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May I wish you a very Healthy and Happy New Year. I hope everyone survived the busy holiday season.

I wish to express my thanks to the committee headed by Alan Butler and Sue Speirs for organizing the Christmas Party. From all accounts the food was great, the music by the Royals was danceable and everyone enjoyed themselves.

The Spring Fling Committee have chosen a speaker for this special event (see page 2) and are busy getting things together. You will hear more from them as time goes by.

The year 2008 is looking to be a busy one for our club, but with everyone's help and enthusiasm, we will certainly celebrate our Tenth Anniversary in style. A quick preview of the coming months includes a proposed bus trip to see Jesus Christ Superstar and a tribute concert to Patsy Cline at the Capitol Theatre, both in February. Another Toronto trip, this time to see David Copperfield, is planned for March, and the Hospice All Star Big Band will perform on April 5th.

Our biggest event of the year is the Spring Fling, to be held in May. Our annual Picnic is planned for June and, for the summer months, your hard working Special Events committee has proposed a visit to the 4th Line Theatre and a Muskoka Cruise. Then in September, we are hoping that several members will travel to Rendezvous 2008 for a national Probus celebration. We will end this extraordinary year with our 10th Anniversary Celebration Luncheon at our Annual General Meeting in September.

If you have any memories of the early years, perhaps you could recall them as a short story and Pauline could use them in the Patter.

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Christmas Party

A surprise performance of "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer," complete with red noses, was belted out by an informal choir at our Christmas Party on December 11, 2007. Held at the Best Western in Cobourg, it was an enjoyable evening of fun, dancing, good food and good fellowship.



Ganaraska Valley Club gets its Charter

Past President Eric Norenus presented the official Probus Charter to Hugh Parker, President of the new Probus Club of Ganaraska Valley, on December 13, 2007. New Probus clubs must be sponsored by an existing club or a Rotary Club. Eric told the members of the new club that the Probus Club of Port Hope and District were happy to sponsor them since we had reached capacity. We hope to plan some interesting activities together.

SPRING FLING SPEAKER CHOSEN

Author Marina Nemat, whose book "A Prisoner of Tehran" was recently published, has been chosen as the speaker for Spring Fling. Imprisoned in Tehran's infamous Evin prison for two years, Marina's story is one of courage and wisdom as she fights to maintain her integrity. Taking place at the Jack Burger Centre at the end of May, this district meeting for Probus Clubs will need every member of our club to help make this special event a big success.

Please welcome new member Carole Payne



CATERING

January Captain: Julie Cotter

January 15: Margot Agnew, Linda Parsons, Betty Reynolds, Joan McIntosh

February Captain: Pat Buchan

February 5: Vern and Judy Johnson, Dorothy Gilmer, John Buchan

February 19: Barb and Bob Moorcroft, Una Norenus, Beth Wallace.

Please be at the hall at 8.30 a.m. If you are unable to attend, please ask someone from the membership list to replace you .

Eileen Rose, Chair 905-885-2845

DELIVERY OF PROBUS PATER

SNOWBIRDS: If you would like the Patter delivered to your winter address, give Editor Pauline enough stamped, self addressed envelopes to cover your stay. I will mail them.

ABSENT MEMBERS: Please be kind and pick up a Patter to take to a neighbour who is absent for some reason. They will appreciate it.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATES

Please note that there will be one meeting per month in the summer: July 15 and August 19

RENDEZVOUS 2008

This year's annual conference for Canadian Probus members takes place the weekend of September 25—27 in Saint John, New Brunswick. There will be workshops by Probus Headquarters, sightseeing and touring, a mussel and lobster dinner, a Maritime Kitchen Party and lots more. Accommodation is at the Saint John Hilton and the Delta Brunswick hotels. As Bill Minion has agreed to bus us there, we can offer this trip very reasonably. Lots more information in the next Patter.

Approximate cost \$600, includes transportation, registration, offered meals, hotel accommodation in Saint John and overnight accommodation in Quebec both ways.

We would appreciate early indication of interest in this special trip. For complete information look up the Probus Canada web page at probus.org/canada.htm

Bill and Carolyn Minion and Edith and Fraser Carr.

Christmas Party Fun



CHRISTMAS PARTY 2008

*Is it true that we all begin to look alike after ten years of Probus fun?
Say it isn't so!*

If you would like to have a copy of any of these pictures, please see Pauline Carrick. Cost 35 cents each to cover cost of printing.



Special Events

JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR

Friday, February 15, 2008, 8:00 pm

A collaboration between Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, JESUS CHRIST SUPERSTAR is one of the most popular and enduring works ever created for the musical theatre. The rock vision of the "greatest story ever told," comes once again to the stage with Ted Neeley re-creating his unforgettable performance. Tickets will go fast!

The Sony Centre, Toronto. Price with dinner, approx \$106.

SWEET DREAMS

Saturday, February 23, 2008, 8:00pm

In this tribute to **Patsy Cline**, you will hear over 25 of her greatest hits, including, *Crazy, I Fall to Pieces, Faded Love, Always.*

Capitol Arts Centre, Port Hope. Price with dinner TBA.

DAVID COPPERFIELD

Friday, March 28, 2008, 9:00pm

Copperfield has elevated the ancient art of magic to new heights and redefined it along the way. Witty, engaging and supremely entertaining, **David Copperfield** has been called the greatest illusionist of our time. Tickets are going fast!

The Sony Centre, Toronto. Price with dinner, approx. \$125.

In **MAY**, the club will be busy organizing and hosting the annual area meeting, **SPRING FLING** (details announced as they become available.)

In **JUNE** we will have our annual **PICNIC**. Stay tuned.

THE LAST GREEN HILL

July (date TBA) 4th Line Theatre, Millbrook

Inspired by the developmental pressures of rural communities in Southern Ontario, this humorous and satirical epic production features a cast of cowboys, politicians, environmental resistance fighters and citizens, all caught up in the middle of a firestorm! Play written by Robert Winslow and Dale Hamilton.

Tentative plans for **AUGUST** include a **Muskoka Cruise** and a dinner theatre group for *Anne of Green Gables* at the Capitol Theatre. Let us know if you would participate in these events.

September 24—29, 2008 RENDEZVOUS 2008, Saint John, New Brunswick. More details on Page 2.

PROBUS PROGRAMS

Looking Behind

December 4

"Got a Minute?" Barb Keenan, executive director of the Northumberland Big Sisters and Big Brothers Association, told us how important the volunteer mentors are to the children and youth in the programs. She described their various fund raising activities, such as Second Helpings, Bowl for Kid's Sake, the annual Garden Tour and the daring Soap Box Derby down Walton Street.

Looking Ahead

January 15

"Safari to Africa." Member Pauline Carrick will present her beautiful pictures taken on her recent trip to Kenya. Lots of zebras, giraffes, elephants and many other wild animals and birds photographed in the in the famous Game Parks of East Africa.

February 5

"New Service at NHH." Pam Knott, Northumberland Hills Hospital, will tell us about the uses and benefits of the hospital's recently installed MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) machine, which is now up and running.

February 19

"The Sorrows of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome." Member Carol Payne will tell us about this destructive syndrome and her personal experience in dealing with it.

TORONTO ALL-STAR BIG BAND

Saturday, April 5, 2008

Capital Arts Theatre, Port Hope

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

Hospice Northumberland is pleased to announce the return engagement of the seventeen piece **Toronto All-Star Big Band**. Also featuring the voices of the **TABB Five** with powerful tributes to the hits of the 30's and 40's. The evening will again feature a silent auction of great packages. Act fast for this show.

Probus Group price: \$32. Tickets: Bonnie Walker, 885-8250

For any of the proposed Probus trips please contact:

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