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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The weather sure has been just super, especially for anyone traveling! Florida was quite cold. I only had four real nice days, where I could sit out and enjoy the whole day. My visit was with my children, grandchildren and the in-laws. We visited the Disney World Theme Parks. Bob Lee has returned from Texas so your executive will all be back on the job.

March 17th meeting was very interesting with the tour of the Material Recovery Facility Plant in Grafton. We enjoyed lunch at the Grafton Inn - good food and good fellowship.

The Anniversary Luncheon plans include: a hot meal (cost \$10.00 per member); entertainment (Belly Dancer, Dianne Schnalzer); and an Auction. I would like everyone to participate. You can bring a baked item, an envelope offering a gift certificate for a home or restaurant dinner, a coupon for a fresh baked pie for each month or even a movie theatre outing for two on cheap night. Use your imagination! It will be for fun and earn a little for our club too. Doug Galt has agreed to be our Auctioneer with his side kick Gord McArthur. So make plans to come out and bring a guest for lunch – new prospective members are always welcome.

**MAY THE LONG TIME SUN SHINE UPON YOU; MAY ALL LOVE SURROUND YOU
AND THE PURE LIGHT WITHIN YOU; GUIDE YOUR WAY HOME.**

Happy Easter everyone. BONNIE

SPEAKERS CORNER

March 3, Chris Robinson from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters described the reintroduction of Atlantic Salmon to the Great Lakes. History records show this species of fish were abundant until recent times. In fact, Cobourg was known as 'Salmon city' due to the abundance of fish caught off shore in the 1860s. Newcastle was site of the first fish hatchery in the area. Salmon spend the first three years of their life in streams before heading for open water. Russia, Norway and Iceland are sites of native species. Presently, the Credit River, Duffins Creek and Cobourg Ruff are test streams for reintroduction to Lake Ontario.

March 17, after Fern Dobson entertained members with Irish jokes, Irish lassies led a sing-song of familiar ditties and The Wee Leprechaun (alias Doug Galt) reported on the IESO tour March 10. More than 20 members and three grandchildren toured the Northumberland County Material Recovery Facility near Grafton. Heather Nemeč, our tour guide, reminded us that the MRF changed procedures for recycling three years ago. She said residents are to separately package shredded paper and cardboard. Everything else which is recyclable can be 'tossed in' together: tetra boxes, clean aluminum foil and plates, glass bottles, plastic bottles (except number 6) and tubs, paper, magazines, food box board. She asked that metal cans and plastic bottles not be crushed since these items can get caught in the sorting equipment. Items like plastic bottles can have their caps on but not tightened. The tour was definitely worthwhile, especially for the newer residents. Bonnie arranged for members to lunch at The Grafton Inn after the tour. Yum!

BOOK REPORT

Harold Harnden recently reread *Gone with the Wind*. He found it interesting to help remember details before he tackled *Scarlet* – a sort of sequel. Harold can report on his impression of the book next month.

THEATRE

Please contact Joan Musselman (905-355-2776) for tickets to First Stages Theatre Company production of 'A Picasso' by Jeffrey Hatcher on Sunday April 11 at 3 pm. The play depicts an interview of Pablo Picasso by a beautiful woman who was hired by the Gestapo in 1941 Paris. There is a special group rate for Probus members.

BOWLING GROUP

On Wednesday March 24th, 14 members participated. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to Cecil and Diane Dycke for taking leadership for the last Bowling Outing for 09/10.

The top bowler was Muriel Todd with an overall score of 447 (average 149 per game) and six strikes. Next came Sue McQuillin with 397 (average 132) followed by MJ Doherty with 381 (average 127).

The top three men bowlers were led by Doug Galt with 419 (average 140) and five strikes. Barry McQuillin with 395 (average 132) and Bob Lee with 372 (average of 124) rounded out the scorers.

Of special note Diane Dycke and Bob Lee had identical scores, averages and strikes over the three games played. Cecil Dycke was the most improved bowler this year.

Thanks to all participants and see you next year! Gord McArthur

COMMUNITY

Jim Robinson, Willis College – Cobourg Campus’s Northumberland Mall - reports that the final curriculum (which is outlined below) has a fee of \$30 per session for Computer Courses for seniors. Check out the Probus Bulletin Board for information.

Schedule for Seniors Classes

E-Mail and Internet: - POP mail – Webmail – Folders – Rules – Browsing – Searching

April 7th and April 9th, 2010 – Register by April 2nd.

Registration can be made by phone to the college – 905-372-8978.

Further classes will be scheduled for Photos (editing etc.); Skype; Office, Word and Excel programs; and EBay safe selling and purchasing.

Note:-

1. Morning classes will run from 9.30 to 12 noon with a half hour break. Afternoon classes will run from 1.30 to 4.00 with a half hour break.
2. You may bring your own laptop if you wish; otherwise a desktop computer will be available to you.
3. A booklet is provided for you to keep as part of the class and you can use it to make notes as a reminder of what you have learned and for future reference.
4. There will be no more than 6 students in a class to allow for more individual attention.

UPCOMING DATES

Wed April 7 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am Judy Smith-Torrie speaking on ‘Go Green’

Wed April 21/10 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am Dianne Schnalzer, Belly dancer; 11:45 am 7th Anniversary Luncheon with Scalloped Potatoes, Ham and of course Anniversary Cake! Cost is \$10 per member payable to Alan Cullum (our efficient Treasurer). There will be a Sweet or Treat Auction as well. Be sure to attend this event.

Fri April 23 - The Northumberland Land Trust is hosting ‘An Earth Saving Event’ - a luncheon for seniors, their family and friends at the Cobourg Legion from 10:30 to 1:30 in honour of Earth Week. In addition to a hot dinner provided by the Ladies Auxiliary there will be a video depicting the geographical history of Northumberland, a guest speaker, lively Canadian and Celtic Music performed by Steafan Hannigan and Saskia Tomkins, door prizes, draw prizes and a 50/50 draw. The event is only \$20.00. You may purchase tickets at the Cobourg Legion Bar, Pharmacy 101, The Ruth Clark Activity Centre or call Nancy Blakely at 905-372-1476.

Wed May 5 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am Arthritis Society speaker

Sat May 8 – Mother’s Day Tea at Salem United Church; 1:30 – 4 pm

Wed May 19 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am Author and local resident Jane Urquhart

Wed May 26/10 – Spring Fling; “Spirit of Quinte”; \$35/person – space is limited to 16 places; see Alan Cullum if you are interested; location will be Maranatha Church in Belleville

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

Wed July 7/10 – Annual Probus Picnic; details soon!

Aug 18 – Probus: Derek Paul, Smart Meters

Sept 1 – Probus: Peter Tink

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

THE LAST WORD

Sloppy Easter, Probusians. Spring has arrived! It is wonderful watching the earth awakening with colour after the drab winter rest. I am looking forward to seeing which perennials survived in my new flower beds. This is my favourite season so I will write no more. See you outside soon?

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