



PROBUS PATTEN

The Newsletter of the Port Hope and District Probud Club
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Dear Fellow Probudians:

At our 21 Feb. meeting the motion to award an honorary membership to Stone Avery of Cobourg was accepted by the membership. This honour, the first for our club, will be presented to Stone at a future meeting.

Do you have an interesting story you wouldn't mind sharing at a future members' meeting?

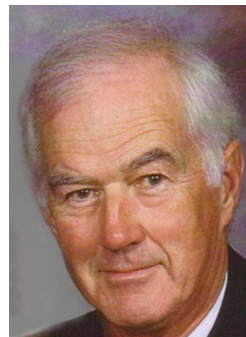
The format would be similar to that of the "Story Exchange" segment of the popular "Vinyl Cafe", C.B.C. radio programme. Stories may be funny, sad, embarrassing or coincidences but they must be true and short (5 minutes maximum).

If it is selected, you may choose to read the story yourself or have it read by one of our talented speakers. Give a legible copy of your story to Jim Kerr, programme chair, no later than the April 4th. meeting. Time for those reminiscences.

Volunteers are still needed in many areas to keep the club functioning properly. Club V.P., Erik Norenus, has sign up sheets listing the areas where help is required. Please sign up

for the positions that interest you. Newer members would find out that volunteering is a wonderful way to get to meet the other members. YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!

Time is running out to get your tickets for the Spring into St. Patrick's Day extravaganza. Final numbers have to be given to the Beamish House soon. \$10 (\$30 non-members) for dinner, a drink or two and some entertainment represents great value. Get your ticket now!!



Several members have asked me what the trick was in the last quiz that resulted in only 4 correct answers from 90 members. No trick, just a mental error on the final step. Try it again, in your head. If you still get 5000, do it on paper. Careful with that last step!

Take 1000, add 40; add 1000 add 30; add 1000 add 20; add 1000 add 10 =?

To-day's thought: The weaker sex is really the stronger sex because of the weakness of the stronger sex for the weaker sex.

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GETTING TO KNOW YOU...



Norm & Toad Gould

Norm & Toad are old Port Hoppers, having been born, raised and educated here. After High School Norm was employed by the Port Hope branch of the Royal Bank and Toad went to Toronto to Secretarial School, then worked for the Ontario Government.

Obviously they did not lose touch as they were married in 1943 before Norm went overseas. He served with the 1st Canadian Armoured Brigade in Italy and in Holland. On his return they settled in Port Hope where their children Nancy and John were born.

Norm joined his father in the family shoe business started by his grandfather in 1888 and continued in the business until its 100th anniversary in 1988. He then retired and sold the business to its present owner.



Norm and Toad have both been volunteer drivers for Meals on Wheels and for the Canadian Cancer Society and received an award in 2001 for 40 years of canvassing and driving for the Society.

They have traveled widely in Europe, South East Asia and South America and in 2001 took a major trip to Antarctica.

Report from the Management Committee

At the Management meeting on February 14th. there was further discussion on the subject of guests and prospective members. The conclusion was that a guest may attend two meetings in any year after which, if they wish, they become a prospective member and can attend as many meetings as they wish providing they are accompanied by their sponsor or other member.

There was considerable discussion about special events and the difficulty of getting sufficient members interested to fill the minimum requirements.

The details of the "Spring Mixer" event in May which is an inter club event with the hope that the Governor General will be in attendance.

There was a review about the status of members who do not attend meetings. No change in the policy resulted.

In similar vein there was an interesting discussion about how we could get more volunteers for leadership positions in the club.

The next meeting of the Management Committee is scheduled for March 14th. 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, February 7, 2006

Attendance 93 members, 1 guest

Presentation – Evergreen - Geoff Cape

Geoff, a founder and Executive Director of Evergreen made a presentation on the redevelopment of the Don Valley Brickworks, an industrial heritage property in downtown Toronto. Evergreen Commons at the Brickworks will be built on the foundations of nature, culture and community. It will showcase the best in green design technologies and community programming and be a place for experiential learning, collaboration and fun.

Meeting, February 21, 2006

Attendance 90 members, 3 prospective members

Presentation – Counselling Young Persons – Brian Proctor

Brian, an Educational Consultant, works with parents to find the best options for a child struggling with school, behaviour and other issues. He advises parents on appropriate testing, assessment, school placement, crisis management and special needs. His presentation, in part, followed the sending of a troubled teenager to a wilderness training exercise and the resultant change in her outlook after several weeks at the training camp. His presentation struck a chord with many members judging by the large number of questions asked and comments made at the conclusion of his presentation.

Catering News

Rena Watson 905-885-5441

Mar. Captain- Barbara Hawthorne

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

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

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

Kitty Hatch, Ed & Ruby Hunter

Dorothy Gilmer, Pauline & Jim Graham

Vern & Judy Johnson

Shirley Kane

Joan Lawson, Dorothy Lent

Jean McCall, Jane McCluskey, Joan McIntosh

Barb & Bob Moorcroft

Una Norenus

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.

Greeters

March 7 Jim & Pauline Graham

21 Ed & Ruby Hunter

April 4 Judy & Vern Johnson

18 Kitty & Sid Hatch

Name Badges

If you have lost your name badge, please see Membership Chair, Jeannette Etter to arrange for a replacement.

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 Huxter	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	

April 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 <i>Daylight Saving Begins</i>	3	4 9:30 Probus "A Visit with a Great Dane" Victor Borge	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 9:30 Management Meeting	12	13	14 <i>Good Friday</i>	15
16 <i>Easter Sunday</i>	17	18 9:30 Probus "Independent Electricity System" Bruce Campbell	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Upcoming Events

May 6
Hospice Big Band

May 17/18
Ottawa Tulip Festival and War Museum

June 21
Prince Edward County Wine Tour

July
1000 Island Cruise/Theatre/Casino

Doctor Barnardo's Children-4th. Line Theatre

August
Senior's Jubilee

September
Car Rally
Corn Roast

November
Festival of Lights-- Niagara Falls

December
Christmas Party

Sel's Quiz: Canada won 24 medals at the Winter Games in Turin, Italy. How many were 1) Gold 2) Silver 3) Bronze ?