



Ganaraska Currents

GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

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Happy New Year



PRESIDENT'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE



As I am writing this message, the bitterly cold weather is upon us. Those of you who are already south - Good Move. Those of you who are going south - it probably isn't soon enough. Those of you who are not going south still have plenty of winter left to make those plans.

Such is the life of a Probud member. I'm sure you are all looking forward to the club events planned by our Special Events Committee and those initiated by members. Thank goodness for our newsletter!! That's how we know when to go out for lunch or when and where to show up to play cards.

The Probud Bowling Tournament and the Spring Fling are two opportunities to meet members of other Probud clubs.

Our own membership is over 120. If you know someone who may enjoy our company, invite them out as a guest. Once they meet everyone, how can they say no? Where else can you get 2 cups of coffee, a snack and hear a stimulating speaker for only \$3.00?

REMEMBER YOUR GOOD NEWS STORIES FOR OUR MEETINGS.

President Ken

50-50 winners!

11 Dec - Ron Smith

won \$39.50

8 Jan - Wilson Gaudion

Won \$37.50

FEBRUARY CREW

Caterers

Captain.....Jill Lorenz

12 Feb.....Carolyn & Ray
Williams
Anthony Skinner

26 FebJill Lorenz
Janet Tedford
Sheila Rooney
Nora Holmes

If unavailable please find a substitute or call

905-885-8281

Greeters

Captain.....Muriel Cornelius

12 Feb.....Susan & Wilson
Gaudion

26 Feb.....Marion & Frank
Griffin

If unavailable please find a substitute or call

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http://www.probusnorthumberland.com/ganaraska_news.htm

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WARNING - SEVERE WEATHER AHEAD

HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF PROBUS MEETINGS ARE CANCELLED?

In the event of a meeting cancellation due to **severe weather**, the President will notify the local radio station **The Breeze 99.7 or 107.1 FM**. Last year one meeting was cancelled.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



At our 11 December meeting, instead of a speaker, **Thomas Merrey** played a thoroughly enjoyable program of classical music on his acoustic guitar.



He played several standard classical pieces written for the guitar as well as some that he had written himself. He finished with a rendition of Silent Night and he asked all the club members to sing along. You can see and hear a video of the whole club singing Silent Night on our web site at:

http://www.probusnorthumberland.com/ganaraska_news.htm

IN MEMORIUM



It is with great sadness that we announce the passing away of **Alan Brown**. He was a new member whose welcoming profile appeared in last month's newsletter. He will be missed by all.

NEW NORTHUMBERLAND MRI



Pam Knott, our 8 January speaker, is the **MRI Charge Technologist** who operates the new **Magnetic Resonance Imagery (MRI)** apparatus at the **Northumberland Hills Hospital**. It is a diagnostic device for studying internal organs, blood vessels, muscles, joints, tumours and areas of infection. MRI is a procedure that creates images of the body using radio waves in conjunction with extremely powerful magnets. This non-invasive technique relies on the magnetic properties of atoms, rather than radiation that is used in many other imaging procedures. The MRI uses a 16,000 pound magnet that produces a very strong magnetic field, not x-rays, to produce it's images. The strength of the field is about 30,000 times that of the earth's magnetic field. A typical session lasts from 30 to 90 minutes. The only limitation is that patients can't have any metal implants in their body. MRI can help save time and money relative to other diagnostic procedures. It operates 10 hours a day and they are limited by the number of qualified staff. The wait time for an MRI scan is about two months.



FEBRUARY SPEAKERS

12 Feb - **David Broughton**, our own Probian, will talk to us about *Lighting The Victorian Home*. He will give us the sociological perspective of the history of the use of lamps and their impact on peoples' lives.

26 Feb - **Jordan Oxley**, President of **Sunbay Energy**, will introduce us to the plasma gasification process that will be operating in the near future at the Wesleyville site.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

INTER CLUB BOWLING MATCH

The five Cobourg and Port Hope Probus Clubs
2 February 2009 9:30 AM

Northshore Lanes, Northumberland Mall

\$10.00 payable at the lanes

Luncheon and prizes after the tournament at

Legion Hall in Cobourg

\$15.00 for lunch payable at our club
meeting

Come to bowl or just to watch and enjoy
a delicious luncheon

SPRING FLING

Wednesday 20 May 2009

Keeler Centre, Colborne

Tickets on sale now - \$35.00 each

32 allocated to our club

42" flat screen high definition TV door prize

Luncheon and Cash Bar

Live Entertainment:

Blue Notes Dixieland Band

William Thomas - humourist

ONGOING EVENTS...

EUCHRE --NEW!--

1st & 3rd Tuesday from 2 to 4 PM

Ruth Clarke Senior Centre 81 Mill Street

\$2.00 for coffee

Reg Colborne 905-885-1722

APPS & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks
at various houses and dates as people
volunteer – Steve Snell knows 885-9929

Betty Curtis will host on 30 January

BOWLING

1st Monday of the month at 1:30 PM at

Northshore Bowling Lanes in the

Northumberland Mall

\$8.00 for 3 games plus \$.50 for shoe rental

LUNCH BUNCH

After 1st meeting of the month at 1:00 PM at
various restaurants – Betty Curtis knows
where 885-5304

CHESS

2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month at Dave

Broughton's house 885-1870

Vice President Eileen wants a PUB NIGHT!

Who doesn't?

30 people signed up at the last meeting

Join the stampe...


SIGN UP NOW

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More details are on their way...

KITCHEN HELP NEEDED

This time of the year with so many
members away in the sun, it is
difficult to get caterers to serve
coffee and snacks for our meetings.

It's light work.

PLEASE VOLUNTEER

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AMPLIFICATION PROBLEM SOLVED...

One of the activity supports at our club meetings that has been a constant problem is the sound system. Here are six of our finest club experts tackling this predicament for a final solution once and for all...



First, they need to have a discussion of the basic principles involved...



Peter and Wilson think the problem has something to do with plugs...



Hugh thinks that they may have forgotten to install a component that may still be somewhere in the box...

But wait! Just what they need, some decisive guidance. And who better than Vice President Eileen to tell all the experts how to do it.



Her solution is to only hire speakers who were high school teachers before retirement because they do not need any microphones at all. They just shout right out so the ones not paying attention in the back will know that they are being watched. Thanks Eileen.

MEET OUR NEW CLUB MEMBERS Jim and Sheila Scherer



We were both born and raised in Alberta. In the mid 1950's we both moved to Calgary where we met and were married. In 1977 our company saw fit to have us transferred to Toronto to take on work at their National office. Jim retired from Toyota Canada on January 1 1998 and Sheila retired from The Toronto Zoo on July 1 1998.

In 2006 we sold our home in Pickering and moved to Port Hope after having spent almost 10 years looking for a place to build a new home or to find one that we both liked.

We have three children all of whom are living in the GTA. We are blessed with having 7 grandchildren and know the joy of seeing them often.

Sheila's hobbies are quilting, sewing and singing with The Sweet Adelines and Jim enjoys woodworking and photography. We both like to travel. We are both active in our Church and find Port Hope to be a wonderful and comfortable place to live.