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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Spring is here and summer right around the corner; that is once the long weekend is over and we have planted! Enjoy the weather. Summer is so short. The month of May went by quickly.

May 16th we saw a lot of Art. Again I would like to thank Adrian for sharing one of his many collections.

Those who are going to Spring Fling, should enjoy themselves. It is an opportunity to get to know someone outside your area, enjoy friendship and meet other Probud Club members.

For our June meetings we have Mayor Marc Combs on the Future of Cramahe and then Green Products for use in our homes by Bonnie McCool.

July will be our Picnic. It is to be held at the home of Anja Guignon. She lives out on Little Lake – please note the details later in this issue. We will have a Pot Luck Lunch with cold cuts and buns provided by our Club.

The three great motivators of life are preservation of self, preservation of family and preservation of friendship.

Bonnie Hilliard

SPEAKERS CORNER

May 5, Arthritis Society's Nancy Lawlor, presented an overview of services the organization provide. Nancy has formal training in Human Resources Management, Public Administration, Volunteer Management and Advertising and Public Relations. She is currently Community Engagement Specialist, responsible for community awareness of this chronic disease and the programs and services that are available through The Arthritis Society. Arthritis is a disease that runs in Nancy's family and she has seen the devastating affects that it has had on their bodies and souls.

May 19, Tony Urquhart was the speaker. He is an artist, retired art professor and recipient in 1995 of the Order of Canada. Tony described how and why his art changed over time. He started working in oils as he admires Goya's paintings and JW Jeffries line drawings. The flat canvas developed into making boxes, both closed and open. Each of his works is presented as a series. He presented his art via slides. Tony encouraged his students to develop their individual technique by admiring work of at least five other artists. Adrian Dubois displayed some of his fabulous art collection – not for sale – yet!

May 26 was the Spring Fling in Belleville. Audrey Shewan reports that over 600 Probians and friends attended at a fabulous site, the Maranatha Church. The entertainment in the morning was Medieval Music using period instruments. Luncheon provided ample menu choices. Unfortunately none of our members won any door prize. After lunch, there were more music presentations; especially the Barbershop group was enjoyed.

THEATRE

Is there someone who would like to organize an outing? The following list has something for everyone.

1. **Perth Classic Theatre Festival** has two plays planned for 2010. *Blithe Spirit* will run from July 9 to August 1, followed by *The Voice of the Turtle* from August 6 to 29. The festival is offering group rates to Colborne Probus members. Details will be on the Probus bulletin board.

2. **4th Line Theatre** is Canada's premiere outdoor theatre destination, approaching their 19th season. The Theatre Troup stage the plays outdoors with the barns of the old Winslow Farm as backdrop, the setting summer sun our stage light, and the surrounding meadows framing the theatre. The venue is located just east of Millbrook

This year the Troup will present Charles Hayter's *Eldorado Town - The Port Hope Play*. From the radium craze of the 1930s to the beginnings of the Cold War, this play examines how a small Ontario town played a significant role in ending WW II and in the coming of the nuclear age. The play is set between 1930 and 1946 and tells the story of the two brothers who founded Eldorado Mining and Refining. But it wasn't until a use was found for the by-product of radium refining – uranium - that the world was changed forever.

Tickets are only \$29.00 (\$26.00 for seniors) and discounts are available for group bookings of 12 or more. The play runs Tuesdays through Saturday from August 2 to 28. For more information, contact Dana Phillips, Marketing Associate for 4th Line Theatre at 705-932-4501.

3. **Westben Concerts at the Barn** have their 2010 lineup of performances listed at www.westben.ca or phone 1-877-883-5777. The season starts June 11 and ends August 8 with a Grande Finale featuring Michael Burgess.

4. **The Empire Theatre** in Belleville presents *The Full Monty* June 8 – 19 and *Annie* August 17 – 28. Details are available at www.empiretheatre.com or 613-969-0099.

5. **The Stirling Festival Theatre** is presenting *Driving Miss Daisy* and *The Reel Show* in July and *The Last Resort* and *Love You Forever... and More Munsch* in August. Details are listed at www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com or 1-877-312-1162.

6. **Cameco Capitol Theatre** in Port Hope has three productions this summer. *Juke Box Jive* is running June 17 – July 10; *Dating by the Book* runs July 15 – 30; finally *The Music Man* plays Aug 5 – 29. Details on the web at www.capitoltheatre.com or 1-800-434-5092.

7. **Stratford Festival** in Stratford has a wonderful line up for 2010. Check out their website www.stratfordfestival.ca or phone toll free 1-800-567-1600. Group rates are available.

8. Always an interesting area to visit, consider seeing a play at the **Shaw Festival** in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Their website is www.shawfest.com or phone toll free 1-800-511-7429. Group rates are also available.

COMMUNITY

1. **Apple Blossom Tyme Festival**, Colborne's spring celebration is May 28 – 30 at various venues around town. Check out the list of events at Downey Pharmacy since there are too many to list here!! Be prepared to eat, drink and be merry in Colborne.

2. **Music in the Square** is a new initiative. Every Thursday evening 6:30 – 8:30 musical entertainment will be presented.

June 24th - Colborne Public School's Red Hot Jazz Band, Choir and Drum Line with Bianca VanEgmond and Andrew Keough (Jazz and Folk).

July 1st – The Auction Barn Jamboree Band with Mike Pollard and Dallas Arney (Traditional Country)

July 8th – The Fiddleheads (Celtic)

July 15th – Stoney & the Sundance Band with Cheryl Casselman (Country)

July 22nd – Elly Kelly & Friends (Maritime Music)

July 29th – Fetching Wenches (Classic & Modern Rock)

Aug 5th – The Dixie Dudes (Dixieland Jazz)

The rest of the lineup will be in the next issue of In Touch.

2. **Seniors' Computer Classes:** Willis College – Cobourg Campus in Northumberland Mall will be vacationing for the summer – who can blame them! A curriculum will be forwarded to Probus members in August for September 2010, to start after September 14. The College plans to repeat courses offered this spring with the possibility of new topics. Doug Galt and Carol McArthur enjoyed the one-on-one assistance due to small class size for the session on Photos.

UPCOMING DATES

Wed June 2 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am Mayor Marc Coombs, 'Future of Cramahe Township: vision of the current Council'

Fri June 4 – Transport Initiative for Northumberland Community Care

Sat June 5 – Northumberland Lakeshore Hospice Concert & Dance; features the Toronto Big Band at Lions’ Hall in Cobourg; tickets and further information from Cathy Galt.

Sat June 12 – Shiloh Ladies Tea (men welcome too!) at Eden United Church, Dundonald; 2 – 4 pm; tickets \$5; included will be their famous and not to be missed bake and plant sale

Tue June 15 – Northumberland’s Biggest Coffee Morning – 10 – 12 noon in Ferne and Wayne Dobson’s beautiful garden, 24 Percy Street, Colborne; proceeds to the Northumberland Hills Hospital for Emergency Department equipment

Wed June 16 – Probus: Bonnie McCool on ‘Green Products for Safe Home Use’

Wed July 7 – Annual Probus Picnic; The picnic is anytime from 9am until after lunch. It is being held at Anja Guignon’s residence on Little Lake, 40 Reddick Rd. (North off Purdy Road, West of Trenear Road.) Parking details will be announced at the June meetings. In the event of rain - never!! – the location will be at Elsie & Alan Cullum’s, 13971 County Rd 2, Salem. (Between Peters Rd and Peacock Lane on the south side of Hwy 2.) A sign up sheet will be at the next meeting on June 2nd. The sheet is to get an idea of number of attendees and your possible POT LUCK item. You can change your mind about what to bring. A meat tray together with buns and all the trimmings will be supplied by the club. Soft drinks have been kindly donated by Foodland Colborne. PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS!!

Wed Aug 18 – Probus: Derek Paul, Smart Meters in Northumberland County

Wed Sept 1 – Probus: Rev. Peter Tink

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

THE LAST WORD

As I write this note, the temperature is sizzling hot! I thought summer starts June 21 (or so). No one can deny that the weather is strange – the winter that almost wasn’t, spring without rain and now summer in May. Mother Nature sure is playing with our brains.

For summer, I hope you find the list of theatre events tweak your interest in taking time to enjoy Ontario. Gord and I are planning short trips this year. The past three years we have travelled five or six weeks. We plan to visit Ontario Provincial Parks in Eastern Ontario, mid week bookings are our goal. I’ll update you on our progress next issue of In Touch.

By the way, no one commented on my musical words from the last issue of In Touch. For the next issue, I will practice my new knowledge by inserting a photo or two without crashing any computers, thanks to Willis College Photo Course.

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