

PROBUS NORTHSHORE

NEWSLETTER

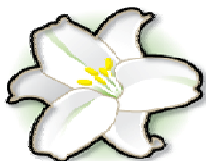


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I bring you news about two social events that are planned for the merry month of May, and a third social event that is being held in September. I hope reading about these happenings that will take place, after the winter is long past, give us some hope that March goes out like a Lamb and we have a long warm spring.

First- The Northumberland and Area Spring Fling will be hosted by the Port Hope Probus Club on WEDNESDAY MAY 28 from 9:am to 1:00 pm at the Jack Burger sports arena in Port Hope. Tickets are \$28.00 each and attendance is limited to the first 500 people who sign up (and Pay). I announced this event at the last meeting and 19 members have signed up. Dora Hope has volunteered to look after the sign up list for our club and communicating with Port Hope re our ticket sales. So act promptly and get your name on the list. Port Hope is inviting the same clubs that we invited last year and our attendance was around 630 people!

Second- The day before the Port Hope event there is a Spring Social being held in Brockville Ont, hosted by the Probus Clubs of Leeds and Grenville and the Probus Club of Brockville. Starting at 11:30 am the Social is being held on TUESDAY MAY 27. Tickets are \$28.00 each



and I will look after the sign up list for this event. Deadline for attending is April 18th. See me for details if you are planning to attend.

Third-is the Probus Canada Rendezvous 2008 that will be held Sept. 25-27 in Saint John New Brunswick. A bus trip has been organized by the Port Hope Club that includes a stop-over in Quebec City on the way to the conference and a stop in Burlington Vermont on the way home. Port Hope have put together an excellent trip and Bill Henry has volunteered to be the organizer for our club. So check in with Bill for all the information.

With the two events planned for the month of May (plus the long weekend) the Management Committee has decided that we will have only one meeting in May, Wednesday May 7th.

With the list of Social events growing the Management Team extends it's thanks to all the good folks who take on these tasks that add so much to being a member of Northshore Probus Club.

Bruce

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Notices

Brockville Spring Social
 Tuesday May 27
 Brockville Country Club
 See President Bruce if interested

Probud Conference in St John NB Sept 24-29
 See Bill Henry for signing up. Buses are going.

Northshore Bridge Club #2
 Friday, March 14 @1 pm at Bruce and June's
 Friday March 28 @1 pm at Phil Ayling's

Bluejay Ticket Raffle
 For the next three months at every meeting we will be selling raffle tickets for four field-level tickets for any Bluejay game for the 2008 season excluding New York Yankee games or Boston Red Sox games.

The tickets are \$2.00 each or three for \$5.00

♪♪ Take yourself out to the Ballgame!! ♪♪

Bluejay Tickets for Sale
 Bluejay vs Boston Red Sox
 Saturday, August 23rd

1:07 pm

\$40.00 each

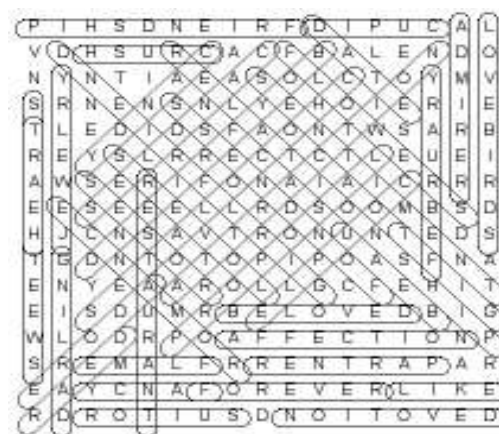
See Sharon starting March 19

Drinks and 'Appies Social will be held at Gloria and Terry Ashcroft's house on Fri. Mar 7th at 7-9 pm. Please let them know if you plan to attend. See Feb newsletter for attendee's responsibilities. This is a great way to meet other members.

Thank you to Diane Morrison & helpers for organizing the Spice Up Your Life February Luncheon. It was a great success.

Regional Spring Fling
 Wednesday May 28, 9 Am to 1 PM
 At The Jack Burger Sports Complex in Port Hope
 Maximum 500 people
 See Dorla Hope to sign up
 Cost \$28 per person

Solutions to February's Puzzles



You are stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Patience Practiced With Passion

The pursuit of a hobby seldom begins with lofty aspirations. Its motive most likely stems from the need to get one's butt off the couch, to seek a momentary respite from the remote, hoping to be less profligate with one's time. But of course once one begins things change. Its stimulus proves infectious, stirring the imagination, enriching the intellect with its new limits. That surely is what must have happened to Frank Grani whose late in life discovery of aeronautics prompted him to build his airplane "so I could fly where and when I wanted without restrictions."

Every discovery comes with costs. First, a college course aeronautics, "easy to understand"; flying lessons started in 1987, "I was hooked". There are many home-built aircraft available on the market. Frank eventually chose the RV6A because it was a two-seater, "an 800mi. range, cruise at 170mph, carrying 60lbs. fuel and baggage...(and) 5000 of them flying somewhere around the world". Now he had a project worthy of 4 1/2 years of his life.

Just because the plane came as a kit, it didn't mean that the parts just snap together. "You had to be exact... measurement critical, parts squared-off (so that) the eventual assembly would not be twisted." The various parts, wing, tail assembly, fuselage thus were assembled around jigs to insure their various components correct alignment, taken apart and then re-assembled. The plane's aluminium sheeting would have to be fitted, clamped, rivet holes drilled, the sheet taken off and each hole dimpled to insure a flush-finished final surface. "Between 12,000 and 13,000 rivets were required." The project would soon outgrow the basement workshop and takeover the whole ga-

rage as well. Soon neighbours came to gawk and wonder not just about the project. (Frank still remains the only guy on his street to build a plane in his garage.)

Of course, Frank's mechanical background proved an asset. He could install the plane's engine, configure the plane's instrument panel to his liking, do the wiring and hydraulics, even the paint job. There would be but one final task, "Moving day", hauling it disassembled to the Peterborough Airport on a four Ski-do trailer where it would be put together yet again but now for the last time. Bill Mackenzie has since flown the plane to Ottawa and gives Frank his endorsement as "the ultimate in aviation craftsmanship"

Having his own plane has hardly made Frank an adventurer. Even if the plane when fitted with supplementary fuel tanks has been flown across the Pacific, his frequent flights seldom exceed a 250 mile radius of the Peterborough Airport. Still he is more than pleased that his craft was featured in an aircraft magazine. But his ultimate accomplishment remains, "I learned a lot about myself... to develop a passion for something and having the patience to see it through."



A lot of money is tainted: t'aint yours and t'aint mine.



John Travels to Scotland



New members Helen Scott and Vera Kalisz



He had a photographic memory that was never developed.

Our Hobby Show



Those who get too big for their britches will be exposed in the end.

Speaker's Corner

- Mar.5: Ms. Tanya Earl and the St. Mary's High School Choir.
- Mar.19: John Hill - How People Are Released from Prison
- Apr.2: Gary O'Dwyer (Teacher, Author & Foreign Volunteer Worker) "Children and War".
- Apr.16: Donna Bennett / Brian Finley - Westben Theatre Presentation.
- May 7: Denise Chamberlin - (Her & her husband both blind) - "Coping with Vision Loss"
- May 28: Probus Annual Spring in Port Hope

Programmes and Speakers Committee

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 Bill MacKenzie, Cheryl Brackenbury, Rick Potter
 Charlie MacCoubrey, Bruce Steel



Trips, Tours and Theatre

1. **'Dirty Dancing' at Royal Alexandra Theatre**
 Wednesday, April 23rd.
 Matinee Show, Dinner, Bus \$107
 Ticket Status- Sold out, waiting list for 4
2. **'Toronto All-Star Big Band'**
 Capitol Theatre, Port Hope
 Saturday. April 5th 8pm \$32
 Ticket Status--2 seats available
3. **"Urinetown" Capitol Theatre, Port Hope**
 Saturday March 8 at 8pm, \$25
 Ticket Status--all sold, waiting list for 2



June Collins and Carol Lawless (Co-Chairs)
 Kay Connolly, Kathy Hart, Therese May, Mary Potter, Patricia Riddell, Diane Morrison, Doug Burns, Kathy Maclean

If you jump off a bridge in Paris you are in Seine

The Puzzle Page

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Across

1. Courtyard
6. Sense of how matters really are
8. Storm
9. Very cold
10. Untie
12. Observed
15. Possess
16. United States
18. Improve in appearance
19. Disgrace

Down

1. Occurring after one's death
2. Streetcar
3. Command
4. Wagons
5. God-like
7. Dressing
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14. Sturdy twilled trousers
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Crossword

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye

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A Final Thought

Subject: The Doctor's meeting
When a panel of doctors was asked to vote on adding a new wing to their hospital, the Allergists voted to scratch it and the Dermatologists advised not to make any rash moves.

The Gastroenterologists had sort of a gut feeling about it, but the Neurologists thought the administration had a lot of nerve, and the Obstetricians felt they were all labouring under a misconception.

The Ophthalmologists considered the idea short sighted; the Pathologists yelled, 'Over my dead body,' while the Pediatricians said, 'Oh, Grow up!'

The Psychiatrists thought the whole idea was madness, the Radiologists could see right through it, and the Surgeons decided to wash their hands of the whole thing.

The Internists thought it was a bitter pill to swallow, and the Plastic Surgeons said, 'This puts a whole new face on the matter.'

The Podiatrists thought it was a step forward, but the Urologists felt the scheme wouldn't hold water.

The Anesthetists thought the whole idea was a gas and the Cardiologists didn't have the heart to say no.



A boiled egg is hard to beat