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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Hear ye, hear ye. We are off to a great year with our own Probud Crier. Doug Galt and his bandits, Gord and Bob, auctioned off Regifting Treasures amidst lots of fun and laughter. Treasurer Alan Cullum is pleased that we made \$59.51 for the Probud coffers. Many signed up for Computer Classes.

After Probud on February 17th, Doug Galt has kindly booked us in at the 213 Club at Loyalist College in Belleville for lunch. Many members were there in the fall and enjoyed the meal and socializing. As I leave the next day for a two week stay in Florida with my daughters and family, I have asked Bob Lee and Doug to make everything run smoothly.

I've been in contact with the Recycling Plant in Grafton. **Wed March 17th we will start our meeting at 9 a.m.** Be sure to wear green for St. Patrick's Day and the Environment. The tours are 20 minutes long so we will send a group of 15 at 10:15 and the rest of the folks later. If you have been before and don't want to go that is OK too. I am looking into lunch at the Grafton Inn.

Happy Valentine's Day everyone! 'We must make the world a place where love dominates our hearts, nature sets the standard for beauty, and simplicity and honesty are the essence of our relationships. Remember kindness guides our actions with respect for others.'

Bonnie

SPEAKERS CORNER

January 5, Rick Atkinson spoke on "Don't Just Retire - Live It, Love It". That is also the title of his CARP recommended book. Although most of us are already retired, Rick encouraged us to mentor people who are preparing for retirement. He emphasized that a successful retirement includes a balance of entertainment, education, travel, sports, social activities and hobbies.

January 20, Ann Marie Vanstone described her business of Home Stager and Redesigner. She pointed out that a stager can increase the value of sale real estate property. Frequently, small

improvements before marketing a home can make a substantial difference. You might not even want to sell after clearing the clutter!

Jim Robinson, staff person at Willis College which is in the lower level at Northumberland Mall, Colbourg, described his proposal for computer courses for retirees. He suggested courses could be offered 2:30 – 4:30 pm at a cost of \$25/session. He felt that 2 sessions would be sufficient for most topics. Individuals with wireless laptops could bring their own computer. The instructors would assist registrants with topics such as Communication tools: email, Twitter, Skype and Face book; photo techniques (Picasa etc); and programs such as Excel. Several people expressed interest.

BOOK REPORT

Childhood memories can be complicated things, largely because children are seldom given satisfactory explanations for what is happening to them and the people around them. Thus they invent their own explanations to try to make sense of things.

In “Help Me, Jacques Cousteau”, Gil Adamson gives her readers a look at one childhood through the memories of young Hazel. In almost diary-like fashion Hazel begins her memories as a toddler on a ship making an horrendous voyage from Australia to Canada. From there, readers are given numerous memories – some funny, some intense, some both – as Hazel grows up in a rather unusual family. She has more than her share of eccentric relatives!

This book is a quick read. But it should really be read twice to fully appreciate the author’s use of metaphor and foreshadowing.

Heather McElroy

THEATRE

Note the next date for the theatre is Sunday March 21, 2010.

BOWLING GROUP

Winter returned to Colborne as 15 brave souls made their way to Presquile Lanes in Brighton. A good time was had by all with lots of laughs and kidding around. We even bowled a bit too! The results of the morning efforts were as follows:

Top Ladies – Diane Dycke 423 & 6 strikes
Bev Andrews 369 & 4 strikes
Doris Noakes 368 & 2 strikes

Top Men - Martin Blackshaw 454 & 6 strikes
Doug Galt 417 & 5 strikes
Bill Doherty 392 & 2 strikes

Congratulations to all.

COMMUNITY

1. Condominium/Townhouse development in Colborne:

In the summer of 2007 a survey was conducted among Probus Club of Colborne members concerning future housing requirements in Cramahe. The information gathered resulted in a proposal for a development based on the input received. Following the coffee break at our meeting of February 3rd, the developers, Dana Johnston & Mike Voskamp will present their preliminary proposal. We will have an open discussion regarding the project.

Clare Musselman

2. Winter Walking at the Keeler Centre continues. Several Probus members enjoy the route indoors with music! It is five days, Monday to Friday, from 9 to 11 am. Skating is free on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 10 – 11am.

3. Safe Food Handling Course at Salem United Church; cost \$40/person; Wednesday February 3 and Wednesday February 10 9:30 am to 3:30 pm; call Lenna Broatch for information ASAP 905-355-5502.

4. Monday February 8 at 7 pm, Heritage Cramahe presents Catherine Wilson at Castleton Town hall, Castleton. Catherine will be introducing her book, 'Tenants in Time', about early Cramahe settlers.

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 3/10 – R.C.A.F. Capt. Tim Brodie on the subject of Air Force heroes (note change in speaker); Condominium/Townhouse Development in Colborne discussion

Fri Feb 5 and 19 – 11:30 - 1; Salem Church's Soup Luncheons \$8/person or \$15/couple

Wed Feb 17 – OPP Chris Dewsbury speaking about personal safety

Wed Feb 24 - bowling at Presquile Lanes, Brighton 10am, cost \$10 for shoe rental and 3 games (sign-up sheets available at February Probus Meetings OR see Gord McArthur)

Wed March 3 - Chris Robinson, Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, on the Salmon Restoration Program

Wed March 17 – 9 am Irish Business Meeting; tours of MRF (Material Recycling Facility) in Grafton

Sun March 21/10 – The First Stages play 'Blue/Orange' is a tale of race, madness and a Darwinian power struggle which is a sardonically comic piece of 21st century British life. A must for anyone who enjoys British humour! Contact Joan Musselman for tickets at 905-355-2776

March 24 – last bowling of the season at Presquile Lanes, Brighton

Wed April 7 – Judy Smith-Torrie speaking on 'Go Green'

Wed April 21/10 – 7th Anniversary Luncheon; Dianne Schnalzer, Belly dancer

Wed May 5 – Arthritis Society

Wed May 19 – Author and local resident Jane Urquhart

Wed May 26/10 – Spring Fling; "Spirit of Quinte"; \$35/person – space is very limited and all 16 places have been reserved and paid; give your name to Alan Cullum if you are interested in being on a waiting list (no guarantee of getting in though); location will be Maranatha Church in Belleville

Wed June 2 – Mayor Marc Coombs, 'Future of Cramahe Township: vision of the current Council'

Wed July 7/10 – Annual Picnic

Wed Oct 13/10 – Annual Colborne Probus Car Rally for the FART Award

THE LAST WORD

For members who receive In Touch by email, I will send issues as a 'blind copy' to ensure your privacy. The following is an excerpt from emails I received from Ferne Dobson and Judi Eakins:

THE MOTTO FOR 2010

'I am too blessed to be stressed and too anointed, to be disappointed!

Winners make things happen~~ Losers let things happen.'

Carol McArthur, Editor

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