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## President's Message

*We continue with reprinting a message from each of our past presidents. Merv Richards was our third president serving from 2000 - 2001. This is his inaugural message, as relevant today as it was in October 2000.*

I think we are generally agreed that this Probus Club has enjoyed two very successful years since its inception. With your help the Club can sustain this effort during the ensuing twelve months. We have enjoyed some excellent programs and had some enjoyable trips away. These things do not happen by chance of course; both require a great deal of time and effort on someone's part.

If you are asked by either the Special Events Chair or the Program Chair for assistance at any time, please give their request every consideration.

Many of you already knew one another socially before the Club ever came into existence, but there are other members who are not so fortunate. Speaking on Betty's and my behalf, I know that Probus membership has opened new horizons and we now enjoy the company of many new friends.

This is what Probus is really all about. I would urge you to look around at our meetings and if there is someone you do not know well, then make a point of sitting with that person at the meeting to get to know them better.

1998 – 2008  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year

I look forward to a happy year as your President. Let me close with something which sets out the fundamentals of the art of getting along together.

## A SHORT COURSE IN HUMAN RELATIONS

The six most important words:  
*I admit I made a mistake.*

The five most important words:  
*You did a good job.*

The four most important words:  
*What is your opinion?*

The three most important words:  
*If you please.*

The two most important words:  
*Thank you.*

The one most important word:  
*We.*

The least important word:  
*I.*



*Merv Richards, same smile 7 years later.*

We are saddened to report that one of our members, Rusty Simpson, passed away suddenly while vacationing in Florida. Any additional information will be announced at a regular meeting. Our sincere condolences to husband Don and family.



*Ralph Mathieson explains the intricacies of his stained glass piece to Don Campbell at our Club Day, March 18<sup>th</sup>.*

## Bowling News

Twenty people turned up for our first round of bowling fun, twelve from the Ganaraska Valley Probus Club and seven from our club. Vern Johnson, closely followed by his wife Judy, were the top scorers from Port Hope. The editor of this newsletter (hanging her head) was the low scorer.

The enthusiastic alley cats decided to meet monthly for fellowship and to try and increase their scores. They chose the first Monday of each month and we'll keep that date from now on. If you decide to come at the last minute, just turn up a few minutes early so that you can be assigned to a team. There are lots of alleys and it's all in good fun, nothing serious.

NEXT DATE MONDAY APRIL 7

**Date: First Monday of the month, 1.30 p.m.**

**Cost: \$8.00 for 3 games, 50 cents for shoes**

**Place: Northshore Bowling Lanes, Northumberland Mall, Cobourg.**

**Call Don Kent for details: 905-885-4761**

**PLEASE DOWNLOAD THE RENDEZVOUS 2008 BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORM FROM THE PROBUS WEB SITE:  
[probus.org/Canada.htm](http://probus.org/Canada.htm)**

## \$50 Deposit due for Rendezvous

*Catch the Wave, Rendezvous 2008*, the annual Canadian Probus Club Conference takes place in **Saint John, New Brunswick** this fall.

**The bus from Port Hope, with our own Bill Minion at the wheel is almost full, so if you have thoughts of going please book quickly. A \$50 deposit is required to hold your seat.**

**Thursday, September 25th.** Everyone meets at the Maritime Kitchen Party welcome party.

**Friday, September 26th.** Morning workshop followed by sightseeing. Lobster Supper at Lily Lake.

**Saturday, September 27th.** Morning workshop followed by sightseeing and Closing Gala and Dinner.

We leave Port Hope on September 24<sup>th</sup>, stopping overnight in Quebec City. After three days in St. John, we return via Burlington, Vermont, arriving home on September 29th.

**Total for the six-day trip will cost \$742.66**, although payment must be made in three ways:

- 1. To the Port Hope Probus Club** the full amount of **\$319.00 no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>**: Includes coach trip to St. John and en route hotels (Quebec City and Burlington). A down payment of \$50 is due now.
- 2. To Rendezvous 2008:** the amount of **\$205.00 no later than August 24<sup>th</sup>**. (Check for early bird special). Includes Registration fee and the Kitchen Party (\$100), the Lobster Dinner (\$45) and the Closing Gala (60). Other options are at your discretion. Our coach will go on our own tour. All persons attending must register themselves, not through your club.
- 3. To the St. John Hilton** the amount of **\$218.66, on checkout**, per person, sharing a room, 3 nights Sept. 25 – 27. Twenty-seven rooms have been booked for our trip, so don't book again. Other accommodation (single or upgraded) is extra.

Bill will have a few registration forms at the meetings for those who are not on the internet. Other local Probus Clubs have been invited to join us to ensure a full bus. Please indicate your intentions **early** to reserve your place.

**To book: see the Special Events Desk or Bill or Carolyn Minion, 905-342-3264**



## CLUB DAY ENJOYED BY ALL

Fourteen club members displayed their hobbies, art work and collectibles at our recent Club Day.

Our talented exhibitors were:

- Tom Crooks, woodworking and the tools;
  - Alan Butler, 30's and 40's radios in working condition;
  - Sue Speirs, teddy bear collection;
  - Jeannette Etter, dolls from around the world collection;
  - Jack Goering, examples of his art work;
  - Raymond Etter, first day airplane stamp covers;
  - Maisie Vanhinsberg, recent paintings;
  - Bill Minion, model airplane;
  - Carol Payne, bookbinding and the tools to do it;
  - Pauline Graham, embroidery,
  - Fiona Graham, hand painting on pottery;
  - Marg Short, stitchery, quilting, knitting;
  - Pat Beer, brass rubbings
  - Ralph Matheison, stained glass work.
- Many thanks to Ken Scott for organizing this event.

*Club Day pictures: Pat Beer holds one of her brass rubbings (top left), Tom Crooks shows samples of his woodworking to Grace Brackenbury (top right), Marg Short's table is laden with her intricate stitchery and knitting items (left), and Jack Goering shows one of his pencil drawings to Ken Scott (above).*

## *Spring Fling May 28, 2008*

With the tickets selling like hotcakes, the Spring Fling Event is shaping up to be a sold out success. Five hundred Probians from 14 area clubs will be entertained at the Jack Burger Sports Complex. Bill Minion and Paul Tait have taken on the job of finding tables and chairs to seat everyone. Sources have been found, but they will need some willing workers to transport all this on the day or day before. If you can help with a strong back or a truck, please contact Paul Tait at 885-9603. Barbara Moorcroft's hands are full working out the details of catering. Merle Adamson and Donna Wakely are working on the spring theme and other committee members are hard at work.

## Special Events, 2008

### Oliver!

Victorian Operetta Society

May 2, 7.30 p.m.

Victoria Concert Hall, Cobourg

We have reserved a block of 40 tickets for the Friday evening performance of **Oliver!** on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. You will love the high-spirited adventures of Oliver Twist in this popular musical adaptation of Dickens' classic tale.

With unforgettable numbers such as, *Food, Glorious Food, Consider Yourself, I'd Do Anything, Where is Love, As Long as He Needs Me, Reviewing The Situation*, Oliver! is a story that will steal your heart.

Probus Group Rate: **\$15.00 per ticket**. Good seats together on the risers. Book quickly, won't last.

### *The Last Green Hill*

July 16, 2008

4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre, Millbrook

### Muskoka Boat Cruise



August 20, 2008

**\$72 includes lunch and the  
Bracebridge Boat Museum**

### RENDEZVOUS 2008

September 24 to 29

For any of the proposed Probus trips, please visit the Special Events Desk or call Bill and Carolyn Minion, 905-342-3264,

## PROBUS PROGRAMS

### Looking Behind

March 5

**War in Canada.** Member Ian Tate regaled us with stories about his experiences in submarine warfare aboard HMCS Coaticook off the coast of Nova Scotia during the last eighteen months of World War II. "Mostly we just *looked* for subs," Ian said.

March 18

**Club Day.** This was a very relaxed day when we entertained ourselves. Club members brought in hobbies, crafts and collectibles. Please contribute bright ideas for our fall Club Day to President Liz.

### Looking Ahead

April 1

**Local Railways:** Local historian Ted Refuse, whose particular interest is railways, will bring the old Port Hope, Lindsay, Beaverton Railway Line to life with a video presentation. Some of our members may have travelled years ago on this now defunct line.

April 15

**4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre:** Founder and director of the 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre, Robert Winslow, will tell us how he was inspired to start a theatre company using his family farm as a stage for his locally written and produced plays.

May 6

**The Recovery of the Halifax Bomber.** Jim Benham, from the National Air Force Museum of Canada in Trenton, will describe the recovery of this WW 2 bomber from a Norwegian lake in the mid 90's and its restoration over many years with thousands of volunteer hours. He will comment on other current restorations.

May 20

**Port Hope Community Health Care Centre.** Aldo d'Agostino and John Hassan, new Executive Director of the Centre will update us on this exciting new health facility for Port Hope and the new building currently being built on Toronto Road.

### **TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND**

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Capitol Theatre, Port Hope

Silent Auction 7 p.m. Show 8 p.m.

Sponsored by Hospice Northumberland