



Ganaraska Currents
**GANARASKA VALLEY
PROBUS CLUB**



Our Newsletter
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**CONGRATULATIONS
50-50 winners!**

27 Mar – Hugh Parker
won \$33.00

10 Apr – Dorothy Giddings
won \$36.50

MAY CREW

Caterers:

Captain.....Sheila White
8 May..... Reg & Maggie
Colborne
Marilyn Moore
22 May.....Leo & Dorothy
Spicer
Stephen Snell

If unavailable please find a
substitute or call
905-885-7443

Greeters:

8 May.....Joan Bebee
June Smith
22 May...Rosalie & Willy
Jakobi

If unavailable please find a
substitute or call
905-797-2555

**THIS IS YOUR
NEWSLETTER**

If you would like to have
the **newsletter** emailed
to you or if you have any
news or **ideas** to be put
into it or **suggestions**
about style and design
please contact the
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Volunteers

for the club

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

are required for the

Election of Club Officers

to be held in
September

If you are interested, please speak to
Hugh Parker or Ken O'Neill

Niagara Fallsview Casino



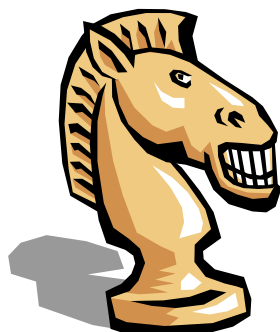
ELEVEN SEATS LEFT

Tuesday 27 May

Coach transportation plus dinner

Only \$15.00

SIGN UP TODAY



LOOKING FOR CHESS MATES

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 **informal chess fun**. Lessons, tournaments and possibly a
Northumberland chess club may be future possibilities, but for
now friendly chess will be the focus. If you are interested,
please contact:

Dave Broughton 905-885-1870
david.broughton@sympatico.ca

PROBUS BOWLING



COME AND JOIN US AT

Northshore Lanes
Northumberland Mall

First Monday each month, 1.30 p.m.

3 games, \$8.00
(plus 50 cents for shoes)

Friendly fun with the
Probus Club of Port Hope
and the
Ganaraska Valley Probus Club

Ken O'Neill 905-885-4872

SCRAPBOOKERS



Your club needs you to make a **club
scrapbook** to keep a visual record of all the
wonderful activities that we have been and
will be doing. If you enjoy scrapbooking,
then become a Probus Scrapbooker.

Dave Watson 905-885-2198

NEW PORT HOPE COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE

Our 17 March speakers, **Aldo D'Agostino** and **John Hassan**, described the new **Port Hope Community Health Centre** which will offer limited services at their temporary location in the Pine View Plaza in May of 2008 and full services at their new location at 99 Toronto Road later in 2008. They explained how their multi-disciplinary team of three physicians, two nurse practitioners, a primary care nurse, a registered practical nurse, a social worker/therapist, a half-time dietician, a rehabilitation therapist, a health promoter, a counselor/outreach worker, a community health worker and two diabetes educators will deliver a program of primary health care, health promotion and community development services to priority groups with particular attention paid to people with low income, seniors, at risk youth and people with special needs such as mental health and addictions. Their clients will come from the immediate area in a radius of 25 kilometres. They are a non-profit, community governed organization and will not be a medical centre, a walk in clinic, a hospital or an office of specialists. They will work in partnership with other health services.



FEELING BETTER...

Don Ballantyne is still in **Northumberland Hills Hospital (905-372-6811)** but has been moved out of the Intensive Care Unit where he has been for the past five weeks and is now in the **Rehabilitation Wing** where he is undergoing physiotherapy to get him into shape to return home. He is in **Room 20 Wing 1A** on the first floor. His new **phone extension** is **1120**.

He was very happy to be able to catch up on Probus Club news when his copy of the new four page Ganaraska Currents was delivered to him. He wishes to thank those members who have called or visited him and he looks forward to more calls and visits.

PORT HOPE BIRD BANDING

Elizabeth Kellogg, our 10 April speaker, is a bird enthusiast who writes a regular column about Port Hope's wild birds in the **Port Hope Evening Guide**. She spoke to us about **bird banding**. She explained that it is important to band birds in order to determine their migration routes, to see if they



always come back to the same place, to assess their longevity and to set limits for game birds. All of these goals are aimed at protecting the various species, some of which may be in danger of extinction. Using colour slides, she showed how birds are humanely captured with nets and traps, marked with leg bands, neck collars or wing tags and then let go. Through records, she showed how birds are then identified from their bands in places thousands of miles from where they were banded. Watch for Elizabeth's interesting newspaper column.



MAY SPEAKERS

8 May - Amy Griffiths works for the **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority**. Her talk will cover the History, Programs and the Future of this Conservation Authority.

22 May - Ted Rafuse will address the topic of the **Grand Trunk Railroad** which was the first railroad in Port Hope. Ted is a retired History teacher and Education Administrator. He has written and published three books on the railroads which has been his life long hobby from the age of five.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SWING INTO SPRING FLING

Spring Fling is the annual gathering of all fourteen District 1 Probus Clubs. This year it will be hosted by the Port Hope Probus Club and will be held at the Jack Burger Sports Complex on Highland Drive in Port Hope on Wednesday, 28 May, from 9:00 AM until 1:00 PM. There will be a catered **luncheon**, musical **entertainment** and **door prizes**. **Marina Nemat**, author of *Prisoner Of Tehran*, will speak about *The Power of Love in the Face of Evil and Injustice*. Tickets can be purchased for \$28.00 by cheque at any of our regular meetings beginning in April.

Welcome Spring in the company of six hundred fellow Probian!

Rendezvous 2008

The annual Canadian Probus Club Conference takes place in **Saint John, New Brunswick** this fall.

- **Thursday, Sept. 25th.** Everyone meets at the Maritime Kitchen Welcome Party.
- **Friday, Sept. 26th.** Morning workshop followed by sightseeing and Lobster Supper at Lily Lake.
- **Saturday, Sept. 27th.** Morning workshop followed by sightseeing and Closing Gala and Dinner.

A **coach**, hired and driven by **Bill Minion** of the Port Hope Probus Club, will **leave Port Hope on Sept. 24th**, stopping **overnight in Quebec City**. After three days in St. John, the coach will return home stopping **overnight in Burlington, Vermont**, (passports required) **arriving home on Sept. 29th**. Other transportation arrangements may be made on an individual basis.

Total cost for the six-day trip is \$742.66, per person, double occupancy, including the Port Hope Club coach, although payment must be made in these three ways:

1. To Port Hope Probus Club the amount of **\$319.00 no later than June 30th** (\$50.00 down payment) Includes coach to St. John and both en route hotels as well as tours while in St. John. Call **Bill Minion** at **905-342-3264** to arrange to make this payment. His email address is billminion@airnet.ca. 42 of the 54 coach seats have already been taken, so book soon if you plan to travel on this bus. This payment will not be made if other transportation is arranged individually.

2. To Rendezvous 2008 the amount of **\$205.00** per person **no later than Aug. 24th**. Includes Registration (\$100.00), the Kitchen Party, the Lobster Dinner (\$45.00) and the Closing Gala (\$60.00). All persons attending must mail a **cheque** with their **registration form**. Other options on the registration are at your own discretion. The Port Hope Club bus will go on sightseeing tours chosen by the group traveling in the bus at no extra cost.

3. To the St. John Hilton the amount of **\$218.66** on check-out, per person for a double room, 3 nights September 25 – 27. **Reservations: 1-800-561-8282**. Other accommodations, single or upgraded, for example, are extra. Check for the early bird special offer. Rooms have been booked at the Hilton for people traveling on the Port Hope Probus Club coach.

OTTAWA TULIP FESTIVAL



Sign up today with Reg Colborne for a one day bus trip to Ottawa to view the tulips. The cost will be \$60.00 per person plus meals. The exact date is not yet known, but will be May 13th, 14th or 15th.

SUMMER PICNIC...



Our club management committee will sponsor a catered club picnic from 11:00 AM until 3:00 PM on July 24th at the Ganaraska Forest Centre. This event will be in place of our regular Thursday meeting. The only cost will be \$5.00 worth of 50/50 tickets. Guests will pay \$10.00. The catered lunch will include hotdogs, hamburgers and picnic salads. Due to liability issues, alcoholic beverages will not be permitted. There will be no rain date because we will have access to the indoor gym and the outdoor shelter. Bring your own folding chairs and have a great time in the warm summer weather with your club friends.

...AND CAR RALLY



At the last meeting a number of people indicated that they would be interested in participating in a car rally as part of the club picnic. Rules and details of this rally will be published as soon as they are determined.

MEET OUR 50/50 LADY DOREEN SPROULE



She sells the 50/50 tickets at every meeting and still has time to catch up on her knitting. She likes her job and says, "It's something to do and it's a wonderful way to meet everybody." We hope that eventually everybody gets to meet Doreen by winning a 50/50 draw.

MEET OUR CLUB SECRETARY SUSAN GAUDION



Susan keeps an accurate record of everything that happens at our club meetings and publishes them in the minutes. She is a dog person and loves her fourteen year old Bearded Collie. She took up quilting at retirement and says, "Quilters love to shop, eat and travel in order to see what other quilters are doing."

The Last Laugh

From Barb Tiffin

An explorer was captured in the jungles of New Guinea by a tribe of ferocious natives. Desperately trying to come up with a way out of his predicament, he decided to do something that he thought would impress them. If they thought he was some kind of god they might let him live.

At an opportune moment, he pulled his cigarette lighter from his pocket and flicked it.

The natives backed away. A murmur went through their ranks. Finally, the chief said, "That's amazing. I've never seen one of those things work the first time."

A taxi passenger tapped the driver on the shoulder from the back seat to ask him a question. The driver screamed, lost control of the car, nearly hit a bus, drove up onto the sidewalk, and stopped in front of a store window.

For a second, everything went quiet in the taxi, and then the driver said, "Don't ever do that again. You scared the living daylights out of me!"

The passenger apologized and said, "I didn't realize that a little tap on the shoulder would scare you so much."

The driver replied, "It's not really your fault. Today is my first day as a taxi driver. I've been driving a hearse for the past twenty-five years."