



GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

Newsletter

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50-50 winners!

25 Oct – **Anita Cotter**
won \$40.90

8 Nov – **Reg Colborne**
won \$46.00

DEC & JAN CREW

Caterers:

Captain – **Yvonne O'Neill**

13 Dec – **Marg Anderson**
Georgina & Bryan Rose

10 Jan – **Laverne & Lois**
Meadows

Shirley Harrison

24 Jan – **Eleanor & Kim**
Gunter
Charlotte Majic

Greeters:

13 Dec – **Harold & Heather**
Houston

Muriel & Ross
Cornelius

10 Jan – **Carol & Donald**
Head

24 Jan – **Anita Cotter**
Dorothy Giddings

If unavailable please find a substitute or call

905-797-2555 or
905-885-4239

NEWSLETTER

ON THE WEB

This newsletter is now on the Northumberland Probud website at:

http://www.probusnorthumberland.com/ganaraska_news.htm

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New Nametags Arrive

Our handsome looking new nametags, made by Mill Valley Trophies, arrived for the 8 November meeting. One of the greeters, **Eileen Mountain**, was the first to wear her new nametag.



The nametags attach with magnets and we are advised to slide the magnets sideways when taking our nametags off rather than pulling them away from the magnets. This gentle treatment will keep the magnets from coming loose and falling off over time and use.

All of the new nametags will be kept at the meeting room and members will pick them up before each meeting and return them when the meeting is over. For the time being, they will be arranged on a table alphabetically,



but eventually we will have a wooden cabinet with slots to hold all of the nametags. **Don Newington**, who is a woodworker, has kindly offered to construct this cabinet for the club.

PROBUS CLUB MERCHANDISE

Sales of the Probud Merchandise are coming along very well with about 30 pieces of clothing already purchased. **Betty and Garry Curtis** will have their samples at the Nov. 22 meeting and will be taking further orders at that time. One large order will then be placed with our source and should be received sometime in December. Further orders can be placed at any of our future meetings but we will not get the merchandise before Christmas.

Some of the ladies have expressed an interest in youth sizes and some samples have been asked for but have not been received as yet.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Don't forget to get your tickets now for our **First Annual Christmas Dinner** which will be held upstairs in the banquet room at the Best Western Cobourg Inn, 930 Burnham Street in Cobourg on Thursday December 6th. The evening will begin with a cash bar at 6:00 PM followed by a hot and cold buffet dinner at 7:00 PM. The price of a ticket is \$37.00. The entertainment will be a five piece band.

MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The first two club policies have been set by the Management Committee:

1. The membership of the Club will be closed at 150 members. A waiting list will be maintained and new members may join when openings become available. Persons on the waiting list may be invited to attend Club functions from time to time.
2. Membership fees (initiation fees and/or annual dues) shall not be refunded if a member resigns from the Club. However, refunds may be made in exceptional circumstances.

PLEASE NOTE:

If any member plans to be away for two weeks or more, please inform Kathy Wallace (885-4239) as she is creating a roster of greeters and caterers.

EXCELLENT SUGGESTIONS FOR CLUB ACTIVITIES FROM AN EXPERT

Verna Templer, our 25 October speaker, is in charge of activities and travel arrangements for the **Northumberland Probus Club of Cobourg** and she gave us many interesting suggestions that we might consider for our own future activities and trips. Her suggestions were all based on activities and trips that she has already planned and implemented for her own club and include such ideas as:

- Christmas party with a visit from Santa Claus,
- St. Patrick's Day lunch of corned beef and cabbage,
- Progressive Valentine lunch at various members' houses ending at the meeting place for dessert,
- Easter bonnet contest,
- Barbecue at a member's farm,
- Car rally
- Join a community parade such as July 1st with a float or car representing our club,
- Shopping bus trips such as Prince Edward County wine and cheese,
- Theatre trips such as the Sony Centre, Stratford, Northumberland Players Dinner Theatre and Dirty Dancing in April and May of 2008.

Verna also suggested that members from our club might join with her club on some of their bus trips in order to fill a bus. For our own club activities, she pointed out that we should always bring our cheque book to meetings so that we do not miss out signing up for any trips or activities that are being planned. Verna will be happy to hear that we have already followed one of her suggestions by having a Remembrance Day speaker to talk about World War II.



VERNA TEMPLER

VERY INSPIRING REMEMBRANCE DAY SPEAKER

Don Ballantyne, our own club member, gave a very inspiring talk at our 8 November meeting describing some of his own activities in World War II in honor of **Remembrance Day**.

As a member of the **Canadian Armed Forces**, having joined in 1940, Don was stationed in Nova Scotia and Montreal where he volunteered for the **First Special Services Force** of the United States Army.

Along with other Canadian volunteers, he joined this American unit in 1942 and was trained as a parachutist, mountain climber, demolitions technician and radio operator. He specialized as a radio operator and served in the Aleutian Islands, France and Italy where he was part of the major allied push northward.

Don also spoke about the current **Memory Project** in which veterans are linked with students to pass on knowledge about World War II

to the next generation so that it will not be lost. More information about this program may be found on the internet at www.memoryproject.com. We thank Don for his dedicated service in World War II and for his inspiring presentation.



DON BALLANTYNE

