



PROBUS PATTERN

The Newsletter of the Port Hope and District Probus Club
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20th Anniversary of Probus in Canada

A St Pat's gift to us all was the establishment of the first Probus Club in Canada, March 17th 1987. The Probus Club of Cambridge began with 52 members; here we are twenty years later with 180 clubs and 23,000 members. Wow!

In the mid-60's, responding to the needs of people who wanted to remain active after retirement, two Rotary Clubs in the United Kingdom initiated meetings of their retired members. They eventually morphed into using the term Probus.

By 1974 Probus had expanded into New Zealand and by 1976, Australia. Today clubs exist all over the world. (See the links at <http://www.probus.org/canada.htm>.)

Traveling in Australia in 1981 long-time Rotarian John Reynolds Morris became aware of Probus. Liking the concept, he began speaking to Rotary Clubs throughout Ontario, urging the establishment of Probus in Canada.

Bert Klinkhammer was President of the first club. He and Mr Morris arranged liability insurance, a need that eventually became one of the reasons for incorporating Probus Centre-Canada in 1995.

Probus Centre-Canada, Inc coordinates Probus activity in Canada and adjacent areas of the US that are included in Rotary International Districts. Its principle objectives are to accredit the formation of Probus



Clubs, to promote their formation and to aid and support existing Clubs by the publication of news bulletins and the annual Directory of Clubs.

Probus Centre also administers and supplies

Probus regalia and other supplies and services, oversees royalties for the logo and assesses the fees that each Club is required to pay to cover the administration and other costs of the organization. Probus-Centre also accepts donations from other organizations to help cover its costs.

The Board of Directors consists of 12 Past Presidents of member Clubs, with 4 elected each year for a three-year term. Directors are eligible to serve a second term. They meet face-to-face at least once a year in April but their quarterly meetings are normally held via email. At its annual meeting the Board will elect an executive; the President and Vice serve a one year term but may be re-elected for a second term. A paid, non-voting, Managing Director oversees the day-to-day operation of the head office.

We are in Ontario's District #1, essentially all clubs in Ontario from Ajax east. This spring, our District will be electing a new Director to replace Stone Avery who is retiring. This change may be followed by another; our club will be looking into the feasibility of sponsoring another Port Hope based club. Stay tuned.

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Meeting, Feb. 6, 2007

Attendance - 96 members, 7 prospective members, 4 guests

Presentation – “Bluebirds”

Elizabeth Kellogg

Elizabeth is a licensed bird bander and writes a column on birds and birding which appears regularly in the Port Hope Evening Guide.

She gave us a very informative presentation on Bluebirds—once very common in North America. However in the last century their numbers have declined due to loss of natural habitat, overuse of pesticides and predators.



Even though the bluebird population has greatly decreased, the future could still be promising for them. The most important step to help bring back the bluebird is to provide secure nesting sites by setting out bluebird boxes in a suitable habitat. For further information visit the website of the North American Bluebird Society at: www.nabluebirdsociety.org

Meeting, Feb 20, 2007

Attendance – 84 members, 13 prospective members, 2 guests

Presentation – “Genealogy”

Sharon Murphy

Sharon Murphy of TimeLines Genealogy Research in Cobourg, with the help of two staff members Cathy and Lindsay, gave us a general overview of genealogy: what it is (family history), sources of information, computer software (such as Family Tree Maker) to enable you to develop your own family tree.



Most records are held by the church or government, so it is always helpful to know the religion of your ancestors. The internet is another useful source for research and if you get really stuck on your own, there are professional researchers to assist.

Sharon said all the family information she collects for clients is recorded on CD or DVD. However, because the lifespan of these media is not known, it is important to copy this information to a new disk every few years to ensure it is permanently preserved.

Sharon's talk was accompanied by an excellent slide presentation.

(Thanks to Sue Speirs for this summary)

Report from the Management Committee

Your Management Committee met on February 13th.

A draft of proposed guidelines for event chairs was tabled and discussed with an agreement that they should be formalized. During the course of discussion it was pointed out that event chairs are supposed to serve for two years.

Discussion on the arrangements for the 10th anniversary produced the conclusion that past presidents' should be included in the committee and that Liz Davidson will recruit an event chair.

There is \$2043 in the bank at this time.

There was a further discussion about the potential formation of a new club in view of the number of people on the waiting list, currently 16.

It was suggested that we need a banner, use of the Probus emblem may be an issue.

We also agreed to obtain 5year and 10 year pins for the 10th anniversary.

Next meeting March 13th.

2007 Spring Mixer

Date : Thursday, May 17 , 2007
Location: The New Baltimore Arena, Baltimore
Speaker: Ted Barris

Ted Barris is an accomplished author and broadcaster. As well as hosting stints on CBC Radio and regularly contributing to The Globe & Mail, and National Post, he has authored 15 books including his Thomas Allen trilogy on the Second World War: Juno Canadians at D-Day, Days of Victory: Canadians Remember 1939-1945; Behind The Glory: Canada's Role in Allied Air War, and his latest book published in February 2007- Victory at Vimy.

Mr. Barris is a professor of journalism at Toronto's Centennial College.

Catering News

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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

May Captain-Judy Johnson

May 1 Margaret & Allan McCready
Vern Johnson, Margot Agnew

May 15 Linda & Dennis Parsons
Kitty Hatch, Bonnie Reid

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

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.

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 <i>Daylight Saving Begins</i>	12	13 9:30 Management Meeting	14 "St. Pat's Celebration" Beamish House 6:30	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

April 2007						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 9:30 Probus History of Can. Military Aviation Erik Norenus	4	5	6 <i>Good Friday</i>	7
8 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	9	10 9:30 Management Meeting	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 9:30 Probus History of Port Hope Ian Montagnes	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

SPECIAL EVENTS 2007

May
Big Band (5th)
Spring Mixer (17th)

June
Picnic
New York City (24th-27th)

July
4th Line Theatre
Westben Theatre

August
Senior's Jubilee (16th)

September
Car Rally
Corn Roast

October
Stratford Theatre

December
Christmas Party (11th)
"A Romantic Vienna Night"
Andre Rieu (15th)

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GREETERS

Mar. 6
Pat & John Buchan

Mar 20
Rita & Terry Bell

Apr 3
Lucy Frew &
Don Campbell

Apr 17
Charmion Dennys &
Margot Agnew

Sel's Quiz:

A simple mathematical calculation to do in your head. Do on your own. No cheating!

$16 \div \frac{1}{2} \times 3 + 14 = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} ?$

Answers in the quiz box on the bar. Don't forget to include your name.

Signs That You're Growing Older

Your children begin to look middle aged.
You burn the midnight oil after 9 p.m.
You look forward to a dull evening.

Your mind makes contracts your body can't meet.
The best part of your day is over when your alarm clock goes off.
After painting the town red you take a long rest before applying the second coat.