



Ganaraska Currents GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB



Our Newsletter

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CONGRATULATIONS 50-50 winners!

24 Apr – Doreen Sproule
won \$41.00

8 May – John Kurowski
won \$34.00

JUNE CREW

Caterers:

Captain..... Betsy Wright
12 Jun..... Muriel & Ross
Cornelius
John Wright
26 Jun..... Eileen & Russell
Mountain
Linda Papham

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

Greeters:

Captain..... Joyce Ferguson
12 Jun..... Maggie and Reg
Colborne
26 Jun... Georgina and Bryan
Rose

If unavailable please find a
substitute or call
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GANARASKA CURRENTS

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SPRING FLING - NEXT WEEK

Almost **seven hundred tickets** have been sold to **fifteen District 1 Probud Clubs** for this year's annual **Spring Fling**. The Port Hope Probud Club, this year's host club, has been working hard to prepare for this huge event which will be held at the **Jack Burger Sports Complex** on Highland Drive in Port Hope on **Wednesday, 28 May, from 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM**. There will be **refreshments** available upon arrival and a **catered hot buffet luncheon** will be served at noon.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the **Ancient Music Trio** as we arrive and the **Concert Band of Cobourg** will entertain us in the arena for an hour before the speeches begin.

Marina Nemat, author of *Prisoner Of Tehran*, will speak about the power of love in the face of evil and injustice. In 1982, at the age of sixteen, she was arrested by Iranian Revolutionary Guards, tortured and condemned to death, but survived because one of her guards fell in love with her and she was forced to convert to Islam and to marry him in order to save herself and her family.

Peter Doyle, our new district director, and **Bev Hickerson**, Past President of Probud Canada, will be this year's honoured guests.

Parking is limited, car pool if you can.

The **COACH** is now **FULL**
for the
NIAGARA FALLSVIEW CASINO
day trip on 27 May

PROBUS SUMMER CLOTHING
Now available
Being displayed and sold by
Garry Curtis

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 Probud Scrapbooker.

Dave Watson 905-885-2198

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 Probud 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:

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ISLAMIC GARDENS



Our 24 April speaker was **Heather McKinnon** whose description of the style and design of **Islamic Gardens** was illustrated with many beautiful slides.

Islamic garden designs originated in Arabia, and spread to other regions like Persia, Spain, and India. The inspiration for Islamic garden design lies in the Muslim belief and vision of Heaven, or Paradise. The general theme of a traditional Islamic garden is water and shade with plants, flowers and fruit trees, not surprisingly since Islam came from and generally spread through such a hot and arid climate. Four water canals typically carry water into a central pool or fountain, the four streams symbolizing the four main elements of life: earth, air, fire and water. The four streams may also be interpreted as the four rivers in paradise, filled with milk, honey, wine and water.

The Alhambra in Spain and the Taj Mahal in India are well-known examples of Islamic garden design. Such gardens were destroyed in areas of Afghanistan where the Taliban took power.



GANARASKA RIVER & REGION CONSERVATION AUTHORITY



Amy Griffiths and **Mark Peacock** spoke to us on 8 May about the history and organization of the **Ganaraska River Conservation Authority** which was begun in 1946 by the self-styled Arthur Herbert Richardson when concern grew about the erosion of the Oak Ridges Moraine into barren sand dunes. Using the Tennessee Valley Authority as a role model, Richardson instituted a 200 year forest management plan of reforestation that was based on aggressive tree planting utilizing a mechanical tree planter that was invented in Port Hope.

In 1982, after the 1980 Port Hope Flood, water management in a larger watershed area became the focus for the **Ganaraska Region Conservation Authority** with one member from each of 13 municipalities. In this area, which ran from Gage Creek to Wilmot Creek and from Rice Lake to Lake Ontario, the authority carried out water quality monitoring, groundwater monitoring and stream flow monitoring with 6 permanent installations. They also installed climate stations.

Other interests of the conservation authority are fisheries management with a particular focus on the restoration of the Atlantic salmon and the restoration of the tall grass prairie habitat in the area south of Rice Lake.

JUNE SPEAKERS

12 June - Linda Thompson, Municipality of Port Hope Mayor, will speak about current issues affecting us all who live in this wonderful town.

26 June - Rob O'Neil is the manager of the **Food 4 All Warehouse** which distributes food to 140 food banks, schools, churches and community groups in Northumberland County. He will talk about the history of the warehouse, how it came to be, the groups that are served and plans for the future.

UPCOMING EVENTS

RCAF MUSEUM DAY TRIP

A day trip is being planned to the Trenton RCAF Memorial Museum where we will see many interesting aircraft and historical displays. This visit will also include lunch at the military mess. A date has not been established yet, but the trip will take place sometime in July or August.



ART SHOW FEATURES PROBUS MEMBERS

Three members of our club, **Stella Cairns, Judy Miner and Sheila Rooney** are showing their art work at the Upstairs Gallery which presents "The Friday Morning Group of 13 Art Show" at 38 Walton Street upstairs. The show features 13 local artists and runs until June 1st.

Contact 905-885-2115 or agn@eagle.ca.

SUMMER PICNIC...



24 July 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM
Ganaraska Forest Centre
Cost: \$5.00 worth of 50/50 tickets for members
\$10:00 for guests
Catered lunch: Hotdogs Hamburgers
Potato Salad Macaroni Salad Tossed Salad
Water Pop or Juice is extra

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. This picnic will replace the Thursday meeting normally scheduled on this date.

...AND CAR RALLY



At a recent meeting a number of people indicated that they would be interested in participating in a car rally as part of the club picnic and the committee is currently planning for this rally. Rules and details of the rally part of the summer picnic will be published as soon as they are determined.

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. The time for both workshops has been extended by popular demand.

1. Send **registration form** to **Rendezvous 2008** with a cheque in 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). 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.**

The coach to Rendezvous 2008 sponsored by the Port Hope Probus Club is now full.



MEET OUR ALPHABETICAL
NAMETAG KEEPER
JOHN KING



John's motto is, "Always leave them laughing," and he always has a joke to tell. Along with his wife, Felicity, John arranged the name tag box alphabetically and put lettered tags on it so that our nametags could be put back in the correct place with ease. He says the box has to be opened vertically and then laid down to get the nametags, otherwise they will spill all over the floor. He learned this the hard way. He also collects nametags at the end of meetings so that we don't forget. Thanks John.

MEET OUR SPECIAL EVENTS
CHAIR
DAVE WATSON



Dave is chair of the committee that plans all of our special events and trips. He is retired from a career as an accounting systems salesman and has served four terms on the local council. He is still active as an international track and field official, particularly with Paralympics Ontario. He has received a citation from the House Of Commons and he was appointed to the Canadian Athletics Wall Of Honour. Congratulations Dave.

MEET OUR MEETING
ARRANGEMENTS CHAIR
KATHY WALLACE



Kathy oversees the committee that gets everything ready for our meetings, the tables, chairs, coffee and anything else to make our meetings more comfortable. She had a career in the nursing profession at the Port Hope Hospital until it closed and then at the Cobourg Hospital until she retired in 2006. Now, when she is not organizing our club meetings, she enjoys reading, embroidery and traveling, most recently to Florida for two weeks and soon to San Francisco and Los Angeles. Have a great trip, Kathy.

**THE QUESTION ASKED BY
OUR VICE PRESIDENT WAS**



"...will all the good looking people please stand up..."
and just look at all those modest people...
except for the one standing...
who is that person?