



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

10th Anniversary Year

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District
P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: February 17th, 2005

President's Message by Ray Hiller



February is normally the month of sub-zero temperatures and mounting snow drifts. Some members of Probus try to avoid this bone-chilling weather by retreating southward to warmer climes.

However, to those who remain here to face the elements, I commend you for your hearty spirit – you are true Canadians. Stay positive in your outlook because Spring is just around the corner. The Robins will sing once more and the Crocus flowers will spring forth – I promise.

Ray.

Club Program

- February 3rd (Meeting)** **Meet your fellow members**
- February 17th (Meeting)** **Heritage Week** - Don Ball and Doreen West – a presentation of some history of this area. Come to the meeting with a **Food Share** donation – see below for details. Monthly **Probus Lunch** at the Best Western at 12.00.
- February 27th** **Dinner and Theatre - Man of La Mancha** at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope. Dinner at the RAILSIDE INN, Port Hope. Package Price \$42.00.
- March 3rd (Meeting)** **Michelle Humphries** - forensic artist
- March 17th (Meeting)** **St. Patrick's Day** - Larry Flood speaking on St. Patrick. Monthly Probus Lunch.
- May 7th** **Toronto All Star Big Band Concert** – In support of Hospice – tickets \$25.00
- May 19th (Meeting)** **10th Anniversary Meeting** – a Special Program – keep this date available.
- May 24th** **Andre Rieu – the Flying Dutchman** at the Air Canada Centre – organized by the Northshore club. Tickets \$120 or \$150. Includes Bus, Dinner, ticket.
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We're Moving Temporarily

Due to Renovations at the Best Western Hotel, our Probus Club will relocate temporarily. Our meetings for **March 3rd, March 17th, April 7th** and **April 21st, 2005** will be held at:

The Columbus Centre
232 Spencer Street East
(1 block North of University and D'Arcy)

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Update on Barbecue

Six Clubs are participating

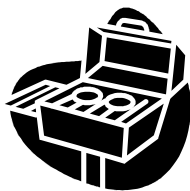
Location: Roseneath
Fairground

Date: Thursday, August 11th
(Revised)

Start Time: 2:30pm with the Barbecue at
5:30pm

Price: around \$16.00

The famous **Roseneath Carousel** (below)
will be open,
games (with
prizes) will be
organized and
there will be
entertainment.



2005 Committee Members

One of the Committees was inadvertently omitted last month:

Program/Speakers Committee

Myrtle Wardman – Chair
Audrey Levtov
Bert Macmillan
Lori Bernstein
Jackie Hick
Dorothy and Godfrey Delisle
Hugh and Ann Hubbs
Doreen West

Omitted from the **Christmas Party** committee was Marlene Stothart.

A big thank you for all those participating in the committee work.

Other Cobourg Events

Victoria Hall Volunteers

Present

A Valentine's Day Luncheon

With **Paula Todd**

Co-host of TV Ontario's *Studio 2*
and Host of *Person 2 Person*



Paula will discuss her book *A Quiet Courage: Inspiring Stories from all of us*, which reveals the resilience of the human spirit. It presents stories of 12 people who have endured unthinkable hardships and emerged stronger, more caring and grounded.

Monday, February 14th, 2005, 11:30 a.m.

The Woodlawn Inn.

Tickets are available for \$35 at:

The Avid Reader, 905 372-7233

Victoria Hall Box Office, 905 372-2210.

Northumberland Film Sundays

Spring Program – 4:00 p.m. at the Mall.

- February 13th, 2005 - **Wilby Wonderful**
- March 6th, 2005 - **The Take**
- April 3rd, 2005 - **Kinsey**
- April 17th, 2005 - **Hotel Rwanda**

Tickets \$8.00. For more details see Alma Draper or www.northumberlandfilm.ca

Next Meeting – February 17th

Bring a Donation to Food Share

Cobourg Probus is asking you to bring a Food share donation to the next meeting. If you do, the \$3.00 entrance will be waived.

Theatre with Valerie Russell

Our January 20th Meeting was treated to an information session given by **Valerie Russell** which was about our local theatre group – “**The Northumberland Players**”.

Valerie is a lady with a passion and love of theatre. Through her talk we learned how a production comes to life. This year she is directing “**Man of La Mancha**”. We learned about the startling amount it costs to put on a production – this one costs \$50,486.00 and it is a true leap of faith that the theatre seats will be filled.

We now know that the stage design is worked out through a model. All costumes are designed – and all colours and lighting have to balance. Many of these features are done by volunteers. The Northumberland Players Group is full of wonderful people, gifted with very special talents and their generous gift of these skills is a blessing for our community.

The Northumberland Players has a commitment to developing theatre for young people. Each summer, programs are offered to promote theatre skills and already these young people are appearing on our stages. Cobourg is fortunate to have people like Valerie and her desire to give back to her community through her skill in directing theatre.

Now, all we have to do is attend, enjoy and encourage this gift in our community.

See you all at the theatre.

Contributed by *Ann Hubbs*

Feb 25,
26*, 27*,



Mar 3, 4, 5*
and 6*

Directed by Valerie Russell * Matinees

Capitol Theatre

Probus Event: Theatre plus Dinner at the
Raiside on Sunday February 27 - \$42.00

Jim Wilson – “Bear Buster”

Bert MacMillan introduced Jim, the CEO of Bearbusters. Jim practices hemp and organic farming and operates bear hunts up north on land leased from the government. He now uses archery as well as guns and showed us some bows that he uses. He also displayed a black bear skin and other samples. Bert thanked Jim and presented him with a travel clock and a T-shirt covered with bears that said “Who let the bears out?”.



After the talk, many people came up to ask him questions and to just chat. Several went to lunch with Jim and stayed till 2:30 p.m.

You can get more information from Jim’s web site at www.bearbusters.ca

Inter club Alley Bowling Tournament

On Monday January 17th eighteen valiant members of our club did battle at the annual interclub bowling tournament. I knew my team was in trouble when the skipper of the opposing team from Northumberland took his custom made bowls out of his bag and proceeded to bowl a 245 game, but we soldiered on. There were a total of 102 bowlers comprised of Port Hope 10, Cobourg 18, North Shore 28 and Northumberland 46.



Notwithstanding our small numbers, we “valiant few” managed to come second with an average of 126 to Northumberland’s 138, Port Hope’s 120 and the unlucky winner of the toilet seat trophy North Shore with a lowly 116. Well done team! Following the games, 91 of us enjoyed a great awards banquet at the Best Western. Now let’s get in training for the interclub golf in August.

Submitted by “Gutterball Wardman”

Thoughts for the day:

- What was the best thing BEFORE sliced bread?
- If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving definitely isn't for you.

PROBUS ACTIVITIES

- continued from October

Except for the Probus service clubs mainly in Connecticut, U.S.A., Probus Clubs worldwide are not service organizations and are non-sectarian and non-political, although members are largely active volunteers in many community organizations. Clubs are formed to provide social events and schedule speakers to keep members up to date with community issues and happenings. Many members have formed smaller interest groups for hobbies such as sports, entertainment, bridge playing, fishing, travel, computers, etc.

While numerous individual members regularly offer assistance with area community service projects, (if one checked, you'd probably find that the average member carried out far more volunteer service than those in most service clubs),... Probus Clubs pride themselves on their independence and freedom from the responsibilities of a service club.

Probus clubs have no central governing body but Probus Centres have been established internationally by country to disseminate information and assist clubs. Offices are staffed largely by volunteers and operating costs are met by member contributions.

A worldwide web page (www.probus.org), containing essential information on Probus, includes worldwide chat groups, a new bed and breakfast program for travel, and information about forming a Probus Club.

Interest Groups

As mentioned in the above article, many Probus clubs form Interest groups inside their club. Possible groups might be:

- Book Club
- Computer Club
- Playing Poker
- Camera Club
- Etc.

If anyone would like to form an interest group, please put the suggested group – and your name – in the Suggestion Box and/or talk to Ray Hiller.

Muskoka Rendezvous 2005:

September 27-29

Experience Muskoka's Magic!

Each year, more and more artisans choose to live and work in Muskoka resulting in an exciting variety of arts and crafts. Tour this vibrant arts community by bus. You will go right into the artists' studios and showrooms. Listen to the roar of the glass-blower's furnace, smell the carver's wood shavings, see the deft stroke of the painter's brush, touch the smoothness of the potter's wares. What better opportunity to choose a memento of your stay in Muskoka. All this and fall colours too!

All information about this event is available at **www.probus.org/canada.htm**. It will be held at the Delta Grandview Resort, Huntsville. Cost is \$75 per person and Ray Hiller has a few application forms and information booklets until April. Registrations must be received by May 1st.
Dorothy De Lisle

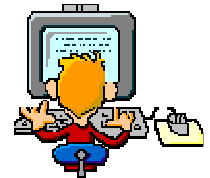
Editor's Corner

Please send me contributions for the next edition no later than Feb 15th. **Note:** Jokes etc. are for fill and must be short.

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From the Internet

Grandpa and granddaughter were sitting talking when she asked, "Did God make you, Grandpa?"

"Yes, God made me," the grandfather answered. A few minutes later, the little girl asked him, "Did God make me too?"

"Yes, He did," the older man answered. For a few minutes, the little girl seemed to be studying her grandpa, as well as her own reflection in the mirror, while her grandfather wondered what was running through her mind. At last she spoke up. "You know, Grandpa," she said, "God's doing a lot better job lately."
www.humournet.co.uk