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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The time does March on "Lest we Forget". We are in to the Christmas Season already.

Merry Christmas everyone. I'm looking forward to Santa and his elves; are they angels in disguise? There is always lots of work going on behind the scenes to make a happy time at our annual Christmas Luncheon. Looking forward to hearing again from Peter Faragher. He is an entertainer who I heard at the Estival in Port Hope this past summer. He really enjoys what he is doing and more than willing to share his experiences with us.

We have only the one meeting in December; then we will be into 2010. Snowbirds will be flying south. Some ideas for 2010 are: a catered lunch at the Keeler Centre after a meeting, a lunch at Loyalist College and/or a tour of the Northumberland Recycle Centre in Grafton. Please share your ideas with any member of your executive.

We are bringing in new members and sharing our friendship. Keep up the good work as that is how our Probud Club grows.

May the wreath on your door welcome in joy and more.

SPEAKERS CORNER

Nov 4 – Bill Thompson spoke eloquently on Keystone House, an extension of Transition House which opened in 1999. Homeless men and women are assisted by the services provided – needs assessments, supports and counseling. Volunteers are always welcome to assist with support, financial and/or physical. Keystone House, the next project, will provide living accommodation for five disabled children of ageing parents in Northumberland. Call 905-377-0378 for further information.

Harold Harnden's Memory Time described the Boot Store, Butcher Shop, Grocery Store run by the Mackay's and horse operated electric presses.

Nov 18 – Our own Vice President Bob Lee appeared in his 'silks'. He described the selection process for Queen's Counsel, which is no longer bestowed. His silks, or legal attire of shirt, tie, gown and pinstriped pants, were only for the court room. Bob then offered advice on how to chose

counsel if legal assistance is needed – a person who shows a keen sense of observation as well as perseverance to seek truth. Bob cited several examples of how observation in the courtroom affected the outcome of cases.

Harold's Memory Time was a reading from an item he wrote for his 72nd birthday. He described early Christmas memories in the 20's and 30's in Colborne.

BOOK REPORT

“My Sister's Keeper” by Jodi Picoult is a wonderful, easy to read story of love. It has been made into a major movie. The story follows a young girl who seeks judicial approval for medical emancipation from her parents. She is the third child in her family. Her older sister suffers a rare cancer. The family dynamics are realistically described by the main characters - mother, father, eldest brother, legal councils and the two sisters. Love, jealousy, hate and final resolution make a compelling read. Check it out.

Carol McArthur

THEATRE

November 22, several Probus members attended the third 2009 First Stages Theatre production called “Vita and Virginia”. The reading described the nearly 20 year relationship of two of Britain's greatest 20th century writers, Vita Sackville-West and Virginia Woolf. A tribute to written English language!

BOWLING GROUP

On Wednesday November 25 we had 18 energetic and spirited bowlers at the 2009 – 2010 bowling season start. The top bowler, overall, was Sue McQuillan with a combined three game total of 483 points which included 4 strikes. Runners up in the ladies division were Doris Noakes (436) and Muriel Todd (388). Top three men bowlers were Gord McArthur (446), Doug Galt (398) and Martin Blackshaw (397). There were four teams playing, with Team 4 averaging total score of 385, Team 2 at 384, Team 3 at 358 and finally Team 1 at 353. Note the consistency in scores.

COMMUNITY

1. Ann Corkery offers training in basic computer operations (turning on and off your machine) as well as directions for communication – e.g. email, web search etc. She is willing to teach one-on-one or small groups. Call 905-355-3622 for information.
2. Winter Walking at the Keeler Centre has resumed. 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.

UPCOMING DATES

Mon Nov 30 – Canadian Pacific's Holiday Train will be stopping in Brighton at the Prince Edward Street rail crossing for a half-hour performance, including a visit by Santa Claus. The train is

expected at 3:45pm. This event is worth attending to get you into the holiday spirit. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for Food Share Food Bank.

Wed Dec 9 – Probus Christmas Party & Luncheon: start time is 9:30 and includes entertainer Peter Faragher. Bring items for the Food Bank and a gift (valued at \$10) marked for ‘man’ or ‘woman’. Our Annual Christmas event is always FUN, especially with Santa’s hugs! Remember, members are invited for a delicious lunch. Guests are welcome but required to pay \$10 to join in Black Dress Catering’s lunch.

Tue Dec 15 – 2010 Winter Olympics Torch Relay through Colborne; expected time of arrival is 3:25 on King Street West at the Legion – 3:34 on Percy Street at Park Street. Wear your Olympic Mitts as Cramahe welcomes Olympic Spirit 2010! Note the relay is ON TIME.

Wed Jan 6/10 – Human Resources Consultant and author, Rick Atkinson.

Wed Jan 20/10 – Anne Marie Vanstone will describe her experiences as a Home Stager.

Wed Jan 27/10 – Probus Bowling Group, Brighton 10am, cost \$10 for shoe rental and 3 games (sign-up sheets available at January Probus Meetings OR see Gord McArthur); mark **Wed Feb 24** and **March 24** on your 2010 calendars for the remaining bowling dates this season.

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.

Wed April 21/10 – 7th Anniversary Luncheon

Wed May 26/10 – Spring Fling; “Spirit of Quinte”; \$35/person – sign up sheets available now so sign up early for a reserved place; Location will be Maranatha Church in Belleville.

Wed July 21/10 – Annual Picnic

THE LAST WORD

Happy reading! It was a challenge putting this issue together. Our main computer got a Trojan Worm and I had to call in my computer tech. Thus I am using the laptop which I am not used to. Please forgive me for any grammatical or spelling errors.

I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to putting together the next issue with photos of our Christmas Bash.

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