



PROBUS PATTERN

The Newsletter of the Port Hope and District Probud Club
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I had a brain cramp this month and could not think of a single thing to say in the May *Pattern*. Fortunately, the Management Committee came to my rescue. Here is a medley of messages.



Northumberland Council of Probud Clubs: What Is It?

Readers will remember that two months ago we celebrated the 20th Anniversary of Probud by reviewing its history. Unlike Probud Centre, the Northumberland Council of Probud Clubs is simply a loose association of five Northumberland County-based Probud Clubs whose Presidents and Vice Presidents meet every two months to exchange information (eg, experience with speakers), coordinate special events (eg, the Spring Fling) and discuss common issues. The five clubs include our own plus Colborne and the three based in Cobourg. The District Director is always invited too. We hosted the most recent meeting on April 20th.

Spring Mixers: 2007; and 2008

The May 17th Spring Mixer organized by the Northshore Probud Club features the well-known Canadian author Ted Barris who will be talking about his most recent book *Victory at Vimy*. Mr Barris has written a number of books that focus on the achievements of Canadians at war but arguably Vimy made Canada a nation. It should be an interesting talk. The ticket price includes a lunch. See Liz Davidson for tickets.

The Spring Mixer for 2008 should also be interesting because we are hosting it! Contact your President if you would like to help organize the event or have suggestions on who should be the key-note speaker.

A New Probud Club for Port Hope?

You are reminded that we are exploring the idea of sponsoring another Port Hope Probud Club (the Ganaraska Valley Probud Club?) and are seeking names of retired or semi-retired seniors of whom you may know who might attend a general information meeting. You need not approach your acquaintances (Sel's Committee can do that) but we need the leads. Surely our Club of 150 could generate another 50 potential Probud members. Please give your suggestions to Sel Shields, Doug Gellatly or Paul Tait.

Summertime, and the Living is Easy

Like Porgy & Bess, summertime will be a little easier for the Management Committee this year. You will remember that we decided to have single meetings in July and August. Mark your calendar for July 3rd and August 7th.

Mark your calendar too for Wednesday, June 13th, our annual picnic by the Lake. More details coming.

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Meeting, April 3, 2007

Attendance – 86 members, 10 prospective members

Presentation – “The Cree Around James Bay” Cathy Oberholzer

Cathy shared fascinating insight into the “material culture of the Cree.” Artifacts found in museums and private collections provide an understanding of Cree culture that might otherwise be lost. The Cree people practice rituals that support their connection to nature and animals – the bear being the most revered animal. Floral-designed hoods, wooden dolls (predominantly female), dream catchers and snowshoes, all hand crafted, were among the items shown during the slide presentation. Kathy acknowledged that in spite of cultural changes the philosophy and mentality of the Cree people of yesteryear persist today.



Cathy has a degree in anthropology, and is a part time professor at Trent University. Cree artifacts remain a passion, thus she is off to England this summer to view a rare, wooden, male doll, circa 1790 – 1810.

(Thanks to Bonnie Reid for summary)

Meeting, April 17, 2007

Attendance – 116 members, 10 prospective members, 5 guests

Presentation – “A History of Port Hope” – Ian Montagnes

It was so interesting hearing Ian explain why he wanted to write A History of Port Hope. He gave us an insight into the sources he used to research his book and the ends to which he went to substantiate the authenticity of his writing. The more we learn about something the more important it becomes. A building is only bricks and mortar until we learn when it was built, who built it and why they built it and who has occupied it since. What better way is there to solicit support for the preservation of our lovely old town than to inform us of it's colourful past.



(Thanks to Rita Bell for summary)

Report from the Management Committe

Your Management Committee met on April 10th.

Two new committees have been formed, one to consider the process and potential for forming a new club in Port Hope and the other to develop plans for our tenth anniversary year in 2008.

New guidelines have been given to the catering teams following expenditures in the first half of the year which considerably exceeded the budget.

Our Treasurer, Alan, reported \$848 in the bank and membership chair, Jim, reported 16 on the waiting list for membership.

There have been some questions raised about the level of subsidies for special events; the management committee agreed that the question will be decided during the 2007/08 budget-setting process.

On a suggestion by Doug Gellatly it was agreed that we need to find some method to recognize retiring members. More to come.

It is time to start thinking about the management committee to look after the interests of the club through 2007/2008. If you have any interest in any of the positions Liz Davidson will be glad to hear from you.

Next meeting May 8th at Independent Grocer.

Douglas Wright

Members were saddened to learn that Doug passed away April 18th. Doug was a Charter Member of the Club and its first Treasurer, completing a second term as Treasurer last year. He will be missed.



GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Bob & Barbara Moorcroft

Bob and Barbara are both “natives” of Hastings County. They met when Barbara joined the staff of a school in Belleville where Bob was a young 25 year old vice – principal having advanced from being a teacher in a one room school near Campbellford. They married in 1960 and have a daughter who now lives in BC and a son who lives in Port Hope. Both have respectively added two grandchildren to the Moorcroft family.

In 1967 Bob was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Darlington Township and rose through the ranks to eventually become Chief Superintendent of the Northumberland and Newcastle Board of Education. He retired from teaching in 1989.



Remaining active he has since served as District President of the Canadian Cancer Society, Governor of Durham College in Oshawa for 6 years and was a charter member of the Port Hope Police Services Board where he served for nine years – four as Board chair. He is currently a member of the Northumberland Family Respite Board. Both are very active in the Port Hope United Church where Bob is currently Chair of the Trustee Board while Barbara holds the distinction of having been the only woman to serve a two year term as Chair of the Board.

Barbara learnt early on in her career of the special needs of non English speaking foreign students and this inspired her to do further studies in language and sociology. The latter years of her career were spent as English as a second language co-ordinator in the former Peterborough Separate School System. She was also an instructor in ESL for the faculty of Education of Queen’s University.

Barbara has served as an educational field person for the Lung Association and established an anti-smoking program for schools. She then became local and district education chair and later district president of the Canadian Cancer Society as well as serving on the provincial executive. She was Goodwill Chair and District President of retired teachers of Ontario and currently is District President of Retired Women Teachers of Ontario.

When time permits Bob and Barbara like to travel – one wonders when “time would permit” with such a slate of volunteer work to handle.

Catering News

Rena Watson 905-885-5441

May Captain-Judy Johnson

May 1 Margaret & Allan McCready
Vern Johnson, Margot Agnew

May 15 Linda & Dennis Parsons
Kitty Hatch, Bonnie Reid

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

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.

May 2007

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 Probus N'land Rebound Child & Youth Services Marg Godawa	2	3	4	5 8.pm Toronto All-Star Big Band at the Capitol
6	7	8 9:30 Management Meeting	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Mother's Day</i>	14	15 9:30 Probus Phonebusters Consumer Fraud R. Brock Godfrey	15	17	18	19
20	21 <i>Victoria Day</i>	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

June 2007

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

Sel's Quiz: Name Ontario's Lieutenant-Governor, author of the new biography "Raisin Wine". Answers in the quiz box on the bar counter during the break. Include your name to be able to win the fabulous prize.

The answer to April's quiz was Eve, the second word in the question. Only 4 correct answers with Barb. Winfield being drawn as the winner. There were 12 for Nunu and 2 others.

2007/08 Management Committee Call for Volunteers

As you should know, terms of office on the Management Committee are for two years, except for the Vice President who will serve three. The positions becoming vacant for the coming year are: Vice President; Secretary; Program Committee Chair; and Probus Patter Editor. Current VP and President-Elect Liz Davidson is chair of the Nominating Committee. She would welcome hearing from members who would be willing serve on the Management Committee in the coming year.

SPECIAL EVENTS 2007

July
Westben Theatre
"The Gondoliers"
(July 5th)

4th Line Theatre
"School House"
(July 26th)

August
Senior's Jubilee

September
Car Rally

Corn Roast

October
Stratford Theatre

December
Christmas Party

André Rieu (15th)

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GREETERS

May 1
Betty Lucas &
Don Kent

May 15
Carolyn &
Gary Webb

Jun 6
Judy &
Vern Johnson

Jun 19
Betty &
Phil Clark