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Next Meeting: October, 16th, 2008

THIS SPACE RESERVED FOR PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

- OCT. 2nd** **Katherine Barber**
Oxford Dictionary
- OCT. 8th** **JERSEY BOYS**, \$115.00 includes bus, show and dinner at the Mandarin. Waiting list.
- OCT. 16th** **Heather Easton**
Osteoporosis/healthy bones
- OCT. 24th** **ANY WEDNESDAY** at Best Western dinner theatre \$33.75. A romantic comedy about a Lecherous, self-centred business tycoon who meets every Wednesday, with his naive mistress in the company executive suite. Things get complicated when the executive suite is double-booked. Tickets must be paid for by Oct. 1st if you want choice of seats.
- NOV. 6th** Not confirmed
- NOV. 20th** **John Smith**
Elephant Riding in Africa
- NOV. 28th** **Trip to the Legislature**, Victorian Tea from 1 to 3 pm \$45.00 for bus trip and tea. Waiting list.
- DEC. 18th** **CHRISTMAS PARTY**. Mark your calendar for this festive party being planned by your Committee. Watch for details.
- JAN. ??** **ON GOLDEN POND** dinner theatre at the Best Western. A touching, funny, and warmly perceptive study of a spirited and lovable elderly couple facing their twilight years.

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Better to burn out than rust out.

It's when you give of yourself that you truly give.

CAPE MERCURY

Canadian Coast guard was the topic of our speaker, Luke Razauskas, at our September 4th meeting. Graduating as Officer 3rd Class from a 4-year program in 2006, he obviously enjoys his job. Search and rescue; oil spill clean up and ice breaking are some of the tasks operated from his multi-task vessel, "Cape Mercury."

Ocean currents, global warming, water quality, oil rigs, fishing grounds, ice breaking for cargo ships and escorting them to open water requires the professional knowledge of the coast guard crews working together. There are still a few lighthouses in operation. Coast guard vessels are stationed all around the Great Lakes.

In times of bad storms or ice jams where bridges narrows part of the river, homes are destroyed along the waterfront and its coast guard to the rescue. There is a short supply of licensed mariners if any young people are looking for an interesting career.

AFRICAN PROJECT IS NO HOLIDAY

Probus and Rotary members, Jim and Joanne Stewart spoke about the HIV – AIDS Clinic and Orphan Program in Tanzania, East Africa, at our September 18th meeting. This is a Rotary Sweat Equity 2008 project of District 7070's 56 clubs. Rotary works hand-in-hand using the money they send for these projects, whether its building schools or health facilities and the Rotary volunteers get to work with the native people. Although they worked hard, they obviously enjoyed their accomplishments.

Four schools were in such disrepair, they were unsafe. Children have been left to be cared for by grandparents or aunts and uncles because this dread disease has taken their parents. They have no conveniences such as hydro but are happy with what they have. The clinic was re-built by the volunteers and filthy mattresses were replaced. Cobourg West High School contributed \$15,000 to support tuition and Brighton High School contributed \$10,000 for their portion.

The smallest things like a box of crayons gives great joy to children who have nothing and the children blossom from using a few English words. The Stewart's were introduced by Bert MacMillan and thanked by Tom MacMillan.

THE RIDE FROM HELL

(By Elma Parker)

You may recall, I won the first class VIA trip for two to Quebec City at last year's Probus Christmas party. I cashed it in for a September 15 to 17th trip, suffering from a bad cold that started the previous night. Maybe I should have indulged more in the alcoholic drinks that were offered frequently, "for medicinal purposes." Since I needed someone who could keep up to me, my granddaughter Tracy accompanied me. Arriving in Quebec around 4 p.m. and a long straight uphill climb to the hotel, we decided to explore the sites, since Tracy had never been there before.

Finding ourselves in the area of Chateau Frontenac and ancient ruins, we proceeded along a very wide board- walk. Continuing on the "walk," we came to 350 wooden steps mingled with more board- walks, dedicated by Prime Minister Diefenbaker way back when. (I wonder how many trees bit the dust for these walks.) This was a challenge we couldn't refuse so we started climbing all 350 steps which took us to the Plains of Abraham. For the next 1 ½ days we explored most of the old city and then it was time to catch the train again.

Having to change trains in Montreal was a “downer.” I’m sure our “first class car” had been retrieved from the wrecking yard. I’ve never seen one quite like it. Uncomfortable seats and no place to put your feet. The little letter-envelope-size tray hung at a 45 degree angle and the food tray couldn’t hang on so they brought me a board to put across my knees. The car was not sound-proofed and the engineer obviously thought he had a new toy whistle as he blew it about 75 per cent of the time from Montreal to Cobourg and the noise was just as loud as if you were right outside the train. That sure was a long ride from Montreal to Cobourg and I can tell you Cobourg never looked so good.

GET WELL GREETINGS

Iris Grieve, a Probus member for several years, heard the dreadful news no one wants to hear last Spring. Breast cancer was the diagnosis followed by chemotherapy treatments and hospital stays. Iris is now at Lansing Retirement Residence, 10 Senlac Rd. Toronto M2N 6P8 and her phone number is 647-350-7718. She will now be closer to her family there. Iris would appreciate hearing from her Probus friends.

FROM EXAMINATION PAPERS

These misunderstandings and misspellings of our 16-year olds were compiled by examiners nationwide:-

Joan of Arc was burnt to a steak and was cannonized by Bernard Shaw. Magna Carta provided that no man should be hanged twice for the same offense. In midevil times most people were alliterate.

Sir Francis Drake circumcised the world with a 100 ft clipper

The greatest writer was Willliam Shakespeare, he was born in the year 1584 supposedly on his birthday.

Moses went up on Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments. He died before he ever reached Canada

Romeo and Juliet are an example of a heroic couplet. Romeo’s last wish was to be laid by Juliet.

John Milton wrote Paradise lost. Then his wife died and he wrote Paradise Regained.

Gravity was invented by Isaac Walton. It is chiefly noticeable in the autumn when apples are falling.

The sun never sets on the British Empire because the British Empire is in the East and the sun sets in the West.

Queen Victoria was the longest queen. She sat on a thorn for 63 years. She was a moral woman who practised virtue. Her death was the final event which ended her reign

Abraham Lincoln’s mother died in infancy and he was born in a log cabin which he built with his own hands.

Socrates died from an overdose of wedlock. After his death his career suffered a dramatic decline.

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