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Keeping in Touch----- I can't recall in my lifetime, ever reading, seeing or hearing about the kind of activity that surrounded the person of Terri Schiavo. I was astounded at the actions of her family, the media, the intervention of the government, lawyers and persons with their own agendas. No matter what your personal thoughts, regardless of your religious beliefs, regardless of logic or the fine line that separates the powers of Government and the Judiciary, there is a lesson to be learned from this event. Take a look at your own circumstances, do your homework and make sure all your legal documentation is current and that your family has your wishes, whatever they may be, in writing.

Talk to a lawyer about your Will, Power of Attorney and actions to be taken in the event of what ever.

Control your own destiny. No one wants to, or should have to go through what the families of Terri Schiavo have endured and will probable continue doing so for some time.

Clare Musselman, President

Our thanks to Cicely Scroggs for sharing with us a little about herself through her hobby of gardening.

A FRIEND IS A PERSON WHO KNOWS ALL ABOUT YOU, AND STILL LIKES YOU.

WHAT MAKES A GARDEN

AND WHY DO GARDENS GROW?

LOVE LIVES IN GARDENS-----

GOD AND LOVERS KNOW!

CAROLYN GILTINAN

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“KITCHEN KORNER” by Olive Pitt

BEST RECIPE

Half a cup of friendship
 And a cup of thoughtfulness,
 Creamed together with a pinch
 Of powdered tenderness,
 Very lightly beaten
 In a bowl of loyalty,
 With a cup of faith and one of hope
 And one of charity.
 Be sure to add a spoonful each
 Of gaiety-that-sings,
 And also the ability
 To laugh-at-little-things.
 Moisten with the sudden tears
 Of heart felt sympathy.
 Bake in a good natured pan
 And serve repeatedly.

—AUTHOR UNKNOWN

TOPICAL TOPICS**ON BEING OLD*****AUTHOUR UNKNOWN***

The other day a young person asked me how I felt about being old.

I was taken aback, for I do not think of myself as old. Upon seeing my reaction, she was immediately embarrassed, but I explained that it was an interesting question, and I would give it some thought.

Old age, I decided, is a gift. I am now, probably for the first time in my life, satisfied with the person I have become. Oh, not my body I sometime despair over my body the waist is much bigger than it used to be, for sure, and I can't fit into those favourite slacks anymore.

But I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends and healthy life, for a flatter belly.

As I've aged, I've become kinder to myself, and less critical of myself. I've become my own friend.

I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avante garde on my patio. I tell myself I am entitled to overeat occasionally, to be messy sometimes and to be extravagant.

I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging.

Now if I choose to read until 4 am and sleep until noon, I can. I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50's, and if I at the same time wish to weep over a lost love, I will.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten - and I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to still have a thick head of hair, my own teeth and no aches or pains.

I can say no, and mean it. I can say yes, and mean it.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer the question, I guess I really like being old. It has set me free. I pretty much like the person I have become.

I am not going to live forever, but while I am still here, I will not waste time lamenting what could have been, or worrying about what will be.

But I will keep dreaming....

INTERESTING INTERNET SITES

www.digital.library.upenn.edu/books 20,000 free books current to classical

www.nara.gov US National Archives site

**ACTIVITIES**

Bingo— Every Wednesday Night at 6:15 PM at the Keeler Centre, Colborne.

April 22nd, 2005 Keeler Centre 7 PM Fund raiser event for the Colborne Public School “Red Hot”Jazz Band (Ontario Gold Medal winners). The funds are to help with the costs of sending the band to BC for the National Finals. It is quite an honour and quite a testament to a dedicated teacher that this fledgling band has accomplished so much----- so lets get out and support our young people.

April 23rd, 2005 Keeler Centre Northumberland Idol finals 7 PM our young performers need your support.

April 25th, 2005 Colborne and District Horticultural Club .7:30 PM. Guest speaker Edith Butler will be presenting information on soils and mulch. St Andrews Presbyterian Church.

May 7th, 2005 Capitol Theatre Port Hope 8 PM Big Band Concert. The brochure posted the date as May 8th, 2005. It is just about sold out so contact the theatre soon.

May 14th, 2005 Colborne and District Horticultural Club 10 AM Annual Plant Sale. It starts at 10 AM sharp. St Andrews Presbyterian Church.

May 28/29th Colborne Apple Blossom Tyme Festival The fun starts at 9 AM, All day music, craft booths, rides for the kids, Double Decker bus and many more fun things to do. Victoria Square and the Keeler Centre are event focal points.

UPCOMING COLBORNE PROBUS EVENTS

April 29th, 2005 Mystery Night- Place: The Milley's, theme: the 1920's. Eileen will call everyone.

June 23rd, 2005, Rice Lake Boat cruise. Details to follow.

Oct 15th, 2005 Saturday Car Rally. Details to follow. A joint Colborne Probus /Rotary get together.

Remember the Muskoka Rendezvous (Probus Convention) September 27 to Sept 29th in Huntsville Ontario. See Shirley Ross or Clare Musselman for registration forms.

POINTS TO PONDER**SCIENCE ANSWERS FROM 11YEAR OLDS**

- The body consists of three parts— the brainium, the borax and the abominable cavity. The brainium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowls, of which there are five - a, e, I, a, and u.
- When you breath, you inspire. When you do not breath, you expire.
- H2O is hot water, and C02 is cold water.
- To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube.
- When you smell an odourless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide.
- Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state.
- Water is composed of two gins, Oxygin and Hydrogin. Oxygin is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water.
- Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars.
- Blood flows down one leg and up the other.
- Respiration is composed of two acts, first inspiration, and then expectoration.
- The moon is a planet just like the earth, only it is even deader.
- Artificial insemination is when the farmer does it to the cow instead of the bull.
- Dew is formed on leaves when the sun shines down on them and makes them perspire.
- A super—saturated solution is one that holds more than it can hold.
- Mushrooms always grow in damp places and so they look like umbrellas.
- The pistol of a flower is its only protection against insects.
- The alimentary canal is located in the northern part of Indiana.
- The skeleton is what is left after the insides have been taken out and the outsides have been taken off. The purpose of the skeleton is something to hitch meat to.
- A permanent set of teeth consists of eight canines, eight cuspidors, two molars, and eight cuspidors.
- The tides are a fight between the Earth and moon. All water tends toward the moon, because there is no water in the moon, and nature abhors a vacuum. I forget where the sun joins in this fight.
- A fossil is an extinct animal. The older it is, the more extinct it is.
- Equator: A managerie lion running around the Earth! through Africa.
- Germinate: To become a naturalized German.

- Litter: A nest of young puppies.
- Momentum: What you give a person when they are going away.
- Planet: A body of Earth surrounded by sky.
- Rhubarb: A kind of celery gone bloodshot.
- Vacuum: A large, empty space where the pope lives.
- Before giving a blood transfusion, find out if the blood is affirmative or negative. To remove dust from the eye, pull the eye down over the nose.
- For a nosebleed: Put the nose much lower than the body until the heart stops.
- For drowning: Climb on top of the person and move up and down to make artificial perspiration.
- For fainting: rub the person's chest or, if a lady, rub her arm above the hand instead. Or put the head between the knees of the nearest medical doctor.
- For dog bite: put the dog away for several days. If he has not recovered, then kill it.
- For asphyxiation: Apply artificial respiration until the patient is dead.
- To prevent contraception: wear a condom.
- For head cold; use an agonizer to spray the nose until it drops into the throat.
- To keep milk from turning sour: Keep it in the cow.

PROBUS Club of COLBORNE

Calendar of Meeting Dates and Guest Speakers 2005

Unless otherwise noted, meetings are held at the Keeler Centre the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 9:30 am to Noon. The socializing starts at 9:30, the actual meeting starts at 10:00 AM.

Anniversary Luncheon

April 20, 2005 is our Second Anniversary.

We have an exciting time planned for you. Special guests, speakers, demonstrations, displays, plus much more. Just another great morning at the Keeler Centre attending the Probus Club of Colborne meeting.

And remember — lunch is on us, so bring along a hearty appetite!

If you wish to bring a guest its (\$10) please advise.

See you on the 20th same time, same place!

Speakers for May, Paul Watson Bee Keeper and Jim Lawrence from the Outdoor Protection Group.

Later in the year

A speaker on geneology and how to research a family tree.

A beekeeper speaking on How To Make Your Honey At Home

Many more interesting speakers are in the plan and we'll hear from our own members about some fascinating hobbies such as, woodworking, rug hooking, gourmet cooking, etc.

Guest speakers are subject to change due to weather and other considerations.

OTHER PROBUS CLUBS MEETING DATES

Cobourg Probus (1st & 3d Thurs @ Best Western, Cobourg)

Northumberland Probus (2nd & 4th Thurs @ Best Western, Cobourg)

North Shore Probus (1st & 3d Wed @ Best Western, Cobourg)

Port Hope Probus (1st & 3d Tues at the Lions Centre)

Brighton Probus (2nd & 4th Wed at Brighton Legion)

Belleville Probus (2nd & 4th Thurs at the Ramada, Belleville)

Quinte Probus (1st & 3d Thurs at the Ramada, Belleville)

This newsletter is published monthly and sent to all who have an e-mail address. Paper copies will be posted to the other members. **Meeting dates** – the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month at 10:00 AM

OTHER PROBUS CLUBS Newsletters outlining speakers and events are found in the Blue Binder on the events table, for your perusal and enjoyment

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

The 2005 updated membership list is available to anyone who wishes a copy. Just let Bob Compton know you want a copy, contact info is on page one (1) of this document.

Newsletter Content members are encouraged to submit articles or humorous material to the editor. We are always on the look out for interesting and topical material for our newsletter. Articles about local items of interest are particularly welcome.

WHEN WILL IT BLOSSOM?

50/50 DRAW

CONTEST RUNS APRIL 1ST TO MAY 27TH, 2005

LOTTERY LICENCE M395109

WINNER ANNOUNCED MAY 27TH AT THE OPENING CEREMONIES KELLER CENTRE 9 PM

GUESS THE DATE THE FIRST APPLE BLOSSOM BLOOMS.

EACH GUESS COSTS \$1, GUESS AS OFTEN AS YOU WISH.

CORRECT GUESS WINS, IN THE EVENT OF A TIE A DRAW WILL DETERMINE THE WINNER.

PROCEEDS TO SUPPORT COLBORNE CRAMAHE APPLE BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

COMMUNITY CARE COLCORNE & COLBORNE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

SUPPORTING SENIOR WORK DAY

Colborne Public School students from grades 7 & 8 would like to help any senior with various/light yard work after school on April 26th 2005 from 3 to 5pm.

COST \$7/hour

All proceeds go to the school to assist with student activities. This is a great opportunity to get your work done and help the local kids.

To register and get more information please call:

COMMUNITY CARE COLBORNE by April 20th, 2005. 905-355-2989.

