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THE PRESIDENT’S PERCH

A good time was had by all who attended the Port Hope Spring Fling. The speaker was good, the food was good, and the company was excellent! Our silent auction on June 18th was a fun time. Thank you all for making it so. We easily chieved our objective to cover picnic expenses. I hope you can all attend the picnic on Thursday, July 17th, 9:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your lawn chairs, pot luck dish, and your sense of humour. Rain or shine, it’s a go! Our next regular meeting is in the Keeler Centre on August 20th, 10:00a.m.

On a sad note, we have lost a very valued member, Paul Black. He shall be missed by all of us. The Club has sent a contribution in his name to “Sleeping Children Around the World”. Our sympathy goes out to Joyce.

Regards, Eileen Milley, Pres.

Speaker’s Corner

June 4th Steven Lloyd came to speak to us about decoys. He told us that there are duck decoys in the Smithsonian Museum of Civilization that are more than 2000 years old. Ducks were usually shot on the water, and hunters supplied their towns with ducks as food. After 1800 sport hunting began and ducks were shot in the air. Decoys are usually made of cedar or basswood, and some are worth as much as \$2.1million. That was certainly a surprise to me!!

June 18th we had no speaker as that was the day of the silent auction.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

July 17	Picnic	McKinney farm
August 20	Ian Wilson	Municipal Affairs
September 3	Andrea Rae	Gemologist from Brighton. She would be pleased to have people bring in any old jewels for her to evaluate.

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

Probos 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.

September 24th – The annual car rally takes place. Cars will be leaving between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Drivers and navigators will follow a set of directions and answer questions along the way. At noon, we will meet at a restaurant known only to the route planners, for lunch.

September 24th to 29th – National Probus 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 Probus website:

www.probus.org/Canada.htm

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Although there are no community events for this newsletter, we look forward to seeing Joan Musselman in the fall, and to her addition to this newsletter.

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

Shirley Desrochers hosted the final gathering until the fall. 'The Pillars of the Earth', by Ken Follett was her choice. Although the book was long – almost 100 pages – Follett introduced many fascinating characters who added intrigue to cathedral construction and other innovations during the 12th century England and Europe. Fortunately the villains were defeated and the heroes and heroines survived!

Shirley Ross has chosen, 'The Colony of Unrequited Dreams', by Wayne Johnston for the September 18th meeting at her home. The book is an historical fiction including Smallwood's Newfoundland era. It will be a great summer read, according to Shirley. October 16, the book for review is 'Late Nights on Air' (2007 Giller Prize) by Elizabeth Hay at Carol McArthur's home.

THE LAST WORD

We were glad to see Sheila and Bob MacDougall & Louise Blackshaw as guests at our June 4th meeting. Gayle introduced our speaker, whom we enjoyed. It was interesting to have Eileen tell us the history of Fathers' Day, which began in 1912 in some states and in others in 1920. In 1972 Father's Day was permanently established as a holiday. I must congratulate Doug Galt on his excellent handling of the auction. Who would have guessed that a dozen butter tarts, no matter how good they were, would sell for \$32? Doug seemed to get a very good price for everything that he auctioned, which goes as much to his auctioning skills as to our knowledge that the money was going to pay for the picnic expenses. Everyone enjoyed themselves, although I wonder if Doug realized that he was selling to his own wife. What a great bit of entertainment!! The picnic is a must for everyone. You can be sure of a great time if it's at all like last year. There were games of skill and fun for all. If you just want to sit outside and enjoy the day you are free to do it.

The Car Rally is coming, and guess who has the trophy? Berk and I are the proud owners of the F.A.R.T. trophy, which for any of you new people means Family Automobile Rally and Tour. You'll have to be very good to win it from us, as we've been honing our skills since last September. After all, we were newer to the area then.

Anyway, I look forward to seeing everyone at the picnic. The McKinney's will be anxiously awaiting your arrival. See you July 17th.

Judi Eakins, Editor