



# ***THE COBOURG PROBIAN***

## ***10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year***

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

Next Meeting: March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2005

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### **President's Message by Ray Hiller**



This month, we have much to celebrate. First of all, we are welcoming 14 prospective members to our club. Once we have received their cheques, arranged for their name tags etc., they will be officially welcomed into the club.

Also, this is our first meeting held at the Columbus Centre. During renovations at the Best Western, this facility was chosen as a replacement because of the modern facilities, all on the ground floor (no stairs) and the abundance of handy parking. The Hall rental and admission fees are similar to other facilities and we have been assured that we may remain here not only for March and April but even into May, if the situation warrants it.

**Ray.**

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### **Club Program**

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| <b>March 3<sup>rd</sup><br/>(Meeting)</b>  | <b>Michelle Humphries</b> - forensic artist   |
| <b>March 17<sup>th</sup><br/>(Meeting)</b> | <b>St. Patrick's Day</b> - Larry Flood speaking on St. Patrick. Monthly Probus Lunch at MacGregor's - \$10 and \$13 menus.  |
| <b>April 29<sup>th</sup></b>               | <b>Dinner Theatre</b> - Northumberland Players presents <b><i>The Underpants</i></b> at the Best Western. For details see below. Tickets are \$30.00  |
| <b>May 7<sup>th</sup></b>                  | <b>Toronto All Star Big Band Concert</b> - In support of Hospice - tickets \$25.00  |
| <b>May 19<sup>th</sup><br/>(Meeting)</b>   | <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Meeting</b> - a Special Program - keep this date available. Will probably adjourn to a lunch at a good Restaurant.   |
| <b>May 24<sup>th</sup></b>                 | <b>Andre Rieu - the Flying Dutchman</b> at the Air Canada Centre - organized by the Northshore club. Tickets \$120 or \$150. Includes Bus, Dinner at Red Mill Restaurant, ticket to show. Final cheque required by April 18 <sup>th</sup> . |

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### **We've Moved Temporarily**

Due to Renovations at the Best Western Hotel, our Probus Club has relocated temporarily.

Our meetings for **March 17th, April 7th** and **April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2005** will be held at:

**The Columbus Centre**

**232 Spencer Street East**

(1 block North of University and D'Arcy)

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## Summer Barbecue

**Six Clubs** are participating

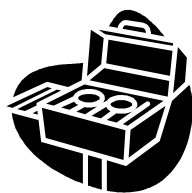
**Location:** Roseneath  
Fairground

**Date:** Thursday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

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

**Price:** \$16.00 (real BBQ food!)

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



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## Errors and omissions

Doreen Guy was inadvertently left off the  
Christmas committee list.

*Ed*

# The Underpants

Presented by *Northumberland Players*. Probus  
Cobourg has a block of tickets for **Friday, April  
29<sup>th</sup>**.

Steve Martin's adaptation of Carl Stenhein's 1912  
comedy is a sexy, farcical, social commentary.  
Confused? What else do you expect from a "wild  
and crazy guy"? The hilarity and scandal erupts  
when Louise's underpants fall to the ground at a  
parade for the King. This play is for an audience  
who wants to think between the bawdiness and  
absurdity.

**Tickets: \$30.00** (includes dinner, show, all  
taxes and service).

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## Other Probus Clubs

### With Meeting Dates

*There are quite a number of Probus clubs now in  
our area:*

**Northumberland Probus** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs at  
Best Western, Cobourg)

**North Shore Probus** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed at Best  
Western, Cobourg)

**Port Hope Probus** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues at the Lions  
Centre)

**Colborne Probus** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays at the  
Keeler Centre)

**Brighton Probus** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed at Brighton  
Legion)

**Belleville Probus** (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thurs at the  
Ramada, Belleville)

**Quinte Probus** (1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thurs at the Ramada,  
Belleville) *Info courtesy Colborne Probus*

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## Probus on the Internet

There is a wealth of information on the Internet  
about Probus. If you don't have a computer at  
home, use a friend's or grandson's or even one  
from Cobourg's Library.

**[www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)** - World

**[www.probus.org/canada.htm](http://www.probus.org/canada.htm)** - Canada

**[www.probus.org/5cobourg.htm](http://www.probus.org/5cobourg.htm)** - Cobourg

**[www.probus.org/cforms.htm](http://www.probus.org/cforms.htm)** - Official forms,  
Constitution etc.

## Probus Members Create their own Entertainment

At the meeting on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, Probians created their own entertainment whilst getting to know others better. Each person received a card which was half of a well known pair – Odds and Ends, Night and Day, Jekyll and Hyde etc. There was chaos for a while as everyone had to find their other half.

At one point I decided that if I waited long enough, everyone except my partner would be “taken” so finding her would be easy! But I did not have to wait until the end – I found Jennie Herniak and then we proceeded to ask each other the questions on the sheet we’d been given.

The best thing she’d done since Christmas was to go to a Play in Toronto about baseball players! At Ray’s prompting, she had earlier told us that at the Play – at the scene in the locker room, **you could see everything!!!** (This comment was later eclipsed by Ray’s *helpful hint* on how to fix a zipper that would only go up!).

But I digress. Jennie and I swapped information and we now know more about each other and declared each other “interesting people”. Then **Jackie Hicks** went around the room and asked a number of people to talk about the person they had just interviewed. This was at least as illuminating about the person giving the description as about the person they were describing. The people asked to talk were:

- Binty Robertson
- Audrey Levtov
- Fran Morrison
- George Buntin
- Shirley (a guest)
- Joyce Porter
- Elma Parker
- Larry Flood
- John Simpson
- June Harvey
- Jim Domine

Jackie wrapped it up by thanking everyone for being “good sports”.  
*By John Draper*

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## Old Prescription glasses

Ray Hiller is still accepting donations of old eye-glasses to be sent to needy people in third world countries. If you have any to donate, please see Ray.

## Bowling Challenge

The Peterborough Probus club has challenged us to a Bowling Tournament to be held at Lakefield, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am. Bill Johnston will Captain the team and 4 more bowlers are needed.



Qualifications include having a pulse and being able to do 6 push-ups – *per year*. Others are welcome to come and watch the great event.

*Russ Donaldson*

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## Probus Goes to the Ontario Senior Winter Games. Feb. 2005.

This year the Winterfest games were held in Barrie, Ontario with over 800 competitors from all parts of the province. Probus Members Warren and June Harvey plus Jan and Gary Shaw made up the Curling team for the Peterborough/Northumberland Area.

Winning four games out of six played- with one loss being to the gold medal winners- the team came home tired but happy. !!!



Jan Shaw is president of Northumberland Probus and Gary Shaw is an active member with that club also.

In Prediction Skating, Cobourg Probus member Doreen West was a competitor and was pleased with her performance.

The Winter Games are held every two years and the next Winterfest will be in Brockville in Feb. 2007.  
*By June Harvey*

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## Probus in Australia – a personal note.

*I thought people might like to hear about my Uncle in Australia. The following is a partial quote from a Christmas letter:*

“You may not have known that I have been very active in Probus since 1982 and belong to two clubs: Sydney and Manly. In 1986 I was President of Manly and then served on the South Pacific Centre Committee and in 1994 was also Chairman of the South Pacific which takes in N.Z., Fiji and all the other Pacific Islands.

“I joined when there were only 29 clubs in the whole area and there are now 1800 plus. We go away each year with the club to various coastal and country places for a week’s break.”

*Frank Jensen*

*(Frank is 88) Submitted by John Draper*

## Interest Groups

As mentioned in the last month's Probian, many Probus clubs form Interest groups inside their club. Possible groups might be:

- Book Club
- Bridge Club
- Computer Club
- Playing Poker
- Camera Club

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 or anyone on the Executive.

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## Cobourg Probus Founding meetings

The first meeting was held May 18<sup>th</sup>, 1995 at "The Cobourg Motor Inn". Some of the key people in that first meeting were:

- **John Simpson** – moved a motion that all present at that meeting be members of the *Probus Club of Cobourg and District*.
- **Jim Hamilton, Ron Thurston, Ross Adams** and **Bob Fulton** followed through with motions to do with setting up the club.
- **Wally Reid** of the Rotary Club of Cobourg chaired the steering committee to set up the initial Executive.

At this point there were 50 members.

At the next meeting on June 1<sup>st</sup>, Wally Reid chaired the meeting until the first executive was elected:

<b>President</b>	<b>Stone Avery</b>
<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Ron Fraser</b>
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Art Cockerill</b>
<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Pierre Leger</b>

Wally thanked a number of people for their help in creating and organizing the club. He singled out the *Cobourg Chamber of Commerce*, *Cecilia Naismith* for her Cobourg Star article and *Bill Moore, Peter Delanty* and *Bob Homme* of the Rotary Club for their unstinting help and support.

It was announced that the speaker for the next meeting would be *Mayor Joan Chalovich* who would talk about the future of Cobourg. By the end of this meeting, there were a total of 69 members.

## Muskoka Rendezvous 2005: September 27-29

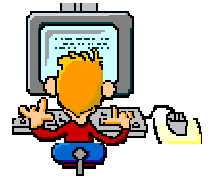
Each year, more and more artisans choose to live and work in Muskoka resulting in an exciting variety of arts and crafts. Tour this vibrant arts community by bus. You will go right into the artists' studios and showrooms. Listen to the roar of the glass-blower's furnace, smell the carver's wood shavings, 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! *Dorothy De Lisle*

All information about this event is available at [www.probus.org/canada.htm](http://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 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## Editor's Corner

I am looking for articles in finished form or just notes that I could turn into an article.



In this our 10<sup>th</sup> year, I am especially looking for more stories about the early years. A special thanks to **John McFarlane** for material used to write the article on the left. Note that interesting true stories (or Probus info) get preference over jokes etc. which are only used as fill for otherwise empty spaces.

Please send me contributions for the next edition no later than March 31st.

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## March 17 is St. Patrick's Day

The origin of the bagpipes was being discussed and the representatives of different nations were eagerly disclaiming responsibility for the instrument.

Finally, an Irishman said, "Well, I'll tell you the truth about it. The Irish invented them and sold them to the Scots as a joke; and the Scots haven't seen the joke yet!"

