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Probud Club of Colborne  
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### THE PRESIDENTS PERCH

*I was pleased that during our Christmas celebrations on December 6<sup>th</sup>, we paused awhile to sign the card sending our thoughts and best wishes to Canadian troops serving in Afghanistan. The card was taken to CFB Trenton by Karen and is probably now in Kandahar.*

*In these days of email and satellite telephone communication, don't underestimate the value of a card from strangers that can be read and re-read, it can do wonders for the morale.*

*When I signed the card I was transported back in time to Christmas 1946, I was at an airfield at Habbaniya some fifty miles west of Baghdad. Iraq was friendlier in those far off days. There were no insurgents to worry about, we were more concerned with the desolate terrain, the unrelenting heat, scorpions and camel spiders that may end up in your bed.*

*There was a longing to be home with your family but as that could not be, a wish for a card or letter bearing news of home to arrive before the 25<sup>th</sup>.*

*Christmas lunch consisted of Bully beef or goat meat with chunks of watermelon for dessert and you knew that this was probably much better than your family was having for lunch in still severely rationed Britain.*

*Such is the lot of the professional or conscripted serviceman or servicewoman. Times are changing. Is it too much to hope that all of Canada's "Everyday Heroes" will be home for Christmas 2007?*

*Sincerely, Ken.*

### THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 3	Ken Prue	Northumberland Films-Movies
Jan 17	Pauline Carrick	Africa & travels
Feb 7	Terry Scott	Dir Community Services, Cramahe – Keeler Centre agenda
Feb 21	Tony Trevor	Fine Furniture Refinishing
Mar 7	Barb Keenan	Big Sisters, Big Brothers
Mar 21		Seventh Town Historical Society
Apr 4	Patti Gilchrist	Organ Donation
Apr 18	Ed Greenwood	Games Inventor
May 2	Michelle Humphries	Forensic Art
May 16	Spring Mixer	(arranged by Northshore Probus)
June 6	Bob Thorndyke	Inventor
June 20	tba	
July 18	summer	Picnic at the Mckinney Farm
Aug 15	summer	
Sept 5	Brian Read	Horizon Plastics
Sept 19	Annual General Meeting	

October 3 - October 17 - November 7 - November 21 - December 12, Christmas Party

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

Jan 22	Multi Club Bowling	@ Northshore Lanes, Cobourg, teams of 5 required, \$8.25 for 3 games, lunch available @ \$15/person – see Cecil Dyke at our Jan 3 mtg or call Cecil at 905 355 1340
Jan 24	Bowling	Presquile Lanes – see bulletin board
Mar 28	Bowling	Presquile Lanes – see bulletin board
Apr 4	AIR FARCE	to be discussed at our mtg Jan 3
May 5	HOSPICE	Fundraiser at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope – The Toronto All Star Big Band, hits of the 30's/40s – group price (min 20) of \$30/person – we must confirm by Jan 17 – see Dorothy McKinney at our mtg Jan 3 to 'sign up'
tba	Classical Music	could be a group run along similar lines to the book club

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

Jan 20	Northumberland Orchestra & Choir - Gershwin & All That Jazz, Brian Finlay (Westben), Capitol Arts Centre, Port Hope, 8pm, \$20/senior, call 905 377 1477
Jan 27	Northumberland Film Society – Film Festival Reception
Jan 27	Robbie Burns Dinner – Cobourg Legion, \$25 – call Margaret 905 373 4166
Jan 28, South America - Feb 11, Northern Sudan – Feb 25, Canadian at Table Author Dorothy Duncan – Mar 11, Kashmir and Nepal – Art Gallery of Northumberland Lecture Series– 1:30pm – 905 372 0333	
Feb 9	Cobourg Rotary Sportsman Dinner & Auction – 905 372 0484
Feb 10	Ganaraska Forest Centre – 905 797 2721 – Cross Country Ski Day – 10am-2pm, \$8
Feb 10/11	Ganaraska Railway Clubs 14 <sup>th</sup> Annual Show – Port Hope Lion's Club – 10-4pm, \$4
Feb 17	Heritage Pie & Preserves Contest, Trenton Town Hall – entries 9-10:30am – doors open 1:30pm, \$2, winning entries auctioned – call Marilyn 613 392 8418
Feb 18	Lajeunesse – In The Spotlight – Port Hope United Church, 3pm – call 905 885 7963
Feb 24	The Elora Festival Singers – sacred and secular music - Port Hope United Church
Mar 3	Cobourg Model Train Show – Cobourg Lions Centre – 10-4:30pm, \$4
Mar/Apr	Garden Lecture Series – Victoria Hall, Cobourg - \$35 for 4 evenings – 905 372 2210
Mar 10/11	Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival – Sandy Flats Sugar Bush, 705 924 2057
Mar 10/11, 17/18	Presqu'ile Provincial Park – Waterfowl Festival
Mar 23/24	Brad Hall Words & Music of Burton Lane & Sammy Fain – 8 pm, Victoria Hall, Cobourg – 905 372 2210
Mar 24 & Apr 14	Ganaraska Forest Centre – Owl Prowl Program – 7pm - \$12/family, \$4 senior

**THEATRE**

*We are so fortunate to have many arts venues in the 'hood.*

Capitol Arts Centre 1	800 434 5092
Feb 1	film tba
Feb 2	The Legend in Black – Johnny Cash Tribute starring Bill Cayley – 8pm \$27.50
Feb 3	Summerhouse – release of 2 <sup>nd</sup> CD – 8pm, \$20
Feb 8/9	Ron James – Full Tilt – comedian – 8pm, \$43.50
Feb 10	First Stages Theatre - A Bench in the Sun, by Ron Clark – 7:30pm \$15
Feb 16	film tba

Feb 17 Comedy Concert – Bowser & Blue – 8pm, \$33  
 Feb 23/24 & Mar 1-3 The Full Monty - 8pm \$23  
 Mar 10 Freddy Vette & the Flames – 50’s rock & roll - 8pm \$29  
 Mar 14 Music & Comedy, Dave & Ian Thomas – 8pm \$39  
 Mar 16 Concert, Ralph Kuster & Friends – 8pm \$25  
 Mar 17 First Stages Theatre - Doubt, by John Patrick Shanley – 7:30pm \$15  
 Mar 18 Friends of Music - Trio Mosaique clarinet, violin, piano– 3pm \$30  
 Mar 24 Comedy Concert – Don Harron – 8pm \$33  
 Apr 12 Concert – Jesse Cook – 8pm \$45  
 Apr 21 The Amazing Kreskin - 8pm \$35  
 Apr 22 Friends of Music – Sinfonia – 3pm \$30  
 Apr 27 Music & Comedy – Daniel Packard & Alfie Zappacosta – 8pm \$33  
 May 4 Choir – Harlem Gospel Choir – 8pm \$35  
 May 19 Comedy Concert – Buddy Wasisname & The Other Fellas – 8pm \$35  
 May 26 Capitol Fundraiser – Dance, Sing & Celebrate – 6pm \$125  
 The Best Western Cobourg Inn & Convention Centre 905 372 2105  
 Jan 19-21, 26-28, & Feb 2-4 High Temperature - \$40 includes dinner  
 The County Theatre Group, The Waring House Inn, 613 476 7492  
 Feb 14-16 Some Enchanted Evening, dinner and show  
 The Stirling Festival Theatre, 1 877 312 1162  
 Jan 18 Stuart McLean’s Vinyl Café – 7:30pm  
 Jan 27 Rick Fines with Suzie Vinnick – 8pm  
 Feb 17 Afternoon of Music & Magic – 2pm  
 Mar 12-15, 2pm & Mar 15, 7pm Charlotte’s Web  
 Mar 12-16 theatre classes – Belleville  
 Mar 17 Irish Shenanigans – 2pm & 8pm  
 Mar 24 The Frantics – 8pm  
 Mar 28 Salvation Army Ban (Ontario) – 2pm  
 The Empire Theatre, 1 613 969 0099  
 Jan 2-6 Film – Bobby  
 Jan 19 Robert Munsch, Love you Forever Storytelling Concert  
 Jan 20 Sashar Zarif Dance, Ritmo Flamenco, Moving Pictures Festival of Dance  
 Feb 4 Colin James & the Little Big Band  
 Feb 11,12,13&15 Quinte Theatre – Talk Radio by Eric Bogosian  
 Feb 17/18 Ron James, Full Tilt  
 Mar 2 Classic Albums, R&R recital of Pink Floyd’s Dark Side of the Moon  
 Mar 6 Irish Rovers, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour  
 Mar 11 Rita MacNeil  
 Mar 28 Quinte Art Opera Gala, The Magic Flute  
 Apr 1,2,3&5 Quinte Theatre, Albertine in Five Times by Michel Tremblay  
 Apr 12 Eva Avila – Special Guest Opening Act George  
 Westben Concerts at the Barn, 1 877 883 5777  
 June, Voices of Spring – July, Gala Weekend, Main Series, Chats & Music of  
 the Night – August, Jazz Out Of This World - September, A Taste of Westben  
 – November, The Littlest Angel

### **BOOK CLUB REPORTS**

The club meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday evening of each month. Last month “The Secret Life of Bees” by Sue Monk Kidd gained a unanimous “recommended read” from members (and no, it is not *just* a ‘woman’s book’). Next month we read “All Creatures Great and Small” by James Herriot.

### **WE CARE**

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

### **DECEMBER IN REVIEW**

Guests included Mayor Marc and Mrs Coombs, Terry Scott – Dir Community Services, and friends of Dorothy and Al McKinney, Sandy & Roger.

We were happy to learn that Doreen Clark was home from hospital.

We were entertained by the Colborne Public School Children’s Choir, led by their teacher Katie Chapman (aka Northumberland Idol and grand niece of Harold Harnden).

Several members stood to wish Merry Christmas in several languages: Greek, Dutch, French, Espanol, Italy, Portuguese, Danish

Eileen drew Harold Harndens number for the 50/50

Pres Ken presented the club badge to new member Delena Behan

Karen prepared a giant Christmas card for all members to sign to troops in Afghanistan. She gave each attendee a card with another members name to write a Christmas wish.

All members also signed the logbook to the BC Probus Club touring bus

Ernie shared his experience of Christmas in Italy 1944. “Christmas was just another day at war. You never knew if you would make it.” They would go to see the cook camouflaged under brush preparing spam, dehydrated potatoes, m/v (meat and vegetables – no veg, just mutton fat), tea. It always seemed to be raining. Ernie recommended we be thankful for our Christmas.

Audrey spoke of Christmas in Scotland. It was for children, New Years Eve was for adults, and it was not very different from now but fewer presents.

Paul spoke of a Methodist/Presbyterian Christmas.

Thelma spoke of special reunions at Christmas in Edmonston NB. Her mother made all the meal preparations for her 14 children who returned with their families.

Adrian remembered his mother’s resourcefulness with no food and no electricity in wartime. She always found a rabbit. To make Christmas special she traded a watch for a tin of sardines. The tin contained sand.

Harold spoke of Christmas in the depression. One gift, dolls for the girls, a book and nuts, oranges, and candy in a tin box.

*THEN SANTA ARRIVED WITH A GREETING AND GIFT FOR EVERYONE*

Karen advised us that Christmas Island is in the Indian Ocean. Constantine decided Christmas. Boxing Day was the redistribution of items placed in a box on Christmas.

Pres Ken shared delicious truffles

Karen thanked the kitchen and congratulated the club on the overflowing boxes of food donations to the Food Bank. She reminded us to collect our Christmas card at the door.

Clare thanked Karen for all her preparations.

Pres Ken closed the meeting with singing Auld Lang Syne.

*Thanks to Karen Moore and her fellow elves for arranging our special Christmas Luncheon.*

*And a special thanks to Santa.*

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!**

*sr 12/26/06*