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THE PRESIDENTS PERCH

"If it ain't broke don't even try to fix it"

That appeared to be the response of the membership to my question about the running of the club and it's present activities and I simply cannot believe that lack of comment was due to timidity, apathy, lethargy or indifference. Only Al. McKinney reminded us of the talent we have among the members and that we all should be asked to participate more.

So, with a tweak here, a little more polish there, we can continue with our successful format. Of course there will always be room for improvement and you will understand why "I had to ask" *Sincerely, Ken*

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

May 2	Michelle Humphries	Forensic Art
May 16	YES WE WILL have a regular meeting. See below for details	
Thurs May 17	<i>Spring Mixer</i>	<i>arranged by Northshore Probud – speaker Ted Barris</i>
June 6	Bob Thorndyke	Inventor
June 20	Doug Stevenson	Oshawa Driving School
July 18	summer	Picnic at the Mckinney Farm
Aug 15	Judy Bigwood	Master Carver
Sept 5	Brian Read	Horizon Plastics
Sept 19	Annual General Meeting	
October 3	Paul Shaughnessy	Crime Stoppers
October 17	Ted Rafaf	Railway Across Rice Lake
November 7	Erik Norenus	Aviation History
November 21	Davi Simmons	Waddington's Antiques
December 12	Christmas Party	

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

May 5 HOSPICE - Fundraiser at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope, 8pm – The Toronto All Star Big Band, hits of the 30s/40s – silent auction at 7pm – reception/wine bar available – music at 8pm – car pooling can be arranged nearer to the date - see Dorothy McKinney

YES WE WILL!!! MEETING, MAY 16. Instead of a speaker, Gayle and Eileen have decided to have guessing game, members are to bring in a "thing-a-ma-jig" or a "what-cha-ma-call-it" for other members to guess what is it and what is its purpose, most people have some gadget around from long ago or ever present day, that we would all ponder about. So we will set up table and have sheets of

paper numbered from 1 to 20, they set their gadget on it, and then we will give each table an opportunity to come up and examine, write down their guess and after everyone has had a turn viewing, we will have person who brought it in, stand and explain it, then ask for people's guesses, , this should be fun and something everyone can participate in. We call it--"WHAT IS IT?" thanks, eileen

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** (90th 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 - please get your tickets from Mary Jane as soon as you can. Thank you.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- May 5 **Laurie Lawson Property Open House** – details at northumberlandlandtrust.ca
- May 4&5 **The County Garden Show** - \$10 – Crystal Palace, Picton
- May 5 **The Living Green Fair** - 10am-5pm – Port Hope Fair Grounds
- May 12 **CDHS Plant Sale** – Old St Andrews Presbyterian – 10am sharp – blink and it is over!!!
- May 13 **Mother’s Day Wildflower Walk & Tea** – Ganaraska Forest Centre - \$10/family - 905 797 2721
- May 13 **Friends of Ferris Trillium Walk** – Campbellford – 1-3pm – 705 653 0551
- May 26/27 **APPLE BLOSSOM TYME**
- June 9&10 **Garden Times at the Carvers Loft** – Wooler Rd between Hwy 401&2 – turn west on Telephone Rd & North on Helyer Rd – look for sign on right
- June 24 **Northumberland Big Sisters Big Brothers Heart of Northumberland Garden Tour** - \$20
- July 7 Port Hope Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, **ACO, Garden Tour**
- July 8 **Horizons of Friendship, City& Country, House, Gardens & Music Tour** – Cobourg - \$30 – Victoria Hall Box Office or 905 372 5483 or 888 729 9928

July 14 **CDHS Summer Flower Show and Tea** – Old St Andrews Presbyterian
 Sept 8 **Hospice Plant Sale**
 Sept 14-16 **Port Hope 176th Agricultural Fall Fair**
 Sept 21-23 **All Canadian Jazz Festival** – Port Hope
 Sept 29 **42nd Annual PORT HOPE HOUSE TOUR** – tickets on sale July 07

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

The club meets the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Last month we met at the home of the Milleys to discuss “The Stone Diaries” by Carol Shields. For May we meet at Harold Harnden’s to review “Map of Glass” by Jane Urquhart.

BOWLING CLUB REPORTS...we had a good time & look forward to next year... *Cecil & Diane*

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB REPORTS

Mary Lee led the last discussion of JS BACH, the man, and his music. Very instructive. At 7:30pm, May 8, the group will meet at the McArthur’s to feature the music of Beethoven.

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

March IN REVIEW

4/4 - Pres Ken welcomed returning snowbirds and visitors John Behan and Joanne Bird. Gayle introduced Patti Gilchrist who shared the emotional reality of her heart transplant. Her heart became diseased from a virus. Patti is grateful for every day and even though it is difficult, she speaks out to promote the transplant program. Doug thanked Patti and compared her strength to all her family members.

- Patti drew Ferne’s ticket.
- Carol presented a nice history of the hot cross buns from 1733 - at “one a penny, to a penny...” they symbolized the end of lent . Much tsk tsking was heard when Carol mentioned the Aussie variation to chocolate instead of dried fruit.
- Alma Draper introduced the Biggest Coffee Morning June 19, to benefit Northumberland Hills Hospital Foundation in memory of her Probus friend June Harvey.
- Pres Ken reminded charter members of arrangements to have a photo taken at the anniversary lunch. He asked whether we should have a meeting the day before the Spring Mixer. – Yes. And considering possible changes to club format etc, no news is good news.
- Joan asked for a Probus team to the Apple Blossom Tyme spelling bee.
- Thelma announced a meeting of the Rug Hooking Guild at Loyalist College, May 27, 1-3pm
- Ferne announced the Cramahe Ratepayers meet 2nd Thursday evening every month

4/18 Pres Ken welcomed everyone to his first Anniversary Luncheon and introduced Bruce Steel visiting from Northshore Probus.

- Gayle introduced neighbour, international writer, international games inventor and now presenter Ed Greenwood. Ed began with his history: he grew up in a comfortable home with a father who encouraged him to read; by the time he hit university he was funding himself with earnings from publication sales to the point that when his profs scoffed at his struggle with the tax forms he allowed them to take a look and they were silenced. His sales now place him in the 66% tax bracket. When he creates an idea he submits it to the publisher who develops a draft and returns it for rewrite. Once Ed rewrites it he submits it again. They okay and purchase the item and then it is written. Ed claims an

idea can be a bar to entertainment. Everyone wants people, they want a hero and a bad guy. When asked to recommend a trilogy for an 11 year old, Ed recommended Swords of Evening Star, Swords of the Dragon Fire and The Sword Never Sleeps. City of Splendours and Astounding Hero Tales were also mentioned. Ed also writes Harlequin under a pseudonym. Tempest Revenge is one of his. Ed games are popular around the world, he is hired to create war games for the military. Games are the great equalizer and must allow more than one way to win. Ferne thanked Ed. And Eileen won the draw

Hi, Ken! I'd like to thank you and everyone at Probus for the opportunity to speak yesterday. I enjoyed it very much! Here are a handful of titles of my books that either stand alone or work well as a starting point for reading my works. These are intended to be fun fantasy adventure stories. All of them should be available at public libraries (if not in their collections, then through the interloan system). SWORDS OF EVENINGSTAR (novel, published by Wizards of The Coast: hardcover 2006, paperback this June) THE KINGLESS LAND (novel, published by Tor Books: hardcover, paperback, and Blackstone cassette audio book all 2000) THE BEST OF THE REALMS VOLUME 2: THE BEST OF ED GREENWOOD (short story collection, paperback 2005) collaboration with Elaine Cunningham: CITY OF SPLENDORS (novel, published by Wizards of The Coast: hardcover 2006, paperback 2006) and forthcoming in September: SWORDS OF DRAGONFIRE (novel, published by Wizards of The Coast, hardcover: sequel to Swords of Eveningstar) DARK LORD (novel, published by Solaris [Simon & Shuster], hardcover, first of a new series) DARK WARRIOR RISING (novel, published by Tor Books, hardcover, first of a new series) I'm not trying to flog my books, really. And if any Probus members want reading recommendations of much better books by other writers (such as Canadian Guy Gavriel Kay, or Terry Pratchett), I'd be happy to oblige. Thanks! Ed

- For our May16 meeting we are asked to bring an unusual item for a "What Is It?" game.
- Bruce Steel congratulated the Club on hosting the Spring Mixer last year. He hopes to have 600 this year from Probus Club from Oshawa to Belleville.
- Pres Ken thanked the Probus Club of Colborne founding members and Paul for setting up such a good format. He displayed a poster board photo collection of Past Presidents and Charter Members. Then he led us on a Quiz of what Lucrecia Borgia (born1840), Paul Revere (rode 1875), David Livingstone (buried 1874), Albert Einstein (d1955), Leopold Strachosky *ed: how is it spelled?* (born 1882) and #99 Wayne Gretsky (played last game in 1999) all had in common. All events happened on April 18, the day of our inaugural meeting. Past Pres Cathy noted Gretzky's number 99 also totals 18!
- Joan announced Team Probus members have been determined for the Apple Blossom Tyme Spelling Bee. Members are: Cecil Dyke, Clara O'Brien and Ken Bushell. Go out to support them at Old St Andrews Presbyterian Church, 11:30am.
- Thelma left an address for folks to send a birthday card to a terminally ill child who wants to be named in the Guinness Book of Records for Most Birthday Cards Received. (Shane Bernier, Box 484, Lancaster, Ont, K0C 1N0). *Thank you Jean for finding this address for us.*
- It was a three way finish!! Cathy, Diane G and Diane D won for correctly guessing the photos (#1-Bill Doherty, #2 Harold Harnden, #3 Ken Ellis, #4 Adrian Dubois, #5 Al McKinney)
- And then we were off to enjoy a quiet casual lunch to celebrate year 4.

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