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Presidential Decree



Marie and Kathy
Co-Presidents

As your co-presidents, we look forward to sharing meetings with you for the next 12 months. A few questions we would like everyone to ask themselves; What do you wish to get out of belonging to this club?

Are your wishes being fulfilled? If so, `great`, if not, what could be done by you or we, do to achieve your interests.?

Requests have been made to change the singing of O`Canada at every meeting. Perhaps singing it at the first meeting of every month would be acceptable to all. We will try this change starting in October.

Marie & Kathy



The Probus Club of Cobourg & District

Annual Christmas Party

Thursday, December 2nd at the Lions Centre, Elgin St. East
Music and Entertainment by "The Unrehearsed"

Happy Hour – 11:30 a.m.

Luncheon with all the trimmings at 12:30 p.m.

Tickets Now On Sale \$ 30 per person – Cash Bar – Get yours today!

So starts a new year at the Probus Club of Cobourg and District. **Joanne** and **Jim Domine** have done a superb job, first as co-vice-presidents and then as co-presidents. One massive cake was presented as a token of the club's appreciation for all their hard work. It must have been good as not a single slice was left, thanks to **Margarete, Marlene, Julie & Edna**, who showed off their culinary skills with the serving knife. **Joanne and Jim** are now off to Texas to celebrate their son's 40th birthday.

We (**Marie & Kathy**) were suitably ``crowned' with silver tiaras by past president **Larry Flood**. (See photo below.)



The Rules of Rural Ontario

1. Pull your droopy pants up. You look like an idiot.
 2. Turn your cap straight, your head isn't crooked.
 3. Let's get this straight; it's called a 'dirt road.' I drive a pickup truck because I want to. No matter how slow you drive, you're going to get dust on your Lexus. Drive it or get out of the way.
 4. They are cattle. They're live steaks. That's why they smell funny to you. But they smell like money to us. Get over it. Don't like it? Hwy 7 & 401 goes east and west, Hwy 15 & 416 goes north and south. Pick one.
 5. So you have a \$60,000 car. We're impressed. We have \$150,000 combines and hay balers that are driven only 3 weeks a year.
 6. So every person in rural Ontario waves. It's called 'being friendly'. Try to understand the concept.
 7. If that cell phone rings while an 8-point buck and 3 does are coming in, we WILL shoot it out of
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your hand. You better hope you don't have it up to your ear at the time.

8. Yeah, we eat meat and potatoes. You really want sushi & caviar? It's available at the corner bait shop.

9. The 'Opener' refers to the first day of deer hunting season. It's a religious holiday held the closest Saturday to the first of November.

10. We open doors for women. That is applied to all women, regardless of age.

11. There's little for 'vegetarians' on the menu. Order steak. Or you can order the Chef's Salad and pick off the 2 pounds of ham & turkey.

12. When we sit at a table, there are three main dishes: meats, vegetables and breads. We use three spices: salt, pepper, and ketchup.

13. You bring 'coke' into my house, it better be brown, wet and served over ice.

14. You bring 'Mary Jane' into my house, she better be cute, know how to shoot, drive a truck, and have long hair.

15. Ontario Hockey League and Minor Hockey is as important here as the Maple Leafs and Montreal Habs, and more fun to watch.

16. Yeah, we have golf courses. But don't hit the water hazards -- it spooks the fish.

17. Colleges? We have them all over. We have Universities and Community Colleges. The students come outta there with an education plus a love for God and country, and they still wave at everybody when they come for the holidays.

18. We have a whole ton of folks in the Armed Forces. So don't mess with us. If you do, you will get whipped by the best.

19. Turn down that blasted car stereo! That thumpity-thump crap ain't music, anyway. We don't want to hear it anymore than we want to see your boxers. (Refer back to #1).

20. TWO inches of snow & ice isn't a blizzard - it's a vacation. Drive like you got some sense in it, and DON'T take all our bread, milk, and bleach from the grocery stores. This ain't Alaska, worst case you may have to live a whole day without croissants. The pickups with snow blades and tractors with snow blowers will have you out the next day.

Thanks to Jean Fox for this enlightening piece.

Photographer Brenda Nutter to return to speak to Cobourg Probus Oct. 21



Once again this fall we have been fortunate enough to book noted adventure photographer, Brenda Nutter, Brenda will speak and show her breathtaking photographs of her recent sojourn to the north country to photograph polar bears in their natural habitat. You will recall that I

Brenda Nutter last year Brenda gave a presentation at one of our fall '09 meetings on her adventures traversing the Northwest Passage. This was one of the highlights of our many meetings.

I have had a sneak preview of her photographs and they are breathtaking! This is a presentation not to be missed. Mark your calendar today and be sure to be at our regular meeting on **OCTOBER 21st** when **Brenda Nutter** presents **"THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED"**

Thanks to Russ Donaldson for this very good news.

It's time for a **Woman President** of the **US&A**

Many people feel it is time for woman to be President of the United States. Here's my candidate.

Maxine on "Driver Safety." "I can't use the cell phone in the car. I have to keep my hands free for making gestures."

Maxine on "Lawn Care." "The key to a nice-looking lawn is a good mower. I recommend one who is muscular and shirtless."

Maxine on "The Perfect Man." "All I'm looking for is a guy who'll do what I want, when I want, for as long as I want, and then go away. Or wait nearby, like a Dust Buster, charged up and ready when needed."

Maxine on "Technology Revolution." "My idea of rebooting is kicking somebody in the butt twice."

Maxine on "Aging." "Take every birthday with a grain of salt. This works much better if the salt accompanies a Margarita."

"I'm telling you ... she's the perfect candidate."

Speaker's Corner

Our speaker on *September 2nd* was introduced by *Jim Stockdale*. *Roz Farber*, a retired documentary film maker's video presentation was *Dancing in Both Worlds*, the Nisga'a of the Naas, the first native people to obtain self government.



Roz Farber

The Nisga'a, a very articulate, quiet and respectful people, have existed for many hundred of years in N.W. British Columbia in the Prince Rupert area on the River Naas. The country is glorious with mountains and lakes. The people have a modern culture now and although they fish, hunt and use local fruits and berries, they also go to university and have their own doctors, lawyers, nurses and other professions.

It took them a century and a half to gain legal title to their land. Their first contact with white men was in the late 1700s. Missionaries arrived in the 1860s and Nisga'a's lives were torn apart by their threats that to get to heaven, they had to destroy their totem poles and regalia. After a hundred and thirteen years, their and claims were recognized and they now have their own government, their own school district, and economic development is coming slowly.

The Nisga'a, with a population of around five and a half thousand, are now relearning their previously banned culture, language and dances, as well as carving totem poles - one of which is at the ROM. The drum is the heart beat, and they dance in both worlds.

We learned a little bit about our vast country, and at the conclusion Roz got a big thank you and a big hug from *Audrey Levto*.

Report by Doreen West

Words of wisdom

When you are young, ethics is what happens after you get caught! *Anon.*

I'm at an age when my back goes out more than I do! *Phyllis Diller*

My health is good; it's my age that's bad!
Roy Acuff

September 16

A Probus Retrospective – John Draper presented a wonderful slide presentation of the Cobourg Probus year just past. The photos brought back many fond memories of the events which made the 2009-2010 year a resounding success. The musical accompaniment to the images was exceptional and added greatly to a truly interesting and informative presentation. Our thanks to all who contributed to this memorable moment .

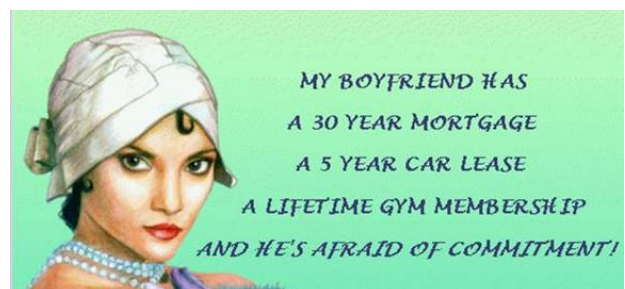


There was also the introduction of the Club's new Co-Presidents, Marie Chisholm and Kathy Cole, seen above with out-going Co-Presidents Jim and Joanne,



Members and guests enjoyed a very special "thank you" cake in honour of the fine job Joanne and Jim did for all Probian during the past year.

The meeting also included the introduction of the Club's new executive for the coming year. We are indeed fortunate to have so many willing and able Probian who give so generously of their time and talents, which when combined, make our Club a true leader among all Northumberland Probus Clubs.



**Ten Year Membership Probians
get their pins!**



Seen above, **Louise Burnham, Bev Silk, Margaret Simpson, Leon Silk and Helen Cortesis** received their ten year membership pins from Co. President, **Jim Domine** during the September 2nd meeting.

**Two New Members welcomed to the
Probus Club of Cobourg & District**



Annette Ashfield, left, and **John De Visser**, above right, were welcomed into the Club by Co. President Jim Domine at the September 2nd meeting. Be sure to extend a welcoming hand to our newest members at the first opportunity. It is the responsibility of every Probian to make sure our new members feel “at home” and welcome. Be sure to do your part.

Something to think about!

**“You know you are aging when your actions creak
louder than your words!”**

Milton Berle



Probian **Mary Rimmer** received her ten year membership pin at the September 16th meeting.



Cobourg Probus welcomed new members **Margaret Cochrane**, above, and **Jim Butchart**, below during the September 16th meeting. Please extend a warm Probus greeting at your first opportunity and make them feel welcome.





Coming Events –
- mark your calendars

October 21st Regular Meeting –

at the Best Western Inn & Convention Centre
Speaker **Brenda Nutter** - Back by popular demand showing a photo essay on her encounter with polar bears. Be sure not to miss this meeting!

October 29th – Dinner Theatre at the Best Western Inn & Convention Centre
“Having Hope at Home” by David Craig
A very pregnant Carolyn is about to give birth – but not before she has her estranged parents over for a nice turkey dinner to prove the unmarried life she shares with Michel and her grandpa Russell, is simply fabulous.

Tickets \$33.75 – See Doreen Irwin

October 2nd thru Oct. 30th –

Holy Cow ...

... it's that time again for a fabulous

PHOTO SHOW
by the
NORTHUMBERLAND
PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB



Featuring

“OUR Best of 2010”

Oct. 2nd thru Oct. 30th
10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. - Edward's Room
Meet at 66 King East, Cobourg, Ontario

Quotable Quotes

When I was young there was no respect for the young, and now that I am old, there is no respect for the old. I missed out coming and going.”

J. B. Priestly

“What's become of the younger generation? They've grown up and started worrying about the younger generation.”

Roger Allan

October 29th – 31st - Vintage Film Festival
(Friday through Sunday).

Special Feature: Rocky Horror Picture Show on Saturday 9:30 p.m. Capitol Theatre Port Hope.

For more information call:

Alma Draper 905-372-5839

November – 10th Capitol Theatre – Port Hope presents “All Singing – All Dancing”

An evening of songs and dances from the greatest movie musicals. Performance starts at 8:00 p.m. For more information or tickets @ \$25.00 each, see Nancy Foden.

November 28th – The Trumpets Shall Sound

A presentation of the Northumberland Orchestra and Choir at Trinity United Church, 15 Chapel Street, Cobourg, ringing in the Christmas season with renowned trumpeter Geoff Thompson.. Single tickets sold at Victoria Hall, Adults \$28 – Seniors \$25 – Youth \$12. Children under 12 – Free.

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Tickets on sale now!

December 16th – Special Cobourg Probus

Club Meeting

at the Capitol Theatre,
in Port Hope

-an opportunity to view the annual Christmas Tree display. Meet at the Capitol Theatre at 11:30 a.m. A wonderful way to welcome the “Christmas Spirit”. Watch for more information to follow, soon!



Ramblings of a Retired Mind

I was thinking about how a status symbol of today is those cell phones that everyone has clipped onto their belt or purse. I can't afford one. So, I'm wearing my garage door opener. I also made a cover for my hearing aid and now I have what they call blue teeth, I think.

You know, I spent a fortune on deodorant before I realized that people didn't like me anyway.



I was thinking that women should put pictures of missing husbands on beer cans!

I was thinking about old age and decided that old age is 'when you still have something on the ball, but you are just too tired to bounce it.'

I thought about making a fitness movie for folks my age, and call it 'Pumping Rust'.

I've gotten that dreaded furniture disease. That's when your chest is falling into your drawers!

When people see a cat's litter box, they always say, 'Oh, have you got a cat?' Just once I want to say, 'No, it's for company!'

Employment application blanks always ask who is to be notified in case of an emergency. I think you should write, 'A Good Doctor!'

I was thinking about how people seem to read the Bible a whole lot more as they get older. Then, it dawned on me. They were cramming for their finals.

As for me, I'm just hoping God grades on the curve.

Enjoy Your Days & Love Your Life,

Because Life is a journey to be savored.

It's a generational thing!

**At my age when a girl flirts with me in the movies,
she's after my popcorn."**

Milton Berle

"I don't date women my age. There aren't any?"

Milton Berle

From "Age Happens" by Bruce Lansky

For the Golfers in the Club:



Here is an actual sign posted at a golf club in Scotland.

1. **BACK STRAIGHT, KNEES BENT, FEET SHOULDER WIDTH APART.**
2. **FORM A LOOSE GRIP.**
3. **KEEP YOUR HEAD DOWN!**
4. **AVOID A QUICK BACK SWING.**
5. **STAY OUT OF THE WATER.**
6. **TRY NOT TO HIT ANYONE.**
7. **IF YOU ARE TAKING TOO LONG, LET OTHERS GO AHEAD OF YOU.**
8. **DON'T STAND DIRECTLY IN FRONT OF OTHERS.**
9. **QUIET PLEASE... WHILE OTHERS ARE PREPARING.**
10. **DON'T TAKE EXTRA STROKES.**

WELL DONE... NOW, FLUSH THE URINAL, WASH YOUR HANDS AND GO OUTSIDE, AND TEE OFF.

Thanks to Cath Oberholtzer for the humour.

Things I learned on the web today!

Living on less and loving it

April 13 2010 by Ellen Roseman – Toronto Star

Is there a phony retirement crisis in Canada? I often hear that people aren't saving enough for retirement. But when I speak to retirees, I get a different story.

I did a [column](#) saying that living on half of what you earned before may not hurt, if you go into retirement with your mortgage and other loans paid off.

Readers agreed wholeheartedly. Many also agreed that financial institutions like to exaggerate the amount you need to save for retirement and suggest you need 70 to 80 per cent of your previous income to live comfortably.

But these firms have a conflict of interest when it comes to advice about reducing debt. They earn almost nothing from accelerated mortgage paydown, compared to the management fees on sales of mutual funds and packaged investment portfolios.

Retirement is a hot topic these days. Many people are already there or getting close, wondering if they can leave early. They feel reassured to hear they may have saved enough, even if the investment industry says no.

A.A.A.D.D.

KNOW THE SYMPTOMS.....

Thank goodness there's a name for this disorder. Somehow I feel better, even though I have it! Recently, I was diagnosed with A.A.A.D.D. - Age Activated Attention Deficit Disorder. This is how it manifests:

I decide to water my garden. As I turn on the hose in the driveway, I look over at my car and decide it needs washing. As I start toward the garage, I notice mail on the porch table that I brought up from the mail box earlier. I decide to go through the mail before I wash the car.

I lay my car keys on the table, put the junk mail in the garbage can under the table, and notice that the can is full. So, I decide to put the bills back on the table and take out the garbage first. But then I think, since I'm going to be near the mailbox when I take out the garbage anyway, I may as well pay the bills first.

I take my check book off the table, and see that there is only one check left. My extra checks are in my desk in the study, so I go inside the house to my desk where I find the can of Pepsi I'd been drinking.

I'm going to look for my checks, but first I need to push the Pepsi aside so that I don't accidentally knock it over. The Pepsi is getting warm, and I decide to put it in the refrigerator to keep it cold. As I head toward the kitchen with the Pepsi, a vase of flowers on the counter catches my eye--they need water. I put the Pepsi on the counter and discover my reading glasses that I've been searching for all morning. I decide I better put them back on my desk, but first I'm going to water the flowers.

I set the glasses back down on the counter, fill a container with water and suddenly spot the TV remote. Someone left it on the kitchen table. I realize that tonight when we go to watch TV, I'll be looking for the remote, but I won't remember that it's on the kitchen table, so I decide to put it back in the den where it belongs, but first I'll water the flowers.

I pour some water in the flowers, but quite a bit of it spills on the floor. So, I set the remote back on the table, get some towels and wipe up the spill. Then, I head down the hall trying to remember what I was planning to do.

At the end of the day: the car isn't washed, the bills aren't paid, there is a warm can of Pepsi sitting on the counter, the flowers don't have enough water, there is still only 1 check in my check book, I can't find the remote, I can't find my glasses, and I don't remember what I did with the car keys. Then, when I try to

figure out why nothing got done today, I'm really baffled because I know I was busy all day, and I'm really tired.

I realize this is a serious problem, and I'll try to get some help for it, but first I'll check my e-mail. Do me a favor, please; forward this message to everyone you know, because I won't remember who I've sent it to.

Don't laugh -- if this isn't you yet, your day is coming!!

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"I'm going to order a broiled skinless chicken breast, but I want you to bring me lasagna and garlic bread by mistake."

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"The healthiest part of a donut is the hole. Unfortunately, you have to eat through the rest of the donut to get there!"

Thanks to *Probian Don Morrison* for sending these cartoons along. Thanks to *Doreen Guy* for the sign.



Probus 2010 Car Rally in Pictures



*Great weather -
Good company -
Great fun -
Great turnout!*



The Start: *Warren Harvey* took no chances with any disputes over the official “start time” by displaying the official “starter’s clock” most prominently. Navigators (?) were given detailed written instructions, which even a child could follow. Guess we need some younger members, as several teams managed to get lost. *Budd Philp* greeted arrivals at *Richardson’s Lookout* with a series of brain power testing questions.



Left: The *Oberholtzers* and *De Lisles* took time out for a photo op after ascending to the top of *Richardson’s Lookout* to enjoy the magnificent view.



and his team were first to arrive at the final *Peterborough Golf & Country Club*, and were out before others found their way in.



Above: *Hal Jacobsen* relaxed and cooled



Left: A hardworking Rally Committee deserves a great deal of credit for staging a truly memorable day for *Cobourg Probus*. Many thanks for your success in **Above:**

Ron Fraser and his team making this day fun accepted the prestigious winner’s and most enjoyable trophy.