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THE PRESIDENTS PERCH

The thrill of returning to "England's pleasant pastures" and the closeness of my family is tinged with the sadness of leaving the great country of Canada and my friends at the Probud Club of Colborne. If a Nobel prize is ever created for warm, loyal camaraderie I will nominate you all. Please do not allow membership to decline through attrition, work hard to find suitable candidates to join the club then share with them the obvious pleasure you all derive from being a member.

It was privilege and an honour for me to have been club President for a limited time and I will never forget you and thank you all for an unbelievable send off. *Sincerely, Ken*

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

- July 18 summer Picnic at the Mckinney Farm
- Aug 15 Judy Bigwood Master Carver
- Sept 5 Brian Read Horizon Plastics
- Sept 19 Annual General Meeting
- October 3 Paul Shaughnessy: Crime Stoppers
- October 17 Ted Rafaf: Railway Across Rice Lake
- November 7 Erik Norenus: Aviation History
- November 21 David Simmons: Waddington's Antiques
- December 12 Christmas Party

CLUB EVENTS (check the bulletin board!!!!!!)

.....**JULY 18**.....**PICNC AT THE MCKINNEY FARM**.....

COMMUNITY EVENTS

- July 7 Port Hope Architectural Conservancy of Ontario, **ACO, Garden Tour**
- July 8 **Horizons of Friendship, City & Country, House, Gardens & Music Tour** – Cobourg - \$30 – Victoria Hall Box Office or 905 372 5483 or 888 729 9928
- July 14 **CDHS Summer Flower Show and Tea** – Old St Andrews Presbyterian
- Sept 8 **Hospice Plant Sale**
- Sept 14-16 Port Hope 176th **Agricultural Fall Fair**
- Sept 21-23 **All Canadian Jazz Festival** – Port Hope
- Sept 29 42nd Annual **PORT HOPE HOUSE TOUR** – tickets on sale July 07

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

The club meets the 3rd Thursday evening of each month. Last month we met at the home of Joyce Gamble to discuss "The Five People You Meet In Heaven" by Mitch Albom. This book was enjoyed by everyone. Shirley D is making up a new schedule to begin in September.

BOWLING CLUB REPORTS...we had a good time & look forward to next year... *Cecil & Diane*

CLASSICAL MUSIC CLUB REPORTS

The group will break over summer.

WE CARE - Please notify Barbara Reid at 905 355 1823 (you may leave a message)
Barbara has sent a WE MISS YOU card to Ernie Morrison.

JUNE IN REVIEW

6/6 - In the absence of president Ken, President Elect Eileen introduced Inventor Bob Thorndyke who spoke of his experience with his winning portable outdoor cooking unit idea on the CBC television program. The size of a large briefcase, it can griddle, roast, boil, warm, BBQ and more all at the same time. He has set his sights on sales to the 200,000,000 fans who attend ball games and hold tailgate parties in the USA - if he can get just 10% of that market! Bob explained some of his many inventions developed through the years, beginning with vehicle carrier mechanisms while he was a truck driver. When asked how wealthy he had become making his inventions, he explained how expensive it was to develop his ideas (testing, permits, samples, marketing costs) and admitted it was the manufacturer and big business distributor who made the money. In thanking Bob, Gord McArthur congratulated him and suggested that this day was the first time the thank you gift would be traded with the speakers sample case. Gord caught us all by surprise for a moment until we realized Gord could use the outdoor cooker on the long camping tour he was planning. Bob smiled as he packed away his invention.

- Bob drew Dorothy's ticket in the 50/50
- PE Eileen enlightened us with the origin of TAPS ~ 1850. Then Eileen held a quiz "for people who know everything".

6/20 - Pres Ken welcomed members and guests John Behan and Margaret Chapburn and said he was very happy to be back. He questioned members with: "Have You Heard of AAADD?" - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder

- PE Eileen then introduced speaker Doug Stevenson (with his wife Katie) of the Oshawa Driving School who noted he usually has a female audience as males don't think they need driving instruction! He conducts sessions to promote safe driving (over 80 is \$20/person and 55+ is a longer course @ \$45/person). Doug suggested 85% of accidents are preventable by defensive driving; as we age our reflexes slow; we should be aware of the road 2 blocks ahead; we should drive every day or we will lose our skills. He clarified that over 80 is an eye test and a written test, a drive test is only required if there has been a collision or speeding tickets. If there is a collision after 70, there is a retest and a G2X test includes highway driving. Eric thanked Doug for getting us thinking about our driving habits.

- Doug drew Joyce's ticket in the draw
- after the break Pres Ken announced this was his last meeting as he was leaving to live in the UK on July 9. He sang "My Way", his way - see * below. Ken thanked everyone and passed the torch to Eileen. On behalf of all the membership, Past Pres Paul congratulated Ken for his leadership over the past year and President Eileen presented Ken with a Hoselton Blue Jay sculpture as a memento of Colborne and Canada.

- Ferne thanked those who attended her Northumberland Hills Hospital - Biggest Coffee Morning. She raised a total of \$730 towards the new MRI (and received another \$25 this morning).

- Carol noted a choir presentation at St Johns Church on York Mills in Toronto, Carol's former Church, Saturday, July 14..
- Dorothy reminded picnickers to bring lawn chairs, hats and appetites at 9:30am or later on July 18. It will cost a toonie for valet parking (this will purchase the port-a-potty).
- then we all feasted on a delicious farewell cake- and left with a handshake & a hug with Ken.

*At yesterday's meeting several members asked if they could have my altered lyrics for the song. I'll leave it you to decide if you wish to publish it.

My Way (ken's version)
 And now the time is here
 for me to close my final meeting
 My friends I'll say it clear
 I'll shout loud with loving feeling
 The last ten months were full
 I travelled every Cramahe highway
 But more, much more than this
 I did it my way.

Supplies, I scrounged a few
 but then again too few to mention
 I funded some as well
 They didn't dent my meagre pension
 I planned each charted course
 Each careful step along the byway
 But more, much more than this
 I did it my way

Yes. there were times, I think you knew
 When I bit off more than I could chew
 But through it all when there was doubt
 I'd email Bill (or Paul or Clare or Cathy)
 and they helped out
 I faced it all and I stood tall
 And did it my way

I worked, I laughed and cried
 Sometimes I did a lot of swearing
 And now as tears subside
 I'll change the underwear that I've been wearing
 To think I've done all that
 And may I say not in a shy way
 No oh no not me
 I did it my way

For what has a Pres. what has he got ?
 His Probus friends, He's got a lot
 I've said the things I truly feel
 I'm not the type to bow or kneel
 The record shows I took the blows
 I dab my eyes and blow my nose
 Ten months have passed
 Now I'll relax

THANK YOU ALL FOR LETTING ME DO IT MY WAYken bushell

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