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THE PRESIDENTS PERCH

Global Warming and the colour green.

green.n., a colour intermediate in the spectrum between yellow and blue, an effect of light with a wavelength between 500 and 570 nm.

When we were young, our parents encouraged us to "eat our greens", they taught us not to throw green wood on the fire, never to allow ourselves to become green with envy or to be considered green or naive.

Greenpeace came into being in 1971 and "green" in the sense of "environmental " is from 1972. Many governments including that of Canada ignored the warnings of global warming that started to appear. Suddenly, because of dire warnings from such people as Al Gore and Sir Nicholas Stern governments are being galvanised into action, why, is it because they see the dangers or because they see the threats to planet Earth as a vote catching political expediency?

As seniors, we may not experience any short term effects from our neglect but if we are concerned for our grandchildren and their children's children, let us not tolerate politicians of any stripe or level of government who become spinmeisters, marketing gurus or soothsayers trying to convince us that the problems "are all in our mind".

Tomorrow may be too late.

Sincerely, Ken.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

Mar 7	Barb Keenan	Big Sisters, Big Brothers
Mar 21		Seventh Town Historical Society
Apr 4	Patti Gilchrist	Organ Donation
Apr 18	Ed Greenwood	Games Inventor
May 2	Michelle Humphries	Forensic Art
May 17	<i>Spring Mixer</i>	<i>(arranged by Northshore Probud***see announcement***)</i>
June 6	Bob Thorndyke	Inventor
June 20	tba	
July 18	summer	Picnic at the Mckinney Farm
Aug 15	summer	
Sept 5	Brian Read	Horizon Plastics
Sept 19	Annual General Meeting	
October 3 - October 17 - November 7 - November 21 - December 12, Christmas Party		

CLUB EVENTS (check the bulletin board!!!!!!!)

Mar 14 Bowling Presquile Lanes – see bulletin board
Apr 4 AIR FARCE to be discussed
May 5 HOSPICE Fundraiser at the Capitol Theatre, Port Hope, 8pm – The Toronto
All Star Big Band, hits of the 30s/40s – group price of \$30/person – pay Bill Doherty
ASAP and no later than Apr 4 - (min 20 and we have 20 so far!!!)– silent auction opens
at 7pm – reception and wine bar available – music at 8pm – car pooling can be arranged
nearer to the date - see Dorothy McKinney

THE SPRING MIXER

The Northshore Probus Club is pleased to announce that the following arrangements have been finalized for the 2007 Spring Mixer:

Date : Thursday, May 17 , 2007

Location: The New Baltimore Arena, Baltimore

Speaker: Ted Barris

Ted Barris is an accomplished author and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and regularly contributing to The Globe & Mail, and National Post, he has authored 15 books including his Thomas Allen trilogy on the Second World War: Juno Canadians at D-Day, Days of Victory: Canadians Remember 1939-1945; Behind The Glory: Canada's Role in Allied Air War , and his latest book published in February 2007-Victory at Vimy.

Mr. Barris is a professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mar 3 Cobourg Model Train Show – Cobourg Lions Centre – 10-4:30pm, \$4
Mar 4 Heartsong benefit for Castleton Town Hall, 3pm, at the Castleton United Church,
tickets \$15
Mar/Apr Garden Lecture Series – Victoria Hall, Cobourg - \$35 for 4 evenings – 905 372 2210
Mar 10/11 Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival – Sandy Flats Sugar Bush, 705 924 2057
Mar 10/11, 17/18 Presqu'ile Provincial Park – Waterfowl Festival
Mar 23/24 Brad Hall Words & Music of Burton Lane & Sammy Fain – 8 pm, Victoria Hall,
Cobourg – 905 372 2210
Mar 24 & Apr 14 Ganaraska Forest Centre – Owl Prowl Program – 7pm - \$12/family, \$4 senior
May 12 CDHS Plant Sale – Old St Andrews Presbyterian – 10am sharp – blink and it is over!!!
May 26/27 APPLE BLOSSOM TYME
July 14 CDHS Summer Flower Show and Tea – Old St Andrews Presbyterian
Sept 29 42nd Annual PORT HOPE HOUSE TOUR – tickets on sale July 07

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

The club meets the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Last month “Three Day Road” by Joseph Boyden earned “very good read” reports from the club. One member, however, could not get through the violence of war and so, had to put it down. After listening to the discussion, this member may attempt it again. For March we are reading “On Being Caribou” by Karsten Heuer. (Joyce Gamble has arranged with the Librarian to have 3 copies of the current book on the shelves of the Cramahe Library in Colborne.)

BOWLING CLUB REPORTS

Top 6 bowlers were: Muriel T, 492 - Barry McQ, 453 - Doug G, 445 - Sue McQ, 443 - Cicely S, 438 - Eric M, 397. Top bowler was Muriel with a high single of 194 and triple of 492. Two honourable mentions: Bob Lee only bowled two games, but wow 152 and 147 for a total of 299. Carol McA bowled 96 pins over the last time.

The challenge is on. In Dec, the men took top bowler, in January it was the ladies so who will it be on March 14? Mark your calendars; a new sign-up list is posted. *Reported by Cecil*

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB REPORTS

The first meeting is on Feb 28. Bring a favourite CD. *(Look here for future reports of music to enjoy.)*

<u>WE CARE</u>

- Please notify Barbara Reid at 905 355 1823 (you may leave a message)
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FEBUARY IN REVIEW

Feb 7 - Pres Ken welcomed everyone and especially Carolyn Peters

- Gayle and David Jones stepped in to present a movie/slide show of their recent trip to China. (Our scheduled speaker, Terry Scott had a funeral to attend.) For 1 hour members were transported to the other side of the world. We saw the sights, heard the voices and music and almost felt the tastes, smells and atmosphere of their great tour.

- Pres Ken thanked Gayle and David

- Gayle drew Pres Ken’s ticket for the 50/50. Additionally, Gayle drew the ticket of Sue McQuillan and Mary Lee for souvenirs of her trip to China.

- Pres Ken reported that Dorothy could find only 2 interested in the Canada Blooms offer. He felt that the opportunity had too short a notice and would likely be cancelled.

- Pres Ken also looked for someone to step forward as the Club Secretary.

- Eileen reported that Audrey & Pat Shewan and Karen & Hugh Moore are safe from the tornado area in Florida

- Bill D requires the \$\$\$\$ for the Hospice event ssssoooooooooonnnnnn please.

- Diane G announced the local events. Thelma mentioned the Hooking Class Guild at Loyalist, Mary mentioned free lunch time concerts at Roy Thompson Hall, Ferne noted the Cramahe Ratepayers Assoc.

- the meeting closed with a reminder of Valentines Day : ancient Rome celebrated Feb 14 as a holiday to honour Juno to “grow old with me, the best is yet to be” - Mae West. Cathy and Doug won for: how we met - the best story!

Feb 21 - Pres Ken welcomed everyone and especially Doreen C

- Eileen introduced speaker Tony Trevor, a fine furniture finisher from Port Hope. Tony took an attentive audience through all the steps of identifying what and how to finish wood. He practices his art in a community that fortunately appreciates the need to protect good furniture samples of our history. He said that about 1% of the items brought to him are worthy of keeping “unfinished”. Those should be appraised for insurance purposes. His passion for his art was evident throughout his presentation. *Tony gave a special thanks to all of those who brought in samples of his work.*

- Tony drew Mary’s ticket for the 50/50.

- After the break Eileen introduced Terry Scott, Director of Community Services for Cramahe Township. Terry reported meeting a lot of interested community members in his short time with the Township, less than 1 year of service to date. Terry identified a lot of issues/opportunities. His present concern was for the extention of the ice time in the arena until the successful local hockey team, the Cobras, is defeated. This has meant alternate arrangements for events booked for the arena surface. Many members presented ideas and questions - what are the boundaries of the Keeler Centre, how do we link to other services in Northumberland, what is the debt of the Centre? Terry is interested in examining the possibilities of a pool, a bandshell at the site of the old arena, a splash pool, landscaping the Keeler Centre, trail development to the Oak Ridges Moraine and many other opportunities. Doug pointed out that full cost and implementation plans for any project should be ready and on the desk top for the instant that money may be made available from senior levels of government. Terry was thanked for his presentation.

- Pres Ken closed the meeting with a suggestion that members begin planning now for the opportunity to travel to the East Coast for the September 2008 meeting of Probus Canada.

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