



# PROBUS PATTERN

The Newsletter of the Port Hope and District Probus Club  
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## President's Message

### Management Committee

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**Selwyn Shields**

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### Winter

Most of us have seen paintings of habitant winter scenes by Kreighoff or Jackson. Many have read Frost's 1923 classic "Stopping By Woods On A Snowy Evening":

*"My little horse must think it queer  
To stop without a farmhouse near  
Between the woods and frozen lake  
The darkest evening of the year."*

These images are evocative of winters many of us knew, or think we knew, as children. But they clash with what we experience today. From the time Frost wrote his poem Canada's rural population has dropped from 50% to 20%.

Urbanization may be seen by many as minimizing the impact of winter. Some might even like the idea of a warming climate thinking that a mild winter beats the alternative. But I wonder about these attitudes.

Clearly as we get older we are not too keen to venture out in icy conditions. Falls account for almost 2/3rds of all injuries among seniors and about 85% of all injury-related hospital admissions.

On the other hand, it seems sort of pointless to hole up for the winter. Psychologically doing so would extend the season,



reinforcing the idea that our northern hemisphere winter is gloomy, cold and bitter. Just think what the February blahs would be like if we never got outside to break the mood.

And in fact we just have to get out...

*"But I have promises to keep,  
And miles to go before I sleep,  
And miles to go before I sleep."*

We all have promises to keep, groceries to get, grandchildren to visit, doctors to see, Probus meetings to attend.

Moreover, winter brings fascinating extremes, extremes that we urbanites need to experience to be truly Canadian.

We all enjoy bright sunshine glistening on newly fallen snow. But a ten minute walk in the woods at -20C, with snow squalls coming off the lake can be as enjoyable, provided we dress for it.

I see winter as a reminder of the real world, with nature's occasional hiccup, and as a deposit paid by Canadians in return for the benefits of living here for the rest of the year!

**Meeting, January 2, 2007**

Attendance - 87 members, 7 prospective members, 2 guests

Presentation – “Climate Change in the Ganaraska Region”

Mark Peacock – Ganaraska Conservation Authority

Mark discussed some of the potential dangers because of climate change in our area. With a warmer climate could cold water species survive in the Ganaraska River? With drier summers more fires may occur and results in more “fragmentation” than we already cause by cutting down trees, building superhighways and subdivisions. Mark stated that this creates stress on species forcing migration to areas which may not sustain them.

A natural heritage system approach applying the basic principles of conservation biology and landscape ecology would seem appropriate if we are to conserve diversity in our landscape, vegetation and species.



**Meeting, January 16, 2007**

Attendance – 93 members, 5 prospective members, 3 guests

Presentation – “Northumberland Community Care”

Sherry Gibson

Community Care Northumberland provides community based services primarily to persons with dependencies related to aging and physical disability. Sherry outlined the range of services provided by the 900 volunteers in Northumberland County (70 in Port Hope). These services include Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Diner’s Club, Friendly Visiting, Telephone Security Checks, as well as Home Help and Maintenance and Caregiver Support.

She pointed out that funding comes from the Ministry of Health, service clubs, community organizations and municipalities. However, each local office is committed to raising a sizable portion of their operating budget to provide the programs and services necessary in their community.



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**Catering News**

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February Captain-Pat Buchan

Feb.6 Vern & Judy Johnston  
Dorothy Gilmer, John Buchan

Feb.20 Bob & Barb Moorcroft  
Una Norenien, Beth Wallace

March Captain-Barbara Hawthorn

Mar. 6 Rita & Terry Bell  
Pauline Carrick, Betty Richards

Mar. 20 Ruth Roy, Betty Lucas  
Ruby Hunter, Anne Shields

April Captain-Anne Shields

April 3 Janice & David Watson  
Ian Tate, Shirley Kane

April 17 Nicole Corbeil,  
Charmion Dennys  
May Anderson, Tom Crooks

**List of Volunteers**

Margot Agnew, May Anderson  
Ede Burger, David & Mary Butler,  
Pat & John Buchan,  
Rita & Terry Bell

Don Campbell, Pauline Carrick,  
Lois Cherry, Nicole Corbeil,

Julie Cotter, Tom Crooks

Lorraine Darke, Betty DeLong  
Michael Dennis, Charmion Dennys

Dorothy Gilmer, Kitty Hatch,  
Ruby Hunter

Vern & Judy Johnson,  
Shirley Kane

Joan Lawson, Dorothy Lent,  
Betty Lucas

Jean McCall, Jane McCluskey,  
Joan McIntosh,

Allan & Margaret McCready  
Barb & Bob Moorcroft

Una Norenien

Eileen & Keith Pickett,  
Linda & Dennis Parsons

Bonnie Reid, Betty Richards,  
Carol Rolph, Ruth Roy  
Doreen & Peter Rossi

Anne Shields, Elaine Simpson  
Ian Taite, Mysie Vanhinsberg

Beth Wallace, Donna Wakely  
Janice & David Watson

Please be at the hall at 8:30 am. If unable to attend, please give the name of your substitute to your captain. Substitutes should be chosen from the list of volunteers, making certain that the alternative is not already scheduled for the months shown in the schedule.



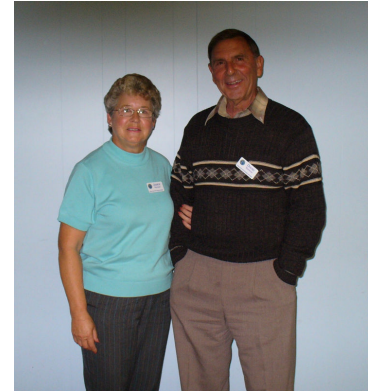
## GETTING TO KNOW YOU... David & Janice Watson



David and Janice were both born in Scotland, David in Grangemouth and Janice in Falkirk. They met at the YMCA and married in 1963. They came to Canada in 1966 and both went to work at Ontario Hydro. In 1969 they moved back to Scotland wishing to be closer to family and friends.

In 1971 they returned to Canada and employment at Ontario Hydro, David as Planning Technologist and Janice as Secretary. They continued at Hydro until retirement in 1993 and then moved to Port Hope.

Their son and daughter, both born in Scotland, now live in Canada and there are two grandsons.



David is an ardent and expert golfer, as are their children, and Janice is working on her game with David's encouragement and help. David organizes the monthly golf meets for Port Hope Probus.

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### Report from the Management Committee

Your Management Committee met on January 9<sup>th</sup>.

Topics discussed included chairpersons for the various events. Ken O'Neil will chair the St Patrick's day event, Bill Minion the summer picnic and Alan Butler the Christmas party. Please give these members your support when they come looking for assistance. In the same vein, in discussing the 10 year anniversary proposals we concluded it is time we developed a committee to arrange the event. Anyone with aspirations let Erik know.

We also made some suggestions to Richard Chubb for potential "entertainment" type programs.

Finally we discussed the catering for our "coffee" break, concluding no change is necessary.

Next meeting February 13<sup>th</sup>.

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### Christmas Kettle Programme

On behalf of the Salvation Army and the Rotary Club of Port Hope, I would like to express my thanks to the many people who gave their time and assisted with this project. We received a total of \$3098 in donations over the 19 days we manned the kettles. Your gift of time was greatly appreciated. Thank you all very much.

*Sid Hatch*

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### A Heritage Challenge for Heritage Month

To liven up our second meeting in February, your President invites you to share some memories with others in the Club by bringing "something" to display that evokes some memory of your childhood years, ie, some things you experienced before turning 18.


The "something" could be a photograph, or a thing, or just some thoughts about the memory. **The catch is that the "something" has to fit (more or less) on top, or form part of a single 8 1/2 x 11 page, leaving room at the bottom of the page for a short summary of the memories or a caption.**

We will display the 'memories' on tables at the back of the room so other members of the club can look at them during the break. We will not ask anyone to talk further about their memory except to answer any questions others may pose. Aim: 30% participation!

**February 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 9:30 Probus Bluebirds Elizabeth Kellogg	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 9:30 Management Meeting	14  <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17
18	19	20 9:30 Probus Genealogy Sharon Murphy	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28			

**March 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5	6 9:30 Changing Demographics In N'land County B.Moorecroft & S. Boyko	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 9:30 Management Meeting	14	15	16	17  <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>
18	19	20 9:30 Probus New P.H. Water Treatment Plant Rick Trumper	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

**SPECIAL EVENTS 2007**

*April*  
RCAF Memorial Museum, Trenton

*May*  
Toronto All-Star Big Band (May 5)

*June*  
Picnic  
New York City (24<sup>th</sup>.-27<sup>th</sup>.)

*July*  
4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre  
Westben Theatre

*August*  
Senior's Jubilee

*September*  
Car Rally  
Corn Roast

*October*  
Stratford Theatre

*December*  
Christmas Party

Contact  
Edith 885-5390  
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**GREETERS**

Feb. 6 Merle & Jim Adamson

Feb 20 Pat & Tom Beer

Mar. 6 Pat & John Buchan

Mar 20 Rita & Terry Bell

**Interclub Bowling**

On January 22, 2007 some 87 bowlers converged on Northshore Lanes for a morning of fun and friendship. There were 20 teams in all participating, made up of Probians from the following clubs; Northshore-2 teams, Port Hope -2, Cobourg-9 and Northumberland with 7 teams. After bowling was complete, 96 Probians retreated to The Lions Community Centre for lunch.

Club Rankings: 1.-Northumberland with an average of 149

2.-Northshore	"	"	"	"	135
3.-Cobourg	"	"	"	"	123
4.-Port Hope	"	"	"	"	117

**Sel's Quiz** : What was voted to be the greatest Canadian Invention in last month's CBC poll?  
(NOT Poutine - it was in 10<sup>th</sup> place!!!) Answers in the quiz box. Remember to include your name.