



# Ganaraska Currents GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

Our Newsletter

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## CONGRATULATIONS 50-50 winners!

22 May – Harold Houston

won \$33.00

12 Jun – Rosalie Jacoby

won \$38.50

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## JULY CREW

### Caterers:

**Captain**.....Sandra Burke  
10 Jul.....Sylvia & Tom  
                  McMahon  
                  Julie Rondeau  
24 Jul.....Summer BBQ  
                  Catered by  
                  Ganaraska Forest Centre

If unavailable please find a  
substitute or call  
**905-885-9779**

### Greeters:

**Captain**.....Joyce Ferguson  
10 Jul.....Pat & Sam  
                  Rawson  
24 Jul.....Summer BBQ  
                  We will be greeted by  
                  sights & sounds of nature

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

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## GANARASKA CURRENTS

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## SPRING



**Betty & Gary Curtis**



**The Cobourg Concert Band**

## A BIG WINNER AT NIAGARA FALLSVIEW CASINO



Everyone that went on the day trip to **Niagara Fallsview Casino** had a great time at the luncheon buffet and trying their luck at the slots, especially **Reg Colborne** who was the big winner of the day.

## FLING

The annual gathering of 700 Probians from the fifteen District One Probus Clubs was a great success for the sponsoring Port Hope Probus Club and a lot of fun for the Ganaraska Valley Probus Club members who attended.



**John & Joyce Ferguson** with one of the hosts from the Port Hope Club.

## Our 2<sup>nd</sup> membership year is on the horizon

Membership renewal time arrives soon. You'll want to renew your membership so that you can once again hear interesting speakers, socialize with like-minded colleagues, and attend interesting special events.

The renewal fee of \$40 is **due the fourth week in September**. Look for the Membership Renewal tables which will be set up to accept cash or cheques at the Probus Club meetings in August and September. When you renew let us know if we need to make any changes to your Membership Roster information.

If your plans have changed and you are not going to join for the 2008-09 year, please let us know.

**Membership Committee**  
**Carole Elliott, 905-885-0098**  
**Don Newington, 905-885-6293**

## PORT HOPE'S RAILROAD HERITAGE



At our 22 May meeting, **Ted Rafuse** gave an interesting talk on the history of the various railroads that have operated in Port Hope. Ted has been a model railroad builder since childhood and has written many articles and books on the history of local railroads. His latest book is ***A Railroad to the Isle: A History of the Strait of Canso Railway Car Ferries, 1890 – 1955***. Other books by Ted are ***Coal To Canada*** and ***Wooden Cars On Steel Rails***. His talk was illustrated with slides of old railway locomotives and the stations and viaducts in the Port Hope area that served them, such as this roundhouse which was located where the vacant Canadian Tire building stands today at Robertson and John streets. This photograph was taken from the railway viaduct, part of which can be seen at the bottom, looking north into Port Hope and also showing the railway line that ran north along what is now Lent Lane and Ontario street.



The first railway in Port Hope in the mid nineteenth century was the Port Hope Lindsay Beaverton railway. It was later extended to Midland with a branch going into Peterborough. In time, the Grand Trunk railway also came through Port Hope as well. It is believed that the Port Hope Yacht Club shed was the original Grand Trunk Railway station. By the turn of the twentieth century, Canadian Pacific and Canadian National railways were taking over the Grand Trunk line when it began to experience

financial difficulties. New viaducts were built in Port Hope by these railways as well as by the Canadian Northern Ontario Railway. The last run to Midland for the Port Hope Lindsay Midland Railway was in 1951.

## The Future of Port Hope



At our 12 June meeting, **Linda Thompson**, Mayor of Port Hope, spoke to us about the plans for future development in the Municipality of Port Hope. Municipal planning in Port Hope takes into consideration provisions for residential growth and economic development as well as the many colourful cultural activities that are unique to Port Hope. Many details must be analyzed in order to create plans that take all aspects of our community into consideration. For example, a skills inventory has been developed in order that young people will know what jobs will be available in the future. The residential growth plan will also focus on young people as well as the rich architectural heritage that we have in Port Hope. Economic development planning focuses on short term as well as long term projects. For example, the new Health Centre will open this year and Ontario Power Generation has 1700 Hectares of land that is scheduled for long term power generation development. Another major long term project is a water reservoir planned for the northwest corner of Port Hope. All of this planning keeps the mayor very busy with meetings, dinners and events almost daily in many local venues and as far away as Ottawa. Despite all of this, she says that the life of the mayor has turned out to be better than she expected it would be.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

## 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.

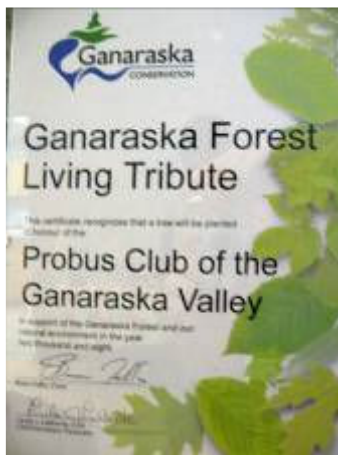
1. Send **registration form** to **Rendezvous 2008** with a cheque in the amount of **\$205.00** per person **no later than Aug. 24<sup>th</sup>**. Includes Registration (\$100.00), the Kitchen Party, the Lobster Dinner (\$45.00) and the Closing Gala (\$60.00). Other options on the registration are at your own discretion and cost.

2. Pay the **St. John Hilton** or the **Delta Brunswick** on check-out, per person for a double room, 3 nights September 25 – 27. **Reservations: St. John Hilton 1-800-561-8282 or Delta Brunswick 1-800-268-1133.**

### **RCAF MUSEUM DAY TRIP POSTPONED**

The day trip to the **Royal Canadian Air Force Museum** in Trenton has been postponed until September because the restored **WWII Halifax Mk VII bomber** which is the highlight of the visit will be closed until then for renovations. This trip will include military aircraft and other historical displays as well as lunch in the military mess hall. Watch for news in the *Ganaraska Currents* about the sale of tickets.

### **LIVING TRIBUTE DONATION TO GANARASKA FOREST**



Our club has been honoured with a commemorative plaque from the **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority** and a tree has been planted in our name as a result of our donation to our May 8<sup>th</sup> speakers, **Amy Griffiths** and **Mark Peacock** from the authority.

## Summer Barbeque...

**WHEN:** Thursday 24 July 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**WHERE:** Ganaraska Forest Centre:  
From Port Hope, take County Road 28 north (or take County Road 10 north from Toronto Road)  
Travel 20 km to Northumberland Road 9 and turn left  
Go to 2 km west of Elizabethville  
The Ganaraska Forest Centre sign is located on the south side just before the Region of Durham sign  
Turn right (north) onto Cold Springs Camp Road  
Travel 4 km to the Ganaraska Forest Centre

### **CATERED**

**LUNCH:** Hotdogs, hamburgers, potato salad, macaroni salad, tossed salad, water, pop, juice and coffee  
Due to liability issues, alcoholic beverages will not be permitted.  
Our Probus Club will cover the food cost of \$10.00 per member

**COST:** \$5.00 worth of 50/50 tickets for members not optional and only one entry per member  
There will be several winners and they must be present to win  
\$10.00 for guests payable by the member at sign up  
Guests may also purchase 50/50 tickets at the BBQ  
Sign up and purchase your tickets now, only two more meetings in June and July  
There will be no rain date because we will have access to both the indoor gym and the outdoor shelter  
Bring your own folding chairs  
This BBQ will replace the Thursday meeting normally scheduled for this date

### **...and Car Rally**

The optional car rally will begin between 9:30 AM and 10:00 AM at Port Hope High School. It will cover locations of interest across Ward 2 and will end at the BBQ site at 11:00 AM at the start of the BBQ. Instructions for the car rally will be kept secret until the start of the rally. Participants will find answers to questions along the route. The rally has been organized by Ted Harp, an experienced rally organizer, and John Ferguson and Dave Watson, who both have knowledge of the Ward 2 area. There will be trophies awarded for the two winners. Members and guests are welcome to sign up on a separate list when purchasing 50/50 tickets. There is no cost to enter.

**DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR BARBEQUE MEMBERS & GUESTS & CAR RALLY IS THURSDAY JULY 10<sup>TH</sup>**

## MEET OUR MEMBERSHIP CHAIR CAROLE ELLIOTT



As Membership Chair, Carole is responsible for maintaining the membership roster and the waiting list. She moved to Port Hope two years ago from Toronto. She worked in Public Relations and Communications, principally with non-profit organizations, and consulted in that field and administration for the past five years. She is enjoying getting to know Northumberland County, gardening, photography, garage sales and attending Probud meetings.

## CLUB SCRAPBOOKERS PRESERVE OUR MEMORIES



**Heather Houston & Betty Curtis** have volunteered to put together a scrapbook of all our club activities. Thanks ladies! So when you go on one of our upcoming events, save any souvenirs such as tickets, brochures, menus, programs or photos that you take and give them to these ladies at the next meeting so that they can put them into our scrapbook to commemorate that event. You can look at the scrapbook as it develops during our meetings.

## MEET OUR PROGRAM CHAIR DOUG BURKE



Doug and his wife Sandra have been residents of Port Hope for the past two years. He is actively involved as a volunteer in our community. Doug is a retired Human Resources practitioner. He enjoys cooking, reading and traveling. Doug is the Chair of the program committee. He, along with Carolyn Ray and Mark Holmes, the other committee members, is responsible for scheduling the speakers for our meetings.

## MEET OUR DEPUTY TREASURER BARB TIFFIN



Besides ending our meetings with lots of laughs, Barb also collects our dues which is a good match for her because after teaching grades one and two for twenty-five years, "...I can count by tens, fives, twos and ones." She works part time at an antique store refinishing furniture which she loves to do. She plays bridge, sews and knits, grows vegetables in her garden and has done some watercolour painting. She has framed one painting of an Iris which is her favourite flower. She also loves walking her dog, Tiffer.