purchased copies of his book. Audrey thanked him.
May 21 – Our club member, Mary Lee, spoke about the Great Lakes Waterways ‘Water Goes Up But Mostly Goes Down’. She gave us a number of issues to think about regarding things such as the Big O pipe being considered from Lake Ontario to Simcoe to remove sludge from housing north of TO. Shirley Ross thanked Mary.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

June 4	Steven Lloyd	Wooden decoys – bring any that you have for appraisal
June 18	No speaker.	This is the silent auction. Don’t forget to call Eileen.
July 17	Picnic	McKinney farm
August 20	Ian Wilson	Municipal Affairs

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

Probud Picnic – Please note **Date change. July 17th**, 9am until after lunch. McKinney’s Farm. A sign-up sheet for the picnic and food for the picnic is available.
June 18 auction – please have auction items here by 9:30am.
September 24th to 29th – National Probud event called **Rendezvous 2008**, to be held in Saint John, NB. Information can be found on the sheet posted on the bulletin Board. You can download the Rendezvous 2008 brochure and Registration form from the Probud website: www.probus.org/Canada.htm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 31 Supper at Eden United Church, Dundonald. Time – 5:00 Cost - \$12

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

Gayle Jones hosted this month's gathering to review "A Thousand Splendid Suns". Everyone found the book an irresistible read. The book gives insight into the life of two Afghani women who start as rivals but become close friends as they try to survive social conflicts. Even Ken Bushell participated in absentia via an email critique! Two new members joined us also. Next month we meet at Shirley Derocher's home in Grafton on June 19th at 7pm to review "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett.

CHESS, ANYONE?

If you are a chess player (past or present, good or bad) then you may want to get together with other Probus members for some fun, informal chess. Lessons, tournaments, and forming a Northumberland Chess Club may be future possibilities but for now friendly chess, probably in the Port Hope/Cobourg area, will be the focus.

Please contact Dave Broughton, 905-885-1870, david.broughton@sympatico.ca if you are interested.

THE LAST WORD

It was unfortunate that Eileen was ill for the May 7th meeting, but Paul Ross did a terrific job and later in the meeting gave us the Story of Mother's Day. I enjoyed Eric Wright's presentation and look forward to reading his book when Berk is finished with it. I was unable to be present for the May 21st meeting, but Shirley Ross was kind enough to send me a copy of the minutes. I spoke to a number of members regarding Mary's topic, and they were all very impressed with her presentation.

I understand that 8-9 members went to Karen Moore's house and weeded her garden this week. Thank you all for the rest of us who were unable to help. I'm sure your work will be appreciated by Karen, as she has always taken great pride in her garden.

Wasn't the Spring Fling terrific!! The author Marina Nemat talked about her experiences as a young woman, jailed in Iran and ordered to be executed. I have an autographed copy of her book which I'm excited to start after I finish Pillars of the Earth (who chose that long one?). The lunch was very good, along with the fellowship of over 700 Probus members from as far away as Ajax, Lindsay and Belleville. Congratulations to Port Hope Club for such a successful event.

I look forward to seeing you all in June. **Judi Eakins, Editor**