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Newsletter – **March, 2009**

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN President's Comments March, 2009

Thank you to all who assisted with the February meetings. Cathy and I appreciated the opportunity of being able to visit down under in New Zealand. Bonnie Hilliard had her hands full acting as the Chair of the Speaker's Committee, Chairing the Feb. Meetings and also her own role in Bonnie's Corner. Many thanks to all for a great job.

In early March Bonnie and I attended the President's Council Meeting in Port Hope. The main discussion was around the size of the Zone and how to handle future Spring Flings's. It would appear that our Zone 1W has grown to a size that is unwieldy. Before any final decision is made on how to handle future Spring Flings our Council plans to meet with Peter our Director in June. This meeting will be held at the Keeler Centre.

Your Executive (Management Committee) held their second meeting for this year in mid March. Some decisions were made which should be of interest to you-

1-Anniversary Meeting will be held on April 15, 2009 with a luncheon to follow. The luncheon will cost members \$5.00 and guests \$10.00. Co-chairs are Carol and Gord McArthur

2-By Laws will be circulated with the March Newsletter. The only update that we are aware of will be to remove the amount of the dues and make future changes by a motion

3-Car Rally Committee for this September will be Co-chairs Eileen Milley and Cathy Galt with powers to add to the committee.

4-Nomination Committee – Ch. President Doug Galt and 2 Past Presidents – Eileen Milley and Cathy Galt

5-Summer picnic Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the McKinney's Ranch near Dundonald. Be there!

It's become the best party of the year. Be sure to practice your horse shoe pitching as the competition is something else.

6-It was decided that we needed suggestions to help give a bounce to our meetings and so a questionnaire was put together and distributed. Many thanks to those who filled them out and turned them in. Your secretary is busy compiling the ones in and we are looking for more of the questionnaires on April 1st.

Don't miss the next meeting on April 1st (April Fools Day). It should be a dandy. The Snow Birds should be returning to nest for the summer. They are easily identified by their tan.

We also have a name badge to present and to welcome Heather McElroy into the Colborne Probus Club. Our membership now stands at 65.

Looking forward to seeing you at our next meeting and don't forget to lug-a-mug for your coffee/tea.

Doug Galt, President, Probus Club of Colborne

Speaker's Corner

On March 4, Bob Pierson of Kingston spoke about travel Routes to Learning the new name for Elder Hostel. Born in Toronto, Bob has traveled all across Canada and now is Group Leader for many of the 200 different travel programs. Check out these interesting tours at routestolearning.ca. We also met Dan O'Brien, Director Community Services, Cramahe Township. *Lucky Marjorie Bailey won the 50/50.*

Laurie Macdonald was the speaker on March 18. Funded by the Ministry of the Solicitor General for expenses, Laurie leads a team of volunteers to deliver Victim's Services to our community, an area from Brighton to Haliburton to west of Port Hope. The volunteers, who have all had a police check, meet victims (about 100 a week) to deliver support by carefully listening to the problem and then identifying links for victims to the various support services in the community. Laurie returned home to Salem for her retirement. *This meeting it was lucky Pauline Bruce who won the 50/50. SR*

THE PROBUS CLUB OF COLBORNE MEETING SCHEDULE

April 1 – Ian Tate will speak about the Battle of St Lawrence

April 15 – ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON and speaker Denise Chamberlain who will speak about Living with Blindness

May 6 – Dr Paul McCutcheon, The New Holistic Way, a new perspective on health for both people & pets

May 20 – Calay Fiddick, Self Publishing

BOWLING CLUB

The next bowling day is April 22nd. Please check the sign up sheet at the front desk to make sure your info is correct. All are welcome.

Diane Dycke

BOOK CLUB REPORTS

Joyce Gamble was host for the March gathering. Her choice, 'Through Black Spruce' by Joseph Boyden, was enjoyed by the members who were able to obtain a copy. The Giller Prize book had only one copy available at the Library so a couple of members bought their own copy. The book provides a current view into aboriginal life and negative social dilemmas by following a James Bay family's search for a lost woman and lost lifestyle.

Next month, Shirley Desrocher will host a different review. Members, and any others who wish to join the fun, are to read 'The Reader' by Bernard Schlink. Shirley is renting the award nominated movie which she will provide for viewing at the April 16, 2009 meeting - popcorn will be available too! We will compare the movie adaptation to the original book. Please feel free to join the fun!

Carol MacArthur

COMMUNITY EVENTS

We were reminded of the World Day of Prayer at Colborne's Anglican Church, 2pm, March 6. After making the above announcements for the Bowling and Book Clubs Joan asked that she be advised of any Church events as she can no longer get the info from the Colborne Chronicle. As Joan will not be at the next meeting she asked that Doug be informed of any upcoming events.

Joan Musselman

THE LAST WORD

It was Mar 18 but we were still celebrating St Paddy's Day with Mary Lee leading us in Irish songs, Bonnie Hillier testing us with Irish Lore and Judy Eakins sending us Irish Blessings from her holiday in Florida. President Doug closed the meeting with a reminder that Spring officially arrives on Friday, March 20 and that following the spring solstice the first full moon denotes the next Sunday as Easter Sunday. *See you April 1.*

Shirley Ross for vacationing Editor: Judi Eakins