



# PROBUS PATTERN

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

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Last month Probian mothers were likely feted by their children. In a couple of weeks Probian Dads will likely hear from their children too. What can Wikipedia tell us about their origins of Mother's Day and Father's Day?



### Mother's Day

The on-line encyclopedia explains that Mother's Day is celebrated at different times by different countries, primarily because the day has a number of different origins. The ancient Greeks' custom of mother worship is one such source.

Mothering Sunday is celebrated in Britain during Lent. It originated in the 1500's when Christians would attend not the local but the Mother Church.

In the late 1850's Ann Jarvis worked to promote better sanitation in the US through Mothers' Work Days. She continued to urge women to promote better sanitation for both sides throughout the Civil War, and then used the same connections to foster reconciliation.

Inspired by her mother's work, Anna Jarvis promoted a national memorial day for women. The first Mother's Day was held in West Virginia in 1908 in the same church in which her mother had taught Sunday School. However, within ten years the commercialization of the holiday was so widespread that Anna became opposed to the celebration.

Mother's Day is not unique to western civilization; most countries have borrowed the idea. It is probable though that United States and Japan have led others in exploiting the sales potential of the event. In North America

Mother's Day is one of the most commercially successful holidays in the year and the most popular day to dine in a restaurant.

### Father's Day

Father's Day in contrast was a 20<sup>th</sup> Century development. The first was organized in 1908 as a memorial service for over 350 miners who had been killed in a West Virginia mine disaster.

However, the first attempt to link a June Fathers Day's to the May Mother's Day was initiated by a Mrs Sonora Smart Dodd in 1910. The event gained early and on-going support from Presidents Wilson, Coolidge, Johnson and Nixon who, in 1972, made it an official national holiday!

These days haberdashery owners and electronics stores love Father's Day. So do our children. According to Wikipedia more 'collect' telephone calls are made on Father's Day than any other day in the year.

### A Reminder

Summer meetings will be held on the first Tuesday only of July and August.

**Meeting, May 1, 2007**

Attendance – 77 members, 7 prospective members, 1 guest

Presentation – “Northumberland Rebound Child & Youth Services - Marg Godawa

Marg, capably assisted by Sasha Korper, outlined the services of her organization in providing literacy and numeracy tutoring help to those youth in Northumberland County having learning disabilities. Both Schools and the Police support these important activities. As volunteers for this specialized services are always needed, Marg interviews potential tutors matching them to the students, as well as training the former. Last summer, she ran a Golf Camp with 20 young golfers and 5 volunteers.

(Thanks to Richard Chubb for summary)



Marg Godawa Sasha Korper

**Meeting, May 15, 2007**

Attendance – 79 members, 9 prospective members, 2 guests

Presentation – “Phone Busters- OPP and RCMP” – R.Brock Godfrey

Brock gave an excellent Power Point presentation on consumer fraud and the efforts of the joint task force set up by the OPP and RCMP in North Bay to combat it. A great deal of these fraudulent activities to extract hard earned money is directed at Seniors. He warned us to be aware of: Charity fraud, fake Banks trying to obtain your financial data, email letters from offshore, particularly Nigeria, with offers of millions of dollars, telemarketing frauds including bogus lotteries, sweepstake schemes, tax fraud activities, bogus offers of "pre approved mortgages for \$263,000 at 1.2% interest. If you feel you are being targeted, call the Phone Busters at 1-888- 495-8501 or [www.phonebusters.com](http://www.phonebusters.com)

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**Three Things I Learned Last Month**

1. Last month, I took my 3 year old grandson, Tyler, to soccer practice. Like any proud “poppa” I felt great excitement and pride whenever he made a good play or scored a goal. It reminded me so much of the times some 35 years ago when I used to take Tyler’s father to hockey practice. I felt the same excitement and pride whenever he made a good play or scored a goal. With time, some things change. Some don’t. I like to think the good things don’t.
2. In a worldwide campaign to give new life to books that have languished unread because they are fragile, rare or little known, the non-profit internet archive has digitally copied over 200,000 volumes and made them available to anyone who has access to the internet. The University of Toronto is a major contributor to the project copying more than 1000 books each week. Among their “top picks” Saint Augustine’s “City of God” printed in 1475, Florence Nightingale’s “Notes on Nursing: What It Is, and What It Is Not” published in 1860 and volumes of “Punch” the British humour weekly dating back to 1900. All can be downloaded at [www.archive.org](http://www.archive.org) Who knows, you may want to print a copy of a rare book for yourself complete with comments scribbled in the margins centuries ago!
3. Of the 88 charter members of our Club in 1988, just over half, 46, remain in the Club.

*Editor*



**GETTING TO KNOW YOU...**



**Terry and Rita Bell**

Terry was born in England – the son of an Irish farmer and an English lass. After moving constantly – including being evacuated five times during the war – at the age of 17 Terry and his father came to Canada and after six months here decided this was a good place to be and brought the rest of the family.

Rita's parents and sister emigrated from Helsinki, Finland in the 1920s. Rita was born in Toronto and moved to Leaside in Grade School. Her father owned a woodworking manufacturing business and with his knowledge and guidance the girls assisted him in building a log summer cottage in Fairport Beach – this is where Terry and Rita met in 1952. They married in 1953.



Terry worked for several Companies and eventually opened his own high voltage electrical company – retiring in 1980 he left the business in the hands of his youngest son and daughter.

In 1965 Terry and Rita bought a hundred year old farmhouse in southeast Scarborough. They lived there for 36 years and raised their family of 5 sons and 3 daughters. Rita had a brief career in the business world but feels that her real career was nurturing this family and was very involved with their schools, Scouts and Guide activities.

In 1987 they bought a house on the south shore of Rice Lake as a retreat from the city and in 2001 they sold the farmhouse and retired to the lake permanently.

They are consummate travelers and have been to every continent except Australia. When younger they with their children camped in every Province and almost all the States south of the border. They are members of Horizons of Friendship and some of their travels involve observing and offering recommendations to the countries of Mesoamerica (Central America and Mexico).

Terry and Rita have visited so many places it is hard to pick one that is most fascinating – perhaps India. They will shortly be leaving on another trip and according to Rita “when they get old they may start to slow down”. You have to love that attitude.

**Catering News**

Rena Watson 905-885-5441

June Captain-Barbara Moorcroft

- June 5 Bob Moorcroft, Betty DeLong  
Lorraine Darke, Jane McCluskey
- June 19 Donna Wakely, Carol Rolph  
Doreen & Peter Rossi

July Captain-Jeannette Etter

- July 3 Pat & John Buchan  
Beth Wallace, Elaine Simpson

August Captain-Lucy Frew

- Aug. 7 David & Mary Butler  
Julie Cotter, Don Campbell

September Captain-Elizabeth Weaver

- Sept 4 Rita & Terry Bell  
Nicole Corbeil, Charmion Dennys
- Sept 18 Dorothy Lent, Betty Lucas  
Ian Tate, Pauline Carrick

**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 Norenus  
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  
Sheila White

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.

**Probus Retirees**

Founding President Doug Gellatly made a suggestion that we probably should have thought about before now. Our Management Committee is glad that he did. Herewith we would like to thank the former members who retired from our Club during the 2005/06 year: \*Lois Cherry, \*Marg Dennis, \*Betty Honey and \*Howie Snow (2000) Jean McCall; (2001) Isabel Kirkpatrick; (2002) Dan Farmer, Fay Gillespie and Melodie Massey. We enjoyed their company and wish them good luck in the future. [ \* indicates charter member, bracketed year indicates 1<sup>st</sup> year of membership]

**June 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5 9:30 Probus Beekeeping Paul & Colleen Watson	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 9:30 Management Meeting	13 3:30 Picnic Adamson's	14	15	16
17  <i>Father's Day</i>	18	19 9:30 Probus Restorative Justice at Brookside Ron Cameron, Principal	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Trip to New York City						

**SPECIAL EVENTS 2007**

*August*  
Senior's Jubilee (16<sup>th</sup>)

*September*  
Car Rally  
Corn Roast

*October*  
Stratford Theatre

*December*  
Christmas Party  
André Rieu (15<sup>th</sup>)

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**July 2007**

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1  <i>Canada Day</i>	2	3 9:30 Probus Dry Stone Walls John Shaw-Rimington	4	5 Westben Theatre	6	7
8	9	10 9:30 Management Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 4th. Line Theatre
29	30	31				

**GREETERS**

Jun 5  
Judy & Vern Johnson

Jun 19  
Betty & Phil Clark

**Sel's Quiz:** Which Canadian city was shown on the back of the \$1 (one dollar) bill. The bill not the coin. Answers in the quiz box on the bar counter during the break. Include your name.

Last month's answer: James Bartelman is Ontario's Lieutenant Governor and author of Raisin Wine. One correct answer. Congratulations to prospective member Paul Smith.