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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Happy early St. Patrick's Day!

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind be always at your back. May the sunshine be warm upon your face; and rains fall soft upon your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the hollow of his hands. May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.

Luncheon at the Loyalist College was well attended and I am sure that everyone enjoyed their lunch. I would like to thank Doug for making the arrangements. Carol (my house mate) has arrived home just before I leave for Florida reporting it was just lovely and she wants to go again!

It will be interesting to hear what Doug and Probuss members learn at the Control Centre for the ISEO on March 10th. We are privileged to have the opportunity for a tour.

March 17th we will be touring the Northumberland Material Recovery Facility in Grafton. I have made arrangements for Probuss members to have lunch at the Grafton Inn. There will be a choice of 3 lunch entrees for \$10.95 (drinks and gratuities extra).

The Anniversary Luncheon on April 21 is in the planning stage. Cost will be \$10.00 per member as we are planning to have a hot meal. Entertainment is a Belly Dancer and a Baking Auction. Everyone can participate by bringing a baked item, or an envelope item (a dinner coupon, lunch for 4, a pie-a-month for 6 months, unbelievably good butter tarts, or even a theatre outing for two on cheap night). Use your imagination! Our Auctions are always fun and earn a little for our club too. At popular request, Doug has agreed to be our Auctioneer with his usual side kicks. Guests are welcome to enjoy our Anniversary Celebration Lunch too. See Alan Cullum to register a guest.

See you on St. Paddy's Day

Bonnie

SPEAKERS CORNER

February 3, RCAF Captain Jim Brodie presented a humorous but serious description of 'delivering stuff' in various arenas of need in the world. Specifically he gave examples of his personal heroes of the 436 Squadron from Burma in 1944 to Afghanistan today. In addition he described the first delivery by the 436 to Haiti the day after the earthquake January 12, 2010 and the return flight with over 100 Canadians. The 436 is a tactical squadron. He encouraged us to write the troops at www.forces.gc.ca.

Guests Dana Johnston and Mike Voskamp provided information, including floor plans, on their proposal for 9 condominium residences to be built on the east side of Victoria Street south of Colborne Creek – presently a vacant lot. Several questions were asked by the members.

February 17, Mary Anne Rowlands, The Help Centre's managing director, described the various services provided to Northumberland residents in her Cobourg office. The Centre is funded primarily by the United Way. Income, Housing and Health Securities are the focus programs provided. Mary Anne described the increased use her Centre has experienced in the past year due to lost jobs and increased social stress in our community. She has two staff (including herself), contract employees and several volunteers. Of special note is a fund raising effort called 'Empty Bowls' to be held March 11 in Cobourg.

BOOK REPORT

Has no one read a good or indifferent book recently?

THEATRE

Please contact Joan Musselman (905-355-2776) for tickets to First Stages Theatre Company production of 'Blue/Orange'. The tale of race, madness and a Darwinian power struggle is a sardonically comic piece of 21st century British life. A must for anyone who enjoys British humour! There is a special group rate for Probus members.

BOWLING GROUP

Congratulations to all our bowlers this morning (Feb 24th)! A good time was had by all, despite bowling being a "dumb and stupid activity"; that is the opinion of one of our BETTER bowlers.

Our top bowler on this day was Sue McQuillin. Sue amassed a total of 8 strikes over the three games! She was the top bowler with a single game score of 195 and a combined three game total of 515 points averaging of 172 points per game.

The top Lady bowlers were Sue (515), Diane Dyke (435) and Muriel Todd (428). Bev Andrews two game total was 213.

On the Men's side our top bowler was Bob Lee (464), Gord McArthur (454) and Martin Noakes (388). The attached picture file shows Bob's enthusiasm after a strike!

Our next outing will be March 24th. Cecil and Diane have graciously stepped in as contacts for that day.

COMMUNITY

1. From Mary Lee: This video should be sent out to everyone; let's be sure we save any and all lives using this new easier method of CPR that we all can remember! For members receiving this In Touch by email, simply press the ctrl key and left click (at the same time) to access the video. [YouTube - Continuous Chest Compression CPR - Mayo Clinic Presentation](#)
2. Jim Robinson, Willis College in Cobourg's Northumberland Mall, reports that a consultant is planning the final curriculum, costs and start date (in March 2010) for Computer Courses for seniors. Jim spoke at our January 20th Probus Meeting about his proposal. When details are forwarded to your In Touch Editor, the message(s) will be forwarded to your email address ASAP.
3. 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.

UPCOMING DATES

Wed March 3 – Probus: 9:30 social time; 10 am - Chris Robinson, Ontario Federation of Anglers & Hunters, on the Salmon Restoration Program

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

Sun March 14 – 7 pm Angus Finnean will present a musical show at Colborne United Church

Wed March 17 – Probus: 9 am Irish Business Meeting; tours of MRF (Material Recycling Facility) in Grafton; members can go to the Grafton Inn for lunch following the tour

Sun March 21/10 – The First Stages play 'Blue/Orange' 3pm; contact Joan Musselman for tickets at 905-355-2776

Sun March 21 – Ian Morton will perform an organ recital at 4 pm, Colborne United Church

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

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; Special Auction; 11:45 am 7th Anniversary Luncheon

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

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!

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

THE LAST WORD

Thanks to the Dyckes, I had to pass this message on. I never knew that Dycke was an Irish name before?!

Paddy was in New York. He was patiently waiting and watching the traffic cop on a busy street crossing. The cop stopped the flow of traffic and shouted, 'Okay, pedestrians.' Then he'd allow the traffic to pass.

He'd done this several times, and Paddy still stood on the sidewalk. After the cop had shouted, 'Pedestrians!' for the tenth time, Paddy went over to him and said, 'Is it not about time ye let the Catholics across?'

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