



The Beacon



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President's Message

Hello Everyone. I am happy to tell you that our club now numbers 159 and it is very gratifying to see the nice big turnouts to our meetings.

Our current social and programme committees are doing a great job at continuing to find places to visit and speakers with interesting subjects to keep us thinking.

One thing I have thought about lately is the many things that have been invented in our lifetimes, it seems that the world stood still until we came along and now we have Jet Planes, Television, Cell Phones and so on. Probably our Children and Grandchildren one day will have a longer list. However, I believe we didn't do too badly in the scheme of things.

Meanwhile Christmas and the New Year are catching up with us, and we have two lovely Parties to enjoy with our Probus and other friends and neighbours.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.



SincerelyDede

CHRISTMAS EVENTS

Holiday Train December 1 at 6:00 p.m.
Prince Edward St. CPR siding
Donations for the Food Bank appreciated

Proctor House Open House
December 7 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
No charge

Christmas at the Barn December 19 & 20 evening
and December 21 afternoon

Social Events

DECEMBER 11, 2008

Christmas Dinner Dance at Occasions by the Bay in Bayside

Cash Bar at 5:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:00 p.m.
Music by Crumb Bun and Seagull.

DECEMBER 31, 2008

New Year's Eve Dinner at the Apple Crate promises to be as wonderful as last year.

6:30 p.m. Social Time

7:00 p.m. Dinner

Cost \$30.00 – Bring your own Wine and don't forget the corkscrew

Sign up sheet still available

Interest sheets are still available for:

Best Western Dinner Theatre – Feb. 1st

Saguenay River Cruise

Cuba

Riverdance



TODAY'S PROGRAMME

Cindy Vieau is a dance instructor from the Siskin Centre at C.F.B. Trenton and will entertain us with her BELLY DANCING. Safe to say, we all look forward to her performance.

We will also have members' crafts on display.

December 10 - On our last meeting before Christmas The Melodeers will be here to entertain us and get us into the holiday spirit.



INTEREST GROUPS

Bid Euchre

(new members always welcome)

Every 1st and 3rd Monday at 1:00 p.m.

Anglican Church Hall

Doreen King

613-475-4101

Scrabble Club

(new members always welcome)

1st & 3rd Thursday each month at 2:00 p.m.

A donation of \$1.00 goes towards the cost of refreshments.

Please call Celia for location.

Celia Miles

613-475-1524

INTEREST GROUPS (Con't)

Single Diners (new members welcome)

Helen Anthony 613-475-1304 or

Isobel Cummins 613-475-1638

Chapter One Book Club

1st Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Kate Cattell

613-475-1613

Chapter Two Book Club

1st Thursday of the month at 10:00 a.m.

Rosemary Kennedy

613-475-1741

Book for November: Clara Callen by

Richard B. Wright.

This book, which won both the Governor General's Award and the Giller Prize, got mixed reviews from Chapter 2 Book Club. There were those who really enjoyed it, while others found it dreary and boring. Some felt that Richard B. Wright succeeded in writing from a woman's perspective. Others did not agree.

Written in diary and letter form, and set in small town Ontario during the years before the Second World War, this is the romantic and sometimes tragic story of two Canadian sisters: Clara, an ordinary school teacher, and her younger sister Nora, an aspiring actress who goes to New York to "make it in radio".

Clara's personal story is embedded in the realities of the mid-thirties where unemployment is rife and poverty spreading. Life's difficulties during the Depression years, in particular for a single woman in rural Southern Ontario become apparent through the description of daily events.

But no life is ever ordinary and the journey Clara takes in the years leading to the Second World War is filled with both happiness and sorrow, but most of all with discoveries.

NAUGHTY ROBINHOOD

Wednesday, December 3rd

The bus will leave the Legion Parking Lot at

1:00 p.m. SHARP

after the show we will board the bus for dinner at Chubbie's, then return to the Legion.

There is one ticket left for sale.

Information on Future Events

Cuba - 2009

The following is tentative information

Departing around 20th to 25th of March

Total costs - \$1850.00 to \$2000.00 PLUS taxes of \$210 per person

Cuba Departure Tax of \$25.00 per person

Single Occupancy extra about \$100.00

Transportation from Airport to Hotel and back to Airport is included.

These prices are based on prices from early November. Prices change until the agent locks in the number of people and exact departure date.

Airline: Sunwing

Hotel: Hotel Atlantico – a good 3 star ***

Rooms: Air conditioned, garden or ocean view, bathroom with shower only, Satellite TV, Balcony or Terrace, 110 Volt electricity.

Location: Beachfront in Playa del Este

The City of Havana is located 20 minutes away.

Dining: one a la carte, one Buffet restaurant, one Snack bar, two Bars

There is a shuttle service twice a day to Havana. Other activities may include local markets, International Art Gallery in Havana Military Museum, Old Havana Fort, Ernest Hemingway's estate overlooking Havana, Jose Marti Square/Revolution Square, a tiny fishing village Cojimar the local of Hemingway's novel "The Old Man and the Sea", sightseeing bus tour of Modern Havana, the Embassy District, Havana University, Craft and Art market ,Old Havana Partagas cigar factory,a 100 year old coffee plantation in the mountains, Bellamar Caves and as much time on the beach as you want.

There are many more outings listed in the information sheets that Gord King has, so see him at the events table, phone him at 613-475-4101 or e-mail him at

g-dking@sympatico.ca

Best Western Dinner Theatre in Cobourg

Date: Sunday, February 1st, 2009

Play: On Golden Pond

Cost: \$40.00 per person. This includes a buffet dinner, play, bus and all gratuities

Contact: Doreen King at 613-475-4101

MEMBERSHIP

A warm welcome to our three new members:

June Morrow, 97 Dundas St. Unit 8, Brighton 613-475-1483

Jack Morgan, 5 Mohawk Ave., Brighton 613-475-6468

Judith Morgan, 5 Mohawk Ave., Brighton 613-475-6468

We currently have 159 members

THE PROBUS MANAGEMENT TEAM

WISHES YOU A WONDERFUL HOLIDAY SEASON

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THERE WILL BE NO PROBUS BEACON PRINTED FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

December, 2008

<i>Sun</i>	<i>Mon</i>	<i>Tue</i>	<i>Wed</i>	<i>Thu</i>	<i>Fri</i>	<i>Sat</i>
	1 Bid Euchre 1:00 p.m. Holiday Train 6:00 p.m.	2 Chapter One Book Club 10:00 a.m.	3 Naughty Robinhood 1:00 p.m.. sharp from Legion Parking Lot	4 Scrabble Club 2:00 p.m.. check for location Chapter Two Book Club 10:00 a.m.		
7 Proctor House Christmas Open House 2:00 p.m.	8	9	10 Probus General Meeting 10:00 a.m.	11 Christmas Dinner Dance Cash bar 5:00 p.m. Dinner 6:00 p.m.	12	13
14	15 Bid Euchre 1 p.m.	16	17	18 Scrabble Club 2:00 p.m. check for location	19	20
21	22	23	24 NO GENERAL MEETING TODAY	25 MERRY CHRISTMAS	26	27
28	29	30 New Year's Eve Dinner at The Apple Crate Social 6:30 p.m. Dinner 7:00 p.m.	31 HAPPY NEW YEAR			