



THE COBOURG PROBIAN

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The Probus Club of Cobourg and District

P.O. Box 63, Cobourg, Ontario K9A4K2

Next Meeting: September 17th, 2009

Vice Presidents' Report:

This will be the final issue for our current year, which ends with our meeting on September 17th. It certainly was a busy one, taking over as V.P.'s, Mary's illness and final passing and Spring Fling. We owe each of you a big THANKS for your encouragement, trust and help to get through the year so successfully. Probus is not one or two people making it happen, it is all of us pulling together. There will be some changes in the executive, as there always is each year, as people complete their two year stint in a portfolio. We look forward to working with the new group and thank the retiring folk for their generous time and great effort. Next year, as Presidents, with one or even two V.P.'s and a few other new faces; it should be an interesting and exciting year.

"The Bickersons"

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SPEAKERS AND EVENTS

SEPT. 3rd **Cam McFarlane** - Police Officer home from Afghanistan Policing Mission

SEPT. 17th **Larry Hall**

Evolution of Black History

Installation of new executive

SEPT TO MAY - FIRST STAGES THEATRE CO. is presenting 6 shows at the Capital Theatre in Port Hope on Sunday afternoons. To get the Group rate for 30 or more persons, see Nancy

- SEPT. 22 -25 AGAWA CANYON** - \$430. per person double occupancy or \$570 Single. If interested, call Bill Minion 905-342-3264
- SEPT 24th MENOPOSITIVE** - A great comedy show in Stirling. \$56. Includes Bus, lunch and show. Standby list now. See Audrey or Doreen
- OCT. 8th COLOUR TOUR-** Marie and George have arranged a lovely country drive culminating with a hot delicious buffet lunch. \$20.
- OCT. 30th DINNER THEATRE "Relatively Speaking"** sounds like a good comedy with marriages, mix-ups and plenty of fibbing. \$33.75 Confirmation must be in to Dorothy by October 1st.
- NOV. 4th STAGE WEST SHOW** Sign up for this event with Nancy. luncheon And show is \$65.
- Dec. 17th CHRISTMAS PARTY** will be a luncheon with entertainment at the lion's Centre. Tickets \$30 .

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- ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP FEES

- Renewal of membership for the 2009/2010 season are now due. Cheques only, please, in the amount of \$30 per person. Cheques to be made out to the "Probus Club of Cobourg and District." Please give cheques to Ken Iedgard, Membership Chair. Membership information available from Ken at: kengard@eagle.ca

AUTUMN CAR TOUR OCT 8th

Tickets are \$20.00 each, Cheques only please. Anyone wishing to attend the lunch only are welcome. **As of Sept. 17th there will be no refunds** as our numbers will be committed to Elmhirst. This will be a fun 'Ascot Tour', Please wear a hat and scarf not necessarily fitting the motif. Anyone not wishing to wear a hat, how about just a scarf? **The tour will begin at 9: 15 at the Civic Centre in Roseneath.** (Washrooms are available) Anyone wishing to car pool from Cobourg can leave their cars at the Baltimore Recreation center. **Please leave the cars off to the right.** (Washrooms are available)

Your car time will be issued on Sept. 17th

IN THE NEWS

Probus Centre-Canada, Inc. June 2009 issue, paid tribute to our own (quote) "Stone Avery, a Past president of the Probus Club of Cobourg, Onto and a former Member of the National Board of Directors, you may want to let him know how proud we are of him as his selection as the recipient of the John R. Morris Founders Award for 2009. Stone, and his "booming" voice contributed a great deal towards the development and promotion of Probus across Canada."

"At the recent "Spring Fling", a gathering of some 16 Probus Clubs in the north-east part of Ontario with over 600 Probus Members in attendance, Mr. Stone Avery was presented with the "John R. Morris Founders Award" for outstanding support and participation on behalf of Probus Canada over a period of several years. He received the award from John Morris, ably assisted by Judith Saunders, much to the pleasant surprise of "Stone" and many of his Probus colleagues who are very familiar with his dedication toward the growth of Probus in Canada over the years."

CONGRATULATIONS STONE - WELL DESERVED"

The Probus (Centre) Letter also included pictures of our Spring Fling.

MEMORIES

A little house with three bedrooms and one car on the street,
A mower that you push to make the grass look neat.
In the kitchen on the wall we only had one phone, And no
Need for recordings, someone was always home.
We only had a living room where we could congregate,
Unless it was at mealtime in the kitchen where we ate.
We had no need for family rooms or extra rooms to dine,
When meeting as a family those two rooms would work fine.
We only had one TV set, and channels maybe two,
But Always there was one of them with something worth to view.
For snacks we had potato chips that tasted like a chip,
And if you wanted flavour there was Lipton's onion dip.
Store-bought snacks were rare because my mother liked to cook,
And nothing can compare to snacks in Betty Crocker's book.
Weekends were for family trips or staying home to play,
We did all things together - even go to church to pray.
When we did our weekend trips depending on the weather,
No one stayed at home because we liked to be together.
Sometimes we would separate to do things on our own,
But we knew where the others were without our own cell phone.

Then there were the movies with our favourite movie star,
And nothing can compare to watching movies in your car.
Then there were picnics at the peak of summer season,
Pack a lunch and find some trees and never need a reason.
Get a baseball game together with all the friends you know,
Have real action playing ball - and no game video.
Remember when the doctor used to be a family friend,
And didn't need insurance or a lawyer to defend?
The way that he took care of you or what he had to do,
Because he took an oath and strived to do the best for you.
Remember going to the store and shopping casually,
And when you went to pay for it you used your own money?
Nothing that you had to swipe or punch in some amount,
Remember when the cashier person had to really count.
The milkman used to go from door to door,
And it was just a few cents more than going to the store.
There was a time when mailed letters came right to your door,
Without a lot of junk mail ads sent out by every store.
The mailman knew each house by name and knew where it was sent,
There were not loads of mail addressed to "present occupant."
There was a time when just one glance was all that it would take,
And you would know the kind of car, the model and the make.
They didn't look like turtles trying to squeeze out every mile;
They were streamlined, white walls, fins, and really had some style.
One time the music that you played whenever you would jive,
The record player had a post to keep them all in line,
And then the records would drop down and play one at a time.
Oh sure, we had our problems then just like we do today,
And always we were striving, trying to find a better way.
This life seemed so much easier and slower in some ways,
I love the new technology but I sure miss those old days.
So time moves on and so do we, and nothing stays the same,
But I love to reminisce and walk down memory lane.

*This is my last issue of the Probian, I've enjoyed doing it for the past two years
but time moves on and so must I. Send your contributions to Bill Johnson at
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