



# 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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As career airmen it was common for us to participate in September's Battle of Britain and November's Remembrance Day parades and services. They were always solemn events for most of us could remember a family member or friend that did not return after serving abroad in our country's naval, military or air services.

In World Wars I and II it was quite clear why Canadians were fighting and who they were fighting against. In the process we learned that western democracies needed to band together to successfully protect the freedoms that we cherish.

In Korea the objectives began to blur for it was hard to see how fighting in the peninsula threatened Canada. We learned then that the aftermath of World War II brought a change to the global dynamics. Yet we knew our enemy, even as it became a Cold War.

As we deployed our armed services in support of our commitments to NATO and the United Nations we learned that, Cold War or not, casualties occur. Over 500 died in Korea. For the fifty years ending in 1999 the Army lost 100 soldiers of all ranks during peace-keeping operations.

During the Cold War years over 125 young men died just in flying accidents in jet interceptor-type aircraft.

Today we have given our forces a far more difficult and a far more dangerous mission than waging a Cold War or UN peace-keeping. Canadian soldiers are engaging an enemy that was allied with anti-western terrorists. It is an enemy that has totally distorted, one writer says "hijacked", the message of Islam to advance its own agenda.

History suggests that the Afghan people may never adopt our western version of democracy. But still it seems a worthwhile objective to complicate Taliban plans while helping those that wish for peace and stability as they try to rebuild a society that works for them.

War is such a waste, but it seems built into mankind's genes. On this Remembrance Day we should all share a sense of gratitude for the sacrifices made by those who served in defence of our country's freedoms. But we should also pray for and wish Godspeed to today's young men and women as they deal with a difficult task in a harsh environment.

**November, 2006**

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**Meeting, October 3, 2006**

Attendance - 97 members, 3 prospective members, 2 guests

Presentation – Marchmont House-Jim Gilchrist

When the topic of child immigrants to Canada is raised many people first think of Barnardo's. Jim Gilchrist, author of "Marchmont Distributing Home Belleville Ontario 1870-1925" pointed out that many others were also involved, many of them women wanting to assist children living under deplorable conditions in London.



Annie Macpherson is one such person who in the spring of 1870 brought 100 children to Canada by ship. These children were placed in Quebec and Ontario. While in Canada she was invited to use a home in Belleville with the rent being paid by the County of Hastings. The home was called Marchmont. Two additional homes were added in 1872, one in Galt (now Cambridge) and one in Knowlton, Quebec.

Miss Macpherson brought children to Canada from her own home in London but also had arrangements with Barnardo and many others to accompany and place their children as well. Her organization continued until 1920 by which time over 10,000 children had come to Canada through its facilities.

**Meeting, October 17, 2006**

Attendance – 100 members, 3 guests

Presentation – The Niagara Tunnel Project-Rick Everdell

Rick Everdell is Project Director of the Niagara Tunnel Project (and son of Ray and Hazel Everdell).



He provided an informative presentation on the boring of the tunnel under the city of Niagara Falls to increase water flow from upstream of Niagara Falls to the Sir Adam Beck hydroelectric generating complex at Queenston.

The giant boring machine, nicknamed "Big Becky" began the 10.4 km. journey on September 1, 2006. Moving at an expected rate of 15 metres per day the giant rock eater working day and night will take almost two years digging the 14.4 metre diameter tunnel about 140 metres below the surface. After the tunnel is done it will take another year to complete the installation of the permanent concrete lining and the structures required at the tunnel intake and outlet.

When completed an additional 1.6 billion kilowatt-hours of power will be produced annually—enough electricity to meet the needs of a city twice the size of Niagara Falls. Price tag- \$935 million.

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**Report from the Management Committee**

The new management committee met on October 10<sup>th</sup> with President Erik in the chair. Discussion on attendance requirements was inconclusive and decision delayed to a later meeting. Alan Butler reported a current bank balance of \$1,785. Edith Carr reported trips to Trenton Air Museum and to New York City are in the planning stages. A number of issues related to the recent members' survey require further study and will be reported on in later publications. These include the need for two meetings in July and August. The next meeting of the management committee will take place on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>; let us know if you have any comments or concerns!



GETTING TO KNOW YOU...  
Betty DeLong



Betty was born in Cobourg and raised in Academy Hills. Interesting to note that the St. Andrew's Spa is built on a corner of her grandfather's homestead, so we can say that she definitely has roots here.

After gaining her degree in nursing at the Oshawa School of Nursing, Betty worked for the Port Hope and District Hospital for nearly 40 years before retiring. This year her class will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> year since graduating.

Married to Rex for 43 years Betty has 2 sons and 2 daughters and now has 7 grandchildren.



A Master Gardener and a member of the Port Hope and District Horticultural Society - you would have seen her giving useful information to gardeners at the Davis Independent Garden Center this past spring. She has been actively involved in Communities in Bloom and is a Director of the Port Hope Agricultural Fair.

Betty is also a volunteer at the Capitol Theatre, the Public Health Unit and Community Care.

Obviously a firm believer of "carpe diem" Betty is currently enrolled at night school to study digital camera usage as well as astrology. In her spare time (!!) she travels, sews and reads.

**Catering News**

Rena Watson 905-885-5441

Nov. Captain-Bonnie Walker

Nov.7 Lorraine Darke, Tom Crooks  
Carol Rolph, Betty Lucas

Nov.21 Elaine Simpson, Bonnie Reid  
Una Norenienus, Don Campbell

Dec. Captain-Janice Watson

Dec. 5 David Watson, Mysie Vanhinsberg  
Michael Dennis, Rena Watson

January Captain-Eileen Pickett

Jan. 2 Margot Agnew, Joan McIntosh  
Linda & Dennis Parsons

Jan. 16 David & Mary Butler  
Julie Cotter, May Anderson

**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 Norenienus

Eileen & Keith Pickett, Linda & Dennis Parsons

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

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.

**November 2006**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 9:30 Probus Westben Theater Donna Benett Brian Finley	8	9	10	11  Remembrance Day
12	13	14 9:30 Management Meeting	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 9:30 Probus TCS Headmaster Stewart Grainger	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

**Remembrance Day**

*For every red poppy  
That grows in the field  
Marks the bravery of men  
That the battle did kill*

*For every soldier  
That lay down his life  
He left behind  
A family, a life*

*For every red poppy  
That sways in the breeze  
Remember the men  
Who died for our peace.*

*Poem by 13 year old student*

**December 2006**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 9:30 Probus Waste Mgt. Facility Mark Stevenson Liz Stewart	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 9:30 Mgt. Meeting  Christmas Party Best Western	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 /	25  Christmas	26  Boxing Day	27	28	29	30
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**Greeters**

Nov 7  
Rita & Terry Bell

Nov 21  
Muriel & Gord Woods

Dec 5  
Pauline Carrick & Tom Crooks

**What if???**

One of the concerns the management committee (and in particular Richard Chubb, programme chair) worry about is: What if the scheduled speaker doesn't turn up at one of our meetings because of illness, inclement weather etc.?

We believe that among all our members there are several who would be able to have a presentation "on standby" and fill in at the last minute. So please, if you can fulfill such a role, please talk to Richard. Think of the ovation you'll get from your fellow members and the sleepless nights you'll save Richard!