



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District

P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A 4K2

Next Meeting: January 19th, 2006



President's Message by *Bob Spooner*

Just a note to offer my heart-felt thank you to the Christmas Party committee. The party was outstanding.

To the membership of our club, I wish you all a happy, healthy New Year.

Our quote of the month is: *The successes in life can be measured by your effort.* Vince Lombardi.

Bob.

Club Program

January 5th
(meeting)

Randy Bird – Horse trainer and promoter of "Save the Mustangs".

January 19th
(meeting)

Meet fellow members game – Lots of fun.

January 23rd

Bowling Tournament – InterClub – 5 pin bowling – Northshore Bowling Lanes – lunch afterwards. More below.

January 27th

Dinner Theatre – "I Oughtta Be in Pictures" Tickets \$30 – includes dinner, show, all taxes and services. More just below.

February 2nd
(meeting)

History of Cobourg – well known local historian Colin Caldwell will speak about some aspect of the History of Cobourg

February 16th
(meeting)

The Choir from St. Mary's high school will entertain us.

Other Club Notices

Committees

There will be Committees for:

- **Summer Sizzler** (nee BBQ)
- **Christmas party** (clip-board already circulated)
- **Picnic in the Park**
- **Car Rally**
- **Golf Tournament**

Karin Allan has clip-boards for all of these and will be circulating the **Car Rally** and **Summer Sizzler** ones at the first meeting in January.

Tables at Entrance

When you come into the meeting room, you pay for your entrance fee, perhaps buy a 50-50 ticket and you hopefully notice the other adjacent table. That's where you can find:

- **Dorothy Allen** to book Dinner Theatre
- **Mary Ryan** to book a trip
- **Karin Allan**, complete with clip boards, to sign you up for a committee.

These hard working people are there throughout all meetings to help you with your choices.

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Other Probus Clubs

Apart from Northumberland there are many Probus Clubs around the world

- In **Canada** there are 170 Probus clubs with a total membership of 22,000. Cobourg was the 47th Club formed in Canada. (Canada has a population of 32.8M).
- **Australia** has the largest number of clubs at 1,758 with 140,000 members (Population 20M)
- **New Zealand** has the most members per head of population with 451 clubs and 48,000 members (Population 4M)
- **UK** has 1,700 clubs - 86 have web sites (60M people)
- **USA** has only 12 clubs - almost half in Washington state.

Dinner Theatre

"I Oughtta Be in Pictures"

By Neil Simon

Jan 27, 2006

For lovers of well written comedy...
Screenwriter Herb Tucker's daughter, Libby, shows up on his doorstep in California after 16 years. She's pushy, perky and dying to get into the movies any way she can. But Herb's life is falling apart. He and his girlfriend are on the outs and he hasn't lifted a pen in weeks. Add to this blocked writer's empty life, a daughter he'd forgotten about and you have a formula for fun, disaster, tears and laughs as only Neil Simon can write.

Select your seating when you buy your ticket - see **Dorothy Allen** or **Mary Ryan**.

At the Best Western. Tickets \$30 - includes dinner, show, all taxes and services.

Niagara on the Lake Outing

Our trip [on Nov. 24] started early on a snowy morning. The highway was in fair driving condition, but the



traffic was moving at a snail's pace. Because of this we arrived later than planned. Only the experienced speed shopper had time to shop.

We had lunch at the Oban Inn, which had a cozy atmosphere and friendly staff. After a short drive to the Royal George Theatre members enjoyed the show **Bus Stop**. We had excellent seats and the actors and actresses were top notch. Their performance was entertaining and held everyone's attention. The theme of the play was appropriate for the weather.

Our return trip to Cobourg had the same slow pace because of traffic conditions.

Our thanks to **Mary Ryan** on her "inaugural solo tour guide outing" - a job WELL DONE and to Linda our bus driver for her patience and skills on such a snowy day.

Ross and Marilyn Adams.

Christmas Party

On Friday Dec 16th, 141 members and guests attended our annual Christmas party at the Lion's Centre. Despite snowy conditions everyone showed up in their finery looking marvelous.



The turkey dinner with all the trimmings was excellent – along with some fine wine and delicious dessert.

The **Bernard sisters** with their zany antics and our own President in his special rendition of *The Devil went down to Georgia* were refreshing – as was the Christmas caroling.

The **Big Easy 7** (which is really 9) were really great. A lot of people enjoyed the dancing while others enjoyed just listening.

Unlike our usual closing time (9 – 9:30pm) the stalwarts stayed on and danced for another hour or so. The highlight was an "all female" conga line finishing off the evening.



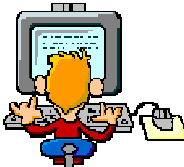
The winner of the VIA trip was John Meade; the winner of the dinner for two at the Woodlawn was Ron Oberholtzer. Congratulations to them both.

Thanks to the committee for a nice evening – Carole Hiller, John and Eleanor McFarlane, Nancy Foden, Marlene Stothart, Marilyn and Ross Adams, Julie Ford, Edna Head, Doreen Guy.

In keeping with the Club's goals, the committee was able to make a small profit with no subsidy.

Editor's Corner

Non-Probos items – part 2: Another thing; although many of us have religious or political beliefs, we don't publish these opinions in the Probian. It might be "a riot" if we did, but it would not be "Probus correct"!



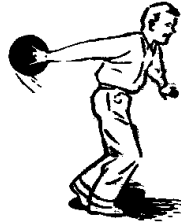
More about our Club and others in Northumberland – including Photos – on our web site at www.probusnorthumberland.com

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Probus 2006 Interclub Bowling Tournament



There are only two things you need to qualify as a bowler in this tournament: a pulse and a desire to have some good fun and exercise with your fellow Probus members. No previous experience required!

Please contact Russ Donaldson (team coordinator) at 905-372-7044 or speak to Russ at the Probus Club meeting on January 5th.

Date.....Monday Jan. 23rd, 2006.

Time9:30AM

Bowling begins at10:00AM

Place.....Northumberland Bowling Lanes Northumberland Mall, Cobourg

Cost\$8.00 for 3 games

Shoe Rental\$.50 cents

Note: Both of the above are to be paid in cash at the bowling ally.

Lunch to follow1PM

Location.....Lions Community Centre

Price\$15.00 to be paid by cheque in advance of January 23rd.

Note: Make cheques payable to the Probus Club of Cobourg & District, **and give it to Russ Donaldson prior to Jan 9th, 2006.**

Non Bowlers are welcome to join us for lunch.

Please sign up ASAP and help us lose the dreaded "Looosers Toilet Seat".

**Come and have a (bowling) ball!
You may even win a prize!**

Research on the Human Mind

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Other Events in Cobourg

The Cobourg Highland Games Society invites you to a **Robbie Burns Dinner** on Saturday **January 21**, 2006 at 6pm at the **Cobourg Legion Hall** Branch 133. **Tickets \$25**. For information call 905 373 4166 or www.cobourghighlandgames.ca



Thoughts for the Day

From Probus Club of Woodstock-Oxford:

An **Optimist** says it's half full;
A **Pessimist** says it's half empty;
An **Engineer** says it's twice as big as it needs to be!



From Women's Probus Club of Newmarket:

Only **Irish Coffee** provides in a single glass all four essential food groups Alcohol, Caffeine, Sugar and Fat."

January 2006

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 Meeting Randy Bird – Horse trainer	6	7
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15	16	17	18	19 Meeting – Meet fellow members game	20	21
22	23 Bowling Tournament	24	25	26	27 Dinner Theatre	28
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February 2006

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