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THE PRESIDENT'S PERCH

I thought I would share with you the story of Probus. Probus started out with retired or semi-retired business and professional people looking for a way to maintain a social network. Now it has expanded to include all seniors from any walk of life. The Rotary Club organizes the formation of the club, and then hands the reins over to volunteer executive to run. There are over 330,000 members in Approximately 4000 Probus clubs all over the world. The first formed Probus club was in the 1920's in Saskatchewan, then in New Haven, Conn., then in 1965 in England. In 1974 in New Zealand, then in 1976 it spread to Australia. The first Probus club in Ontario was formed in Cambridge in 1978, from then on it was non-stop. Probus clubs were formed to provide social events, schedule speakers, and a common meeting ground. Within the club, other smaller interest groups may form to enjoy hobbies such as bowling, golf, bridge, computers or travel. Now you know.....the rest is history.

We will be discussing the financial status of the club at the February 6th meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you then. Eileen Milley, President.

Speaker's Corner

January 2, 2008 - Janice Buck, case manager for the Community Care Access Centre. CCACs provide access for people who need in-home health services and support or accommodation in long-term care homes. All services provided by CCACs are funded by the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. Services using provincial guidelines. There is no cost to the client for CCAC services. Janet reviewed different situations and how you would go about receiving these services. She left various pamphlets outlining all the details and requirements needed to receive these services. She stressed the importance of discussing health care issues with parents, spouses and children, before these services are required and obtaining the wishes of the potential client.

January 16, 2008 - Barry McQuillin, a member of our Probus club, is a past potentate of the Shriners Club. He spoke about the Shriners' Hospitals. We learned that there are several hospitals in North America, and the closest one to us is in Montreal. We learned also that they treat children up to the age of 18 for severe burns, as well as for childhood

arthritis, and for crippling diseases. I was impressed to learn that no money is ever charged for these services, and that the money is raised for the hospitals by the Shriners themselves.

We were also visited by Colleen Dupuis from the Northumberland Services for Women, who told us a little about their services, and invited us to the Port Hope Theatre to a fund raising evening of hilarity, at the production of the Vagina Monologues.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

February 6	Colin Caldwell	Cobourg Area History
February 20	Gordon Sherwin	War Experiences
March 5	Andrea Rae	Gemologist
March 19	Brent Townsend	Designer/Painter
April 2	Stuart Grainger	Head Master, Trinity College
April 16	Amy Collins	African Discovery
May 7	Eric Wright	Author

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

Alas, the "name the baby" contest has come to an end, the winner will be announced in February. We are now looking for scrabble players for a short, sudden-death tournament for March. In April we have another one of our famous, fun-filled card nights coming up. Watch for the sign-up sheet..

COMMUNITY EVENTS –Joan Musselman

Tuesday, Feb. 5th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper, Trinity Anglican Church, 5:00 - 6:30p.m. \$8 per person

Thursdays, beginning Jan 17th - Community choir practice, under the leadership of Gerald Burgess at Trinity Anglican Church, in preparation for Easter performance.

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

January's book, The Stone Carvers by Jane Urquhart, received rave comments. Everyone liked it! Colborne was even mentioned in the text. The story line follows a woman who has a talent for carving - a wooden saint in a wood shed at her farm in southwestern Ontario, then stone at Vimy Ridge Memorial. Many interesting characters are introduced along the way. February's historical fiction is 'River God' by Wilbur Smith. Extra copies of the book are available at the Colborne Library and we hope to entice new members to Harold Harnden's home Feb. 21st at 7 pm. You do not have to read the book to join the club since you would be amazed at the discussions. Camaraderie is more important!

BOWLING CLUB REPORTS We had a great time bowling on Jan 23rd with 15 members present. Sue McQuillin was top lady bowler with a high single of 220 and a triple of 606. Gord McArthur was top male bowler with a high single of 215 for a triple of 488. Next bowling game is scheduled for Feb.27th. Looking forward to seeing as many as possible there.

Diane and Cecil Dycke

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