



PROBUS PATTERN

The Newsletter of the Probus Club of Port Hope and District

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Message from the President

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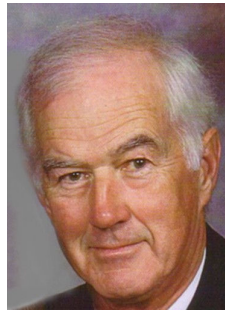
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Dear Fellow Probians:

A large, attentive crowd was present at our 17 January meeting a "Tribute to Robert Burns". As well as featuring the words and music of Scotland's national poet, there was an opportunity to taste a haggis and enjoy the skirl o' the pipes. No ill effects have been reported!

Thanks to the following people for their participation and assistance : Ian Leckie : " Scots Wha Hae " ; Archie McGeachy: Guest piper and " Address to a Haggis " ; Don Campbell : Haggis bearer ; Margot Agnew : Immortal Memory and " My Love is Like a Red Red Rose " (you may never hear a more heartfelt rendition of that lovely love song) ; David Watson : " To a Mouse " ; Jean McCall : " Selkirk Grace " and Anne Shields for preparing (don't ask) and cooking the haggis.

Our guest Archie, a member of the Northumberland Probus Club, was so delighted with the reception he received, that as he left, he said that he would play anytime for our club.

Following the success of the Christmas Dinner and Party, Allan

McCready has now planned another event. "Spring into St. Patrick's Day" will be held at the Beamish House, John Street, Port Hope on Wednesday, 15 March, 2006. For a very reasonable \$10 (\$30 for guests) you can enjoy an Irish dinner (buffet style), dessert, tea/coffee, a drink or two and some entertainment. Buy your tickets at the Special Events table during our meetings on the 7 or 21 Feb. See you there , begorra !!!

At the 17 January meeting, Keith Pickett read out the following : " In accordance with club by-laws (revised June 2005) section 2 article v clause c, I am submitting a Notice of Motion one month prior to the 21 Feb. meeting at which that motion is to be considered. The motion will request the awarding of an honorary membership to Stone Avery, Director of District 1 for Probus Centre - Canada and Past (Founding) President of the Probus Club of Cobourg and District", signed Selwyn Shields. Prior to the vote on 21 Feb. I will explain why the members of the Management Committee unanimously agreed that this outstanding Probian would be a worthy recipient of the club's first honorary membership. There will be an opportunity to ask questions.

Thought for to-day "Why didn't life's problems hit me when I was a teenager and knew everything".

Sel

February, 2006

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Getting to know you



Charlie and Elizabeth Weaver

Charlie and Elizabeth were born on farms within 10 miles of each other, south of Georgian Bay. However Charlie was oriented to Meaford and Elizabeth to Owen Sound, so they did not meet until much later.

Charlie joined the Royal Canadian Engineers in 1941 and went ashore with them in Sicily in 1943. He continued through the Italian Campaign until close to its end, when he became ill with Yellow Jaundice. He returned to the U.K. by hospital ship and finally to Canada in December 1945.



Charlie and Elizabeth married in 1946 and have 2 daughters, Janis and Marilyn, 3 grandsons and 2 great-granddaughters.

Charlie was moved to Port Hope by the Department of Highways in 1953 and continued with the Department until his retirement. Elizabeth has been a volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society for over 40 years and for the Port Hope Hospital until it closed.

Both enjoy and regularly attend Probus Meetings.

Report from the Management Committee

At the Management meeting on January 10th there was some discussion about the success of the Christmas Party and concerns raised that the subsidy budgeted was not fully utilized. This led to the proposal, initiated by Allan McReady for a heavily subsidized St Patrick's Day party at the Beamish. The proposal was enthusiastically received to be presented to the Club at the next meeting.

It was agreed that a donation of \$50 should be made to the Cancer Society in memory of Sel's mother.

The Northumberland Council of Probus is to be hosted by Port Hope on February 10th.

Discussion about limiting the time for speakers to make their presentation resulted in Jim Kerr taking on the responsibility to communicate to the speakers.

A suggestion was made and dropped about trying to force a mixing of members at the tables during meetings.

Finally, a proposal to make Stone Avery a Honorary member of the Port Hope Club was accepted for publishing to the club and for a vote at the meeting of February 21st.

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for February 13th and if any club member has a concern or suggestion for the better management of the club please express it to a Management Committee member.

Meeting, January 3, 2006

Attendance 95 members, 7 guests

Presentation--“Antiques”--Lee Caswell

Lee Caswell has been an antique dealer in Port Hope for more than 20 years. His areas of expertise include Early Ceramics, Silver, Fine Furniture and early Metalware. He is currently the President of the Canadian Antique Dealers Association and is an appraiser for the Canadian Antiques Road Show currently in its second TV season. In his presentation he pointed out the importance of keeping a written record of the history of items in order that future generations will be aware of their importance. Lee answered many questions from the floor at the conclusion of his presentation.

Meeting, January 17, 2006

Attendance 85 members, 4 guests

Presentation—“A Tribute to Robert Burns”—Sel Shields

See Sel’s message on Page 1 for details.

Catering News

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Feb. Captain- Liz Davidson

Feb.7 David & Mary Butler
Lorraine Darke, Shirley Kane

Feb.21 Ed & Ruby Hunter
May Anderson, Jane McCluskey

Mar. Captain- Barbara Hawthorne

Mar. 7 David & Janice Watson
Joan McIntosh, Ruth Roy

Mar. 21 Doreen & Peter Rossi
Dorothy Gilmer, Una Norenienus

April Captain-Ruth Roy

April 4 May Anderson, Don Campbell
Kitty Hatch, Pauline Carrick

April 18 Pauline & Jim Graham,
Elaine Simpson, Mysie Vanhinsberg

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
Lorraine Darke, Michael Dennis
Charmion Dennys
Dorothy Gilmer, Pauline & Jim Graham
Kitty Hatch, Ed & Ruby Hunter
Vern & Judy Johnson
Shirley Kane
Joan Lawson, Dorothy Lent
Jean McCall, Jane McCluskey, Joan McIntosh
Barb & Bob Moorcroft
Una Norenienus
Eileen & Keith Pickett
Betty Richards, Carol Rolph,
Doreen & Peter Rossi, Ruth Roy
Elaine Simpson
Mysie Vanhinsberg 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.

Special Events

May 6- The Big Band at the Capitol
(fundraiser for Hospice)

May 16/17-Ottawa Tulip Festival and War
Museum (still 20 seats available)

June--Prince Edward County wine tour (date
to be determined)

February 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 9:30 Probus "Beautifying Communities" Evergreen	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 9:30 Management Meeting <i>Valentine's Day</i>	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 9:30 Probus "Problem Young People" Brian Proctor	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 9:30 Probus "Communities in Bloom" Betty DeLong Marie Huxtel	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 9:30 Management Meeting	15 6:30 Beamish House "Spring into St. Patrick's Day"	16	17 <i>St. Patrick's Day</i>	18
19	20	21 9:30 Probus "Humour Galore" Marlyn Curson	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Sel's Quiz: When was the Hudson's Bay Company founded? Answer into the quiz box.