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From the President's Pen

'Enthusiasm moves the world' (Ralph Waldo) and it moves the Colborne Probust Club. You can feel the enthusiasm build as the first member of the Probust Club arrives at 9:30 for the bi-monthly meeting. It peaks with the question period and lasts until Adrian Dubois puts away the last of the regalia.

'What I do best is share my enthusiasm', (Bill Gates). Once started, creating and sharing enthusiasm is infectious and from there it can take on a life of its own. Much of our success can be attributed to the enthusiasm of so many of our members. Join with us on Wednesday, May 6th, 2009, to hear from a friend and university classmate who will indeed be another informative and enthusiastic speaker.

Doug Galt, President

Speaker's Corner

April 1st, 2009 Our guest speaker, introduced by Bonnie, was Ian Tate. He told us about his personal experiences during World War II and especially about the Battle of St. Lawrence and how the German U-boats sank so many of our ships. This historical event is not widely known. Cecil Dycke thanked him for coming.

April 15th, 2009 Denise Chamberlain was introduced by Judi Eakins. Denise is a childhood friend of Judi's sister, and she gave us new insight into being a blind person in today's world. Denise brought her seeing-eye dog, Carla, with her and she talked about Carla as a working dog, and as a normal dog. When Carla is on the harness, she is working, and people are not to distract her from her job. Denise and her husband Chris, also blind, travel to many places, such as New York City, using a GPS for the blind.

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

May 6th – Paul McCutcheon, university friend of Doug Galt, will talk about alternative medicine for animals.

May 20th – Calay Fiddick will talk to us about self publishing

CLUB EVENTS (Watch the notice board!!!!!!)

May 2nd – Brighton Barn Theatre. A group is being formed by Doug Galt. The cost is \$15, preceded by dinner at the Brighton Chinese Buffet.

BOWLING CLUB

April 22nd – We were only 17 bowlers but we made a lot of noise and had loads of fun. The top five bowlers were: Gord McArthur 506, Martin Blackshaw 477, Sue McQuillin 451,

Diane Dycke 429 and Louise Blackshaw 418.

Top male bowler was Gord McArthur with a high single of 220 and a high triple of 506.

Top female bowler was Sue McQuillin with a high single of 187 and a high triple of 451.

Honourable mention goes to Martin Blackshaw who bowled 160, 163, and 154 for a total of 477.

Diane Dycke, Convener

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

Shirley Desrocher planned a great change for our review of ‘The Reader’ by Bernard Schlink. She had us view the Oscar nominated movie; it was released on video the day before the gathering! Refreshments were a cinch – popcorn and beverage of choice. The group agreed That the movie interpretation of the book was very close. Few details were omitted. The story line follows a German youth’s relationship with an older woman as they both age over 40 years, post WWII. Some things never change with time. A guest, Adrian Dubois, added flavour by describing his memories of living in Europe during WWII.

Next month Doreen Clarke hosts the club for ‘The Boys in the Trees’ by Mary Swan on May 21, 2009. The Colborne Library has several copies of the book which was short-listed for the 2009 Giller Prize.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

May 2nd – Eden United Church in Dundonald hosts a supper. Sittings are at 5:00 and 6:15 pm. Call Barb at 355-3242 for tickets.

June 16th - Northumberland’s biggest coffee hour will be hosted again this year by Ferne Dobson, Percy St., between the hours of 10 & 12 a.m. Donations appreciated for the Northumberland MRI machine.

THE LAST WORD

I can’t believe that April is almost over. It seems like I just returned from Florida last week. It is good to be back and to see friends again. It is very interesting to me to have Doug tell us about the events that took place in history on the date of our Probus meetings. We learned that the April 15th meeting was on the day that the Titanic sunk, **97** years ago. I also like the addition of Harold Harnden, with his ‘Once Upon A Time In Colborne’. This man is a wealth of knowledge about the history of the area, and he was even able to tell me that when he was a ‘lad’, there was a man named Eakins, living at the corner of my street. Harold, you should write a book, so that all this knowledge is not lost.

The Ya-ya Sisters, made up of Eileen Milley, Bev Andrews, and Sue McQuillin, was a riot! These three ‘old girls’ gave us more than a few laughs. Good work, Ladies!

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