



PROBUS PATTERN

The Newsletter of the Port Hope and District Probus Club
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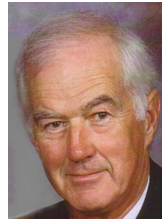
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Selwyn Shields



Skies were overcast but the rain stayed away allowing 130 members and guests to enjoy our 2nd corn roast at the spectacular hillside property of Isabel and Doug Wright. Delicious food, good company and the toe-tapping music of Harry Dyson: all the ingredients for a most enjoyable event. A spectacular sunset ended the proceedings. Thanks go out to the many volunteers, especially Isabel and Doug, for all their efforts.

Corn roasts at the Wrights' and picnics at the lovely lakefront property of Merle and Jim Adamson--the club is fortunate to have such gracious and generous hosts.

On September 19th, the business part of the A. G. M. moved along quickly as the management committee members followed my request to be brief. Of course I ignored my own request since it was my last chance to ramble on as president. The fast pace allowed our special guest, Nina Keogh, to have a full 35 minutes to lead us through the world of puppets. Fascinating stuff!! 101 members attended - a fine crowd for an A. G. M.

Here's to a wonderful 9th year.

Sel



In the show business world it is often said that "you should never follow a child act or an animal act".

Unfortunately, there was no adage that warned me about following a transplanted Welshman with a wicked sense of humour!

The Club has been in good hands under Sel's leadership. With the help of the continuing and new members of the management committee I can only try to maintain that standard. Fortunately, a glance at the mini-biographies of your committee suggests that the talent is there to continue to meet the Club objectives of encouraging social contact and exploring topical subjects, places and organizations of interest.

To stir the pot a little, we will begin the year with a survey! Notwithstanding the fact that the Club is financially stable and its membership strong, we sometimes wonder if we are responding to member needs as well as we might. This survey will be seeking to learn member attitudes toward the Club's administration. Whether changes seem necessary or not will be determined by your new management committee as it digests the findings.

Liz

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Meeting, August 1, 2006

Attendance - 77 members, 5 prospective members, 7 guests

Presentation – “Perspectives on Estate Planning” – Linda O’Connor

Linda O’Connor, a Financial Consultant with the Scotia Private Client Group discussed practical aspects of estate planning. Because of time limitations she limited her discussion to planning a will and estate settlement.

She covered the legal requirements of a will, how it can be changed or canceled and what the implications are of dying without a will. Above all she stressed the advisability of consulting a lawyer in all aspects of will preparation and/or changes.

Linda also covered the importance of choosing executors and trustees responsible for the settling of an estate. She pointed out that choices are often made on the basis of emotional reasons rather than on an evaluation of the qualities required to do a good job for the benefit of all concerned. Many people seriously underestimate the time and knowledge required to administer the details of simple estate settlement.



Meeting, August 15, 2006

Attendance – 73 members, 8 prospective members, 1 guest

Presentation – “Photography” – Bill Murtha

Bill Murtha was introduced by Jim Kerr and opened by explaining that he was to make a slide presentation set to music and that there would be no commentary but he would be pleased to answer questions after the presentation.

The presentation showed some great photographs from visits to England in and around the Cathedrals of Winchester, Salisbury, Wells and Gladstonbury. In addition the slide show included rural scenes taken in St Mary Bourne and in Whitchurch on the Test. There were also some excellent interior and exterior shots of the Bishops Palace in Wells and in town and surroundings at Gladstonbury .



Report from the Management Committee

Your management committee met on Aug 8th at Sel and Anne’s home who hosted a very fine lunch following the meeting.

Our treasurer, Doug Wright, reported a current balance of \$3,406.72 plus a \$6,000 GIC.

A question about the need for two meetings in July and August was deferred to the new management committee.

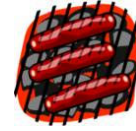
The next meeting of the management committee will take place on Tuesday, October 10. Let a member of the committee know if you have any concerns!

Reminder

In order to keep your attendance record accurate, please be sure to check in each meeting with Membership Chair Jim Graham to ensure your attendance is recorded.



2006 Corn Roast & Hot Dog BBQ



Doug and Isabel Wright hosted their second annual corn roast and hot dog barbecue at their farm on September 5. What's not to like about sweet buttered corn, barbecued hot dogs with all the fixin's, lots of fresh fruit and sweets all topped off with marshmallows roasted over a bonfire? Throw in the live keyboard music of Harry Dyson and an opportunity to visit with Probus friends and the recipe for the event is almost foolproof!



Hosts Doug and Isabel Wright receiving "thank you" flowers from Erik Norenus



"Chowing down Probus style". Not to imply anyone ate a lot but note Doug's front end loader at the ready to clean up the corn cobs.

Annual General Meeting - September 19, 2006

The 101 members in attendance accepted the Management Committee Reports and approved a slate of Officers for the 2006-2007 Club year. (see pages 4 & 5). After re-capping his year as President, Sel Shields handed over to the new president, Erik Norenus. Erik thanked Sel for his efforts during his term as President and presented him with his past president's pin.



After the formal part of the meeting, Nina Keogh was invited into the meeting and gave a very entertaining presentation of her experiences as a puppeteer. She recounted some of the hilarious events that occurred working in early "live" TV. She displayed some of the puppets she created for her work in both TV and Film.

The finale of her presentation was Dr. Beryl singing her version of the "Probus Anthem."

Management Committee 2006-2007



(from left to right)

Selwyn Shields-Past President

Our Welsh born, Scottish raised and proud Canadian past president is looking forward to a relaxing year in 2006-2007. While he has continued to enjoy Probus, Capitol volunteering, soccer refereeing and dancing, recent wrist surgery has allowed Sel to return to some other favourite activities: golf, travelling, dish washing and house cleaning.

Jim Graham-Membership

Charter member. Jim grew up in St. George Ontario. In 1953 he married Pauline Brubacher a kid from Kitchener. After attending the Faculty of Education to become a carpentry teacher Jim taught slow learning adolescents for 35 years at Parkview Secondary School in Toronto finishing his career as shop director. Encouraged by their daughter, Anne, Pauline and Jim moved to Port Hope in 1993. Their first seven years here were spent on Dorset Street restoring Terralta Cottage and enjoying their two granddaughters. Pauline will be Jim's computer secretary for this endeavour as membership chair.

Liz Davidson-Vice-President

Born and raised in Port Hope, Liz worked in different offices around town before marriage. She took time from work to raise a family. In 1975 she bought St. Lawrence Flowers and operated the business until 1983. She then took a Real Estate course and sold Real Estate for a short period. After remarrying, she moved away for one year, returning to Port Hope in 1987. She then worked part time for Susan Dewhurst ladies wear store. Liz is a charter member of the Probus Club.

Alan Butler-Treasurer

Born in England and emigrated to Canada in 1969. Worked in the banking and trust company field and retired from the Bank of Montreal in 1999. Moved to Port Hope in 2003 and now enjoys walking (with the dog), gardening, reading and music. Sings with the Oriana Singers of Cobourg with whom he has been Treasurer for the last 2 years.

Richard Chubb-Program

Richard grew up in Toronto and graduated in Chemical Engineering. This took him to jobs in Sudbury, Elmira and Peterborough/Toronto. He retired to Port Hope in late 2000. His vital interests are Sheila, baroque music, cottage near Buckhorn, 10 pin bowling, wild life art and some volunteer work.

Keith Pickett-Secretary

Born in England 1931, Married Eileen 1956. Two children, Diane and Ruth. Emigrated to Canada 1969 and fulfilled a number of engineering responsibilities in Mathews Conveyor and General Foods (now Kraft). Retired in 1992. Current interests, outside the home, music and community theatre

Edith Carr-Special Events

Edith is a Charter member of Probus and has served in various areas of the Club since its inception. Born and raised in the Millbrook area, she and her husband Fraser married in 1958 and moved to Port Hope where they raised three children, and now enjoy five grandchildren. Edith is an avid Dragon Boat Paddler with the Survivor Thrivers Breast Cancer Team. She and Fraser spend much of their time volunteering for various organizations in Port Hope.

Erik Norenus – President

Former air force career officer, former Bursar, Trinity College School. Founding partner, Sage Information Services. Community Involvement as former board member: Friends of Music; Port Hope Chamber of Commerce; Art Gallery of Northumberland; and Capitol Theatre Heritage Foundation. Married in 1956, three children. With wife Una, Charter Members.

Gary Webb–Newsletter

Born southwestern Ontario, attended University of Toronto and then spent 3 years working his way around the world. After returning to Toronto was employed in the Financial Services Industry retiring from Manulife Financial in 1997. Married Carolyn in Toronto 1965 – they have two sons and two grandsons. Current interests include travelling and theatre.

Golf News

July scores: First- John Buchan (36) August scores: First- Dave Watson (35)
Second- Glen Cotter (37) Second- Julie Cotter (36)

Note: For all golfers who participated in our outings at Ashbrook, there will be a get-together at Dave Watson's house immediately after our October outing. The one dollar collected at our golf games throughout the season will help defray the picnic costs.

Catering News

Rena Watson 905-885-5441

Oct. Captain-Dorothy Gilmer

Oct. 3 Kitty Hatch, May Anderson
Pauline Carrick, Dorothy Lent

Oct. 17 Allan & Margaret McCready
Betty Wallace, Jane McCluskey

Nov. Captain-Bonnie Walker

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

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

Dec. Captain-Janice Watson

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

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,
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.

World Dragon Boat Competition

On August 11th and 12th Rose Ferguson and Edith Carr paddled with the Survivor Thrivers Breast Cancer team in the World Dragon Boat Competition. The event was held at the new Marilyn Bell 600 meter Race Venue in Toronto, and involved 2500 paddlers from 12 countries.

Friday races brought a Silver Medal for the Survivor Thrivers Team in the 200 meter race and another Silver on Saturday in the 500 meter race.

Although they are not saying who they are, they claim that 5 of their members are over 70, and that they had 4 new paddlers this year! Competing with a team from Toronto who are 50 and younger, they felt good about their performance!

October 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 9:30 Probus Marchmount House, Author Jim Gilchrist	4	5	6	7
8	9 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i>	10 9:30 Management Meeting	11	12	13	14
15 Stratford Theater "Oliver"	16 8:30 Golf Ashbrook	17 9:30 Probus Ont. Hydro Project Rick Everdell	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 <i>Daylight Saving ends</i>	30	31 <i>Halloween</i>				

<p>Upcoming Event</p> <p>December (12th) Christmas Party</p>
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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 <i>Remembrance Day</i>
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		

<p>Greeters</p>
<p>Oct 3 Sam & Barbara McReelis</p>
<p>Oct 17 Eileen & Keith Pickett</p>
<p>Nov 7 Rita & Terry Bell</p>
<p>Nov 21 Muriel & Gord Woods</p>
<p>Dec 5 Pauline Carrick & Tom Crooks</p>