



# THE PRO-BUZZ

MAY, 2008

## NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS BOOK CLUB

### Book, Line and Thinker

Our current edition of the book club has been meeting for two years. We have a membership of ten enthusiastic readers. This season, we have read a variety of books: Julia Child's tasty excursion to Paris and environs, My Life in France; the classic, beautifully-written Middlemarch by George Eliot (Mary Ann (Marian) Evans); the intriguing combination of the Chicago World's Fair construction and a murder mystery – Derik Larson's Devil in the White City; the Giller Prize winner, Late Nights on Air, by Elizabeth Hay; the Saskatchewan ranch saga, Perfection of the Morning by Sharon Butala; and, finally, Elizabeth Gilbert's Eat Pray Love – her search for gustatorial, spiritual and amorous gratification in Italy, India and Indonesia.



Yes, dear Probi, our discussions are lively, informed and thought-provoking. Our meetings are held after the first Probud Club Meeting of each month. This season we have met at the now-defunct Just Judy's in "the back room"- (just knock three times and whisper low); at the ever-amiable Meet at 66 King St. East; and in the pleasant room adjacent to our main meeting area. Thank you to Agnes Hendry for arranging this for us with the Lions' Club!

At our meeting today, May 8<sup>th</sup>, our agenda is to present book titles for consideration to be read during next season (Sept. 2008 to May 2009). This would be an excellent time to join our friendly group and make your own suggestion. We just might choose your book!

Come one, come all, come anytime. We'd love to welcome you! Remember, it's stimulating; it's habit-forming and it hasn't been banned yet. Take a chance. Read a book.

Prepared by: **Nancy M. Petlock**



## MEETING SPEAKERS

**Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Rodger Cooper – Lawyer – The Legal System**

**Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Cecilia Nasmith – Cobourg Star – Travels Through Northumberland County**

**Thursday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Peter Stokes – Architectural Conservation of Victoria Hall**

**Provided by: Ron Templer**

## COMING EVENTS

**There Goes The Bride** (Featuring our own **Betsey Stanley**) – Park theater

– Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 PM or Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM

– Because Betsey is our friend, we go for half price - \$10 – See Marilyn Wood.

**The Last Five Years** starring **Lauren Russell** and **Michael Lombo** – May 1<sup>st</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup>

– Capitol Theater - \$25.

**Dirty Dancing Show** – Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Bus departure time is 11:45 AM – Be

at the Lion's Community Center by 11:25 at the latest - This trip is sold out. See Verna Templer to add your name to the waiting list - \$115.

**Spring Mixer** – Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> – Jack Burger Sports Complex - Port

Hope Probus Club hosting – \$28 - Includes speaker and lunch – Sold Out – Add your name to the waiting list if you wish to attend.

**Golf Trip** – Wednesday and Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> – Glen House Resort,

Gananoque – See Page 4 for Details.

**Golf Tournament** – Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> – Roxburgh Glen Golf Course (formerly

Larchmere) – See Page 4 for Details.

**Picnic in the Park** – Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 PM – Lawn Bowling Club House

**West Ben Campbellford** – Friday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM - \$28 – See Verna Templer.

**4<sup>th</sup> Line Theater** – Friday and Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> – Last Green Hill - \$20

Friday and Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> – School House - \$20 – See Marg Madsen

**The Jersey Boys** – Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> – Toronto Center for the Performing

Arts (formerly the Ford Center) - Price will be around \$120 – See Barb Rusk

**Provided By: Verna Templer**

## ATTENTION PROBUS CHESS PLAYERS!!!!!!

If you are a chess player (past or present, good or bad) then you may want to get together with other Probus members for some fun, informal, chess. Lessons, tournaments, and possibly forming a Northumberland Chess Club may be future possibilities, but for now, friendly chess, probably in the Port Hope/Cobourg area, will be the focus.



Please contact Dave Broughton, 906-885-1870, [david.broughton@sympatico.ca](mailto:david.broughton@sympatico.ca) if you are interested.

Provided by: Dave Broughton (Member of the new Ganaraska Valley Probus Club in Port Hope)

## Have Things Got Ya Down?

Well Then, Consider This . .

In a hospital's Intensive Care Unit, patients always died in the same bed, on Sunday morning, at about 11:00 am, regardless of their medical condition.

This puzzled the doctors and some even thought it had something to do with the supernatural. No one could solve the mystery as to why the deaths occurred around 11:00 am Sunday, so a worldwide team of experts was assembled to investigate the cause of the incidents.

On the next Sunday morning, a few minutes before 11:00 am. , all of the doctors and nurses nervously waited outside the ward to see for themselves what the terrible phenomenon was all about. Some were holding wooden crosses, prayer books, and other holy objects to ward off the evil spirits.

Just when the clock struck 11:00, Pookie Johnson, the part-time Sunday sweeper , entered the ward and unplugged the life support system so he could use the vacuum cleaner.

## There now, Feeling Better?

Provided by: Pamela Jackson

### BABY MIXUP

Su Wong marries Lee Wong. The next year, the Wongs have a new baby. The nurse brings over a lovely, healthy, bouncy, but definitely Caucasian, **WHITE** baby boy.

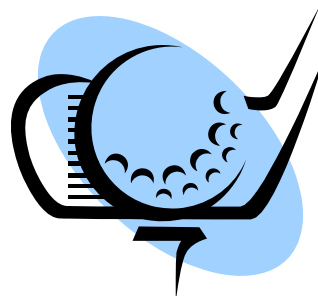
'Congratulations,' says the nurse to the new parents. 'Well Mr. Wong, what will you and Mrs. Wong name the baby?' The puzzled father looks at his new baby boy and says, 'Well, two Wong's don't make a white, so I think we will name him... **Are you ready for this?**

**Sum Ting Wong**

Provided by: Mary Davies

## ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

**WHERE:** Roxburgh Glen Golf Club  
Hwy #45 (North of Cobourg)  
905-372-8924



**DATE OF GOLFING:** Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.

**FIRST TEE-OFF TIME:** 9:00 a.m.

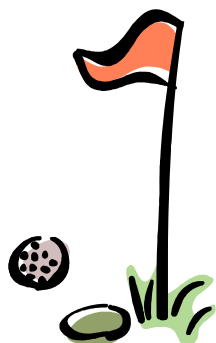
**COSTS:** Greens Fees will be \$16 for nine holes, which is a special rate for our tournament (regular rate is \$18).

Golf Carts will cost \$16.00 for two players for nine holes (six are available)

**LUNCH:** Bar and Restaurant will be open for our use.

Provided by: **Fred Cooke**

## GOLF TRIP TO GANANOQUE



At this time, we have 34 members confirmed for the Gananoque Golf Trip (31 actually golfing). Our scheduled tee-off times on June 4th are 2:10 through to 3:40. On June 5th our tee-off times are 8:10 through to 10:30.

Dinner times will be discussed, with those attending, to determine the preference of the majority. Dinner may be arranged as late as 8 PM. If any one has special dietary needs please let me know. (905) 372 3637 or [dw.lloyd@symatico.ca](mailto:dw.lloyd@symatico.ca)

Provided by: **Doug Lloyd**

## SENSIBLE OBSERVATIONS

When I die, I want to die like my grandfather--who died peacefully in his sleep. Not screaming like all the passengers in his car."

--Author Unknown

Advice for the day: If you have a lot of tension and you get a headache, do what it says on the aspirin bottle: "Take two aspirin" and "Keep away from children."

--Author Unknown

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