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NEWSLETTER

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We are the Club



Our club election campaign will soon be getting into high gear. Your help and input is needed in order for our club to continue offering meetings, speakers, activities and events that best accommodate the interests of our members.

Please submit your nominations for the

openings on the Management team, and remember that in the true spirit of Probus, each one of us is expected at some point to step up, do our part and help out by actively participating in the management of our club and its activities. We are the Club.

Patrick (Paddy) McCoy
President

Membership Dues

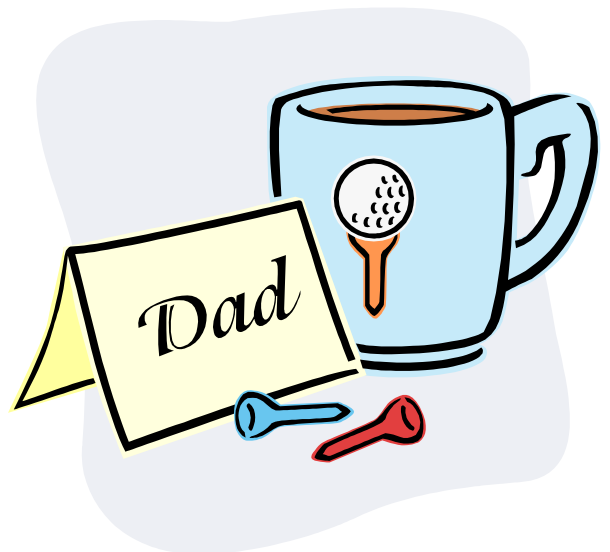
Members wishing to renew their club membership should make their cheques payable to: Probus Club of Northshore and post date them to August 1st, 2005. Dues are \$30.00 for renewing members and \$30.00 membership + \$20.00 Initiation Fees for new members. Cheques should be

given to Dorla Hope before August 1st at the door when you check in to the meeting, or you can mail it to:

Membership Committee,
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Bulletin Board

Obituary

Bill Hart, who was a member of our club, passed away on Sunday, May 22, 2005. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to his wife Kathy who is also a member of our club, and their 4 children.

Obituary

Janet McGillis, who was a member of our club, passed away on Tuesday, May 24, 2005. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to her 3 brothers and other members of her family.

Summer Barbecue

Mark your calendars for a great day of fun and Probus fellowship:
Games – Prizes – Live Entertainment – Food - all included.

Date: Thursday August 11th, 2005

Location: Roseneath Fair Grounds

Time: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Cost: Club Members: ----- \$15.00
Non-Members – (Including non-member spouses:) \$17.50
Children (Under 12) \$ 7.50

Tickets: See Jack Chapman – Must be purchased no later than June 15th Meeting.

Carousel: Famous Roseneath Carousel will also be open.

MEETING CANCELLATION NOTICE

Please remember that our club has only one meeting scheduled for the months of July and August. They are on the third Wednesday of the month, that is, July 20th and August 17th.

WATCH OUT!

Our Annual Car Rally is scheduled for October 19. Lot's of fun and a great luncheon. Watch out for details to follow.

Strut Your Stuff

YOU are the programme at our 2nd anniversary celebration. Let Sharron McMann know what YOU will do. Without YOU there won't be a programme.

Don't accept your dog's admiration as conclusive evidence that you are wonderful.

-Ann Landers

Giving Voice to Your Potential

"I think therefore I am", wrote Descartes. True enough, thought does give rise to an individual's sense of identity, yet surely it is through clear communication of one's own ideas to others that one becomes defined as a person. To build this ability and thus develop that public person is the goal of Toastmasters International, as the speaker, Stacy Johnson, said, "To learn the skills, to build the confidence so that the individual will be able to express themselves in various situations."

Talking is easy. We do it all the time. It comes naturally. Yet that does not mean we instinctively do it well. Conversation is one thing. Presenting a speech that is intended both "to persuade and inspire" is another. In a survey reported in the compendium, The Book of Lists, "fear of public speaking outranked the fear of death by a two-to-one ratio." Thus it is not surprising that from its earliest beginnings in the 1920's, that many would join Toastmasters clubs, "to afford practice and training in the art of public speaking and in presiding over meetings..."



Stacy Johnson

Stacy pointed out that Toastmasters does have a manual setting out various projects, outlining various methods available for the organization of a speech, even a discussion of appropriate gestures to accompany its presentation. Assignments include both longer, prepared talks on given topics to shorter impromptu speeches that would challenge the person's ability to think on their feet. But perhaps what seems most important is "the fostering of a supportive atmosphere". For even if every speech is evaluated, including the one that Stacy would give to Probus, it is always done in a way that would enhance the speaker's confidence.

In the end, Stacy pointed out, "No one is there for self-less reasons."

Everyone is looking for some way to improve, to move towards a goal that he or she sees as important yet not attained. In this effort Toastmasters thus becomes a means to an end, adding substance to that thing hoped for, reality to that skill anxiously sought.

Submitted by: Julius Varga

Four old men were out golfing. "These hills are getting steeper as the years go by," one complained.

"These fairways seem to be getting longer too," said one of the others.

"The sand traps seem to be bigger than I remember them too," said the third senior.

After hearing enough from his buddies, the oldest and the wisest of the four of them at 87 years old, piped up and said, "Just be thankful we're still on the right side of the grass!"

I've learned...that the best classroom in the world is at the feet of an elderly person.

Having To Learn To Eat Hay

Sheila Burns has taken on what might be seen by many to be less than the most worthy of missions. She has become known in the area as the "Donkey Lady", the person who goes about collecting abandoned and abused donkeys and even adding to her menagerie to include some sheep and a pot bellied pig which had suffered similar plights. Thus Sheila, when she makes the above acclamation, is certainly not recommending a modification in the human diet, rather she is expressing as metaphor the meaning of character, the extent to which one must be willing to go to preserve what is really important in one's life.

She wastes no time in getting to her story. One slide after another shows a donkey, each with a chosen name, accompanied by a brief history of its abuse, the medical attention required to bring it to health and the nurture it needed to restore its sense of well-being. One had lost all the fur off its ears and with winter coming and needing protection fought having socks placed over them. Two others abandoned to a briar patch were covered with burrs that had to be patiently but not painlessly removed. Another left in a swamp was almost crippled as its hooves had grown distorted. She comes by these creatures often by donation or purchase, and sometimes even by seizure having to be accompanied by a member of the Humane Soci-

ety and the police. All this is accomplished not without personal risk for those who would abuse animals are not expected to feel great sensitivity for human kind. Abruptly, seemingly embarrassed of her own earnestness, she exclaims, "Gee, this must be getting boring!"



Sheila Burns

Hardly so, her enthusiasm has become infectious; the questions start to flow. How did the donkey become the "poor man's horse"? ("In WWI the horses went off to war, the donkeys stayed at home to work.") How about diet? ("Hay mainly, because they can't have too much protein in their diet.") What of their strength? (They can carry their own weight, 300 to 500 pounds.) Are donkeys stubborn? ("Only appear stubborn because if they don't understand something they refuse to move.") How is she able to stay in business? ("Donations and an understanding husband.")

If one is searching a mission as a life's work, checking the want ads is a waste of time. There are no job descriptions outlining duties and responsibilities; the pay package is all too often ignored. The applicant simply sees a need and strives with all their skill and energy to resolve it. Then what becomes the standard for success? Sheila Burns knows the answer. She merely smiles and says, "People find me!"

Submitted by: Julius Varga

In youth we learn, in age we understand.

- Marie Ebner-Eschenbach

Northshore Probus Club Elections

At our May 18th, 2005 meeting we voted and passed an amendment to our club by-laws that changes the date of our Annual General Meeting and Elections to the second meeting in September each year, from the first meeting in September.

On September 21st, we will be voting for a new Executive consisting of: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Recording Secretary, and Correspondence Secretary.

The Management Committee also has a number of "Appointed Position" vacancies that we are looking for nominations to fill in order for our club to continue to function at full potential.

Programs & Speakers

House Manager

Membership Chair

50/50 Draw

The following persons have graciously agreed to stay in their current Appointed Positions for another term of office but could always use and would appreciate help:

Co-ordinator: Trips, Tours and Theatre	June Haynes	(Carol Lawless will assist June)
Co-ordinator Social Activities and Events	Sharron McMann	
Newsletter Editor	John Winkworth	
Community Services and Volunteers	Barbara McCoy	
Club Historian	Betty Knight	
Club Assistant Historian	Shirley Grummett	
Probus Clothing Manager	Audrey Woolsey	

Memory and Remembering

Memory hardly captures the entire past. It is not that the crispness of the detail fades but it is its tone that changes. This is particularly true of war. Here past challenges recalled readily become symbols for the resilience of character, survival, a tri-

umph of the spirit, and even death, the ultimate response to the call of duty and honour. Arthur Martin's recollections do all this while capturing a little of the ordinariness of life that seems to carry on even in extraordinary times.

Appreciation is a wonderful thing; It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well.

- Voltaire

Arthur was barely a high school graduate when the war broke out and he rushed off to Toronto to enlist in the R.C.A. F. but then it was only accepting university graduates. Returning home disappointed but undeterred he enlisted in the 14th Field Battery that was being formed locally by Col. (Dr.) Frank P. Lloyd. The Battery would be posted to Camp Petawawa before embarking for Britain in late summer 1940. Landing in Scotland the Battery would eventually be located at various camps in Sussex and Kent. The next four years would be a time of "endless schemes, courses, gun drills, and memorable leaves throughout Scotland and England." He discovered the allure of English women and "kilted Scottish lassies" and the temptation "silk stockings and cigarettes" afforded. He particularly enjoyed Edinburgh, "the castle on the hill" and London in the Blitz, "in total darkness of the blackout".

The war began in earnest on June 7 1944, with the Battery's landing at Arromanches, the artificial harbour created by the allies until an actual harbour could be captured. Arthur was a company clerk, so in part, the war was a story of numbers. The Battery would make "102 moves, take up 85 positions," fired, "16,000 to 17,000 shells per gun at the enemy, totalling almost 130,000 shells". He describes with the same reserve the military actions in which he took part. Once the Battery was "almost surrounded and cut off but the army came through"; in Holland when the



Arthur Martin

Germans blew the dikes," We were in a tough spot and lost our guns"; at the beginning of the march to victory," We were bombed and strafed but that eventually stopped." His outrage only becomes apparent when he discusses the food, "few hot meals", "Spam", the living conditions," "cold, muddy, dusty, and sweating, and the back of a fully loaded vehicle to sleep in."

It is good to be remembered. To see the celebration in Holland, the children of those once liberated applaud our veterans, some surrounded by their families that return one last time to the place of their "Finest Hour". Watching the veterans search amid the neatly arranged grave stones for a fallen comrade, a departed friend, lost kin, we, the generation untried by war, will strengthen our resolve to never allow these old soldiers just to fade away. As the poem says,

*At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them*

Submitted by: Julius Varga



The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it.

- William James

We Get Letters

Dear John,

I noticed an article in the Legion Magazine May/June 2005 that may be of interest to some of Probus members who visited Trenton to see the Halifax Bomber being restored . There has been another Halifax Bomber found which had to be ditched at sea off the coast of Scotland on a routine weather patrol in August of 1945. The fuel system ruptured. It had flown 28 combat missions during the war, including an attack against Houlgate on D-Day.

A Canadian organization called Project 57 Rescue {Canada} plans to find Halifax LW 170 and raise the 424 Squadron Bomber this summer to coincide with the 60th anniversary of victory in WW2. The effort is being headed by Karl Kjarsgaard who also headed the effort to raise the Halifax that we visited . More info available at project web site; www.57rescuecanada.com if you are interested.

Thank you.
Betty (Stevenson)

Grandma's Apron

This is really a part of Canadian culture of a bygone era. The principle use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath, but along with that, it served as a holder for removing hot pans from the oven; it was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken-coop the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came those old aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids; and when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms. Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling-wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled it carried out the hulls. In the fall it was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees. When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out on the porch and waved her apron, and the men knew it was time to come in from the fields for dinner. It will be a long time before anyone invents something that will replace that old-time apron that served so many purposes.

Happiness is not a goal; it is a by-product.

- Eleanor Roosevelt

Up-Coming Tours



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR

SOLD OUT

Thursday, July 21 Westben Campbellford
"Bringing Him Home __ Broadway Homecoming" (quartet)
(Car pooling, basket lunches available at \$15.00 serving four)

\$25.00

Monday, August 15 Seniors Jubilee-Roy Thompson Hall
(Contact Goliger's Travelplus if interested)

\$88.00

SIGN UP FOR:

Saturday, August 6 Blue Jays & Yankees
Tuesday, September 20 Prince Edward County Tour

Please remember to bring your calendar and cheque book with you to be sure your 'space' is reserved.

In the Planning Stage

November Shaw Festival—"Bus Stop"

We would like ideas for trips you would be interested in having us plan.

June Haynes
Coordinator: Trips, Tours and Theatre

Take a Break

The young Newfie came running into the bar and said to his buddy,
"Jimmy-me-boy, somebody just stole your pickup trouck from the parking lot!"
Jimmy replied, "Did you see who it was?"
The young Newfie answered, "I couldn't tiell, but I got ter license number."

Speaker's Corner

June 15 Linda Hutsell-Manning, author of children's books
July 20 TBA
August 17 TBA
September 7 Our 2nd Anniversary Celebration
September 21 Paddy Kamen— Would you like a Happier Brain?



Don't expect to find life worth living; make it that way.

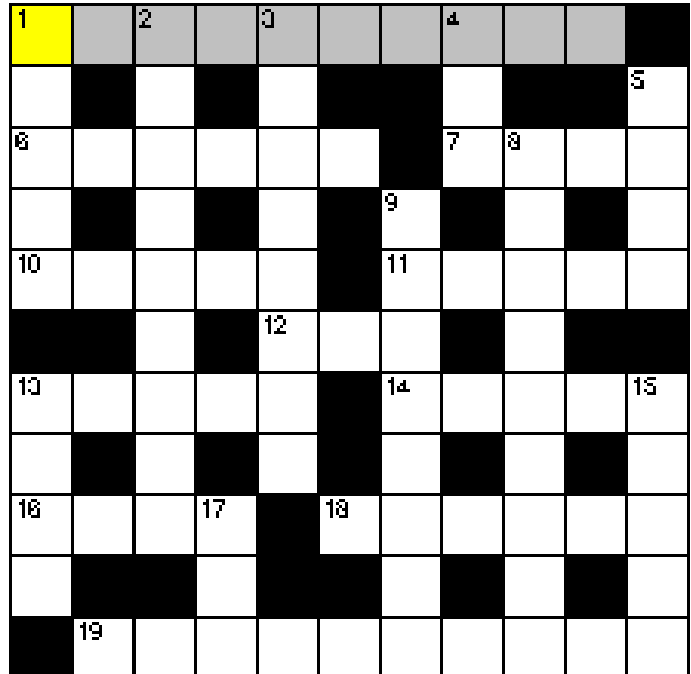
- Unknown

Across

- 1. Woman who sings
- 6. Having the form of an arch
- 7. Molten rock
- 10. Something that causes fermentation
- 11. Mountain range
- 12. Hurried
- 13. Look happy
- 14. Sniff
- 16. Singles
- 18. Collapse
- 19. West of England town

Down

- 1. Covered with scales
- 2. Variety of peach
- 3. Ghosts
- 4. Snake-like fish
- 5. Head-wear
- 8. Astonishment
- 9. Parasol
- 13. Retail store
- 15. Kind of month
- 17. Respectful form of address



The solution will appear next month.
The solution to last month's puzzle appears below

The May Solution



Where in the World???

Can you identify where this shot was taken ?



Answer next month

Last Month's Picture

Queen Victoria's summer residence, Osborne House, Isle of Wight, UK



Please submit contributions for the next newsletter by July 15
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The gem cannot be polished without friction, nor man perfected without trials.

- Chinese Proverb

Your Management Committee

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A Final Thought

The children had all been photographed, and the teacher was trying to persuade them each to buy a copy of the group picture. "Just think how nice it will be to look at it when you are all grown up and say, 'There's Jennifer, she's a lawyer,' or 'That's Michael, He's a doctor.'

A small voice at the back of the room rang out, "And there's the teacher. She's dead."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want; God is watching the apples."



Hold these. I have to go back for my Wife!



The International Sign for Marriage

A man is not finished when he is defeated. He is finished when he quits.

- Richard Nixon