



Ganaraska Currents

# GANARASKA VALLEY PROBUS CLUB

Our Newsletter

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## 50-50 winners!

26 Feb – Georgina Rose  
won \$26.50

12 Mar – Muriel Cornelius  
won \$31.00

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## APRIL CREW

### Caterers

Captain.....Helen Dayman

9 Apr...Michelle Duval Lane  
Dorothy & Leo Spicer

23 Apr .....Ruth Newington  
Lois & Laverne Meadows

If unavailable please find a  
substitute or call  
**905-885-8281**

### Greeters

Captain.....Muriel Cornelius

9 Apr.....Bea & Lorne  
Hassard

23 Apr.....Rosalie & Willy  
Jakobi

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substitute or call  
**905-885-5530**

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## 55 ALIVE DRIVING COURSE creates a new group of mature safe drivers



Eighteen Ganaraska Valley Probusians attended the 55 Alive driving course which is a six hour refresher course for seniors designed by the **Canada Safety Council**. Organized by **Lyn and Dave Bradshaw**, it was held over a two day period on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> of March at the Independent Grocers' meeting room. **Sherry Gibson** from **Community Care Northumberland**, who was our 23 October speaker, guided the class through the visual situations in the 55 Alive textbook which dealt



with problems and situations that are specific to senior drivers such as visual, hearing and physical strength problems. Sherry showed slides of what the road ahead looks like when a

person has cataracts, glaucoma, astigmatism or macular degeneration. She also showed slides of various driving situations involving the right of way and weather conditions and discussed how these situations are often handled and how they should be handled for safe driving.

At the end of the course, **Constable Denis Grenon** from the **Port Hope Police Department** visited the class to answer questions. A lively discussion with some differences of opinion concerning left turns was led by **Hugh Parker** who happens to be a retired lawyer. Constable Grenon maintained that only one car may legally proceed into the intersection to wait to make a left turn while Hugh argued that several cars have enough room to advance into the intersection in order to make their turn safely. Of course, Constable Grenon had the final word and Hugh began to worry that he was now known as a trouble maker to the Port Hope Police Department. The next day, however, Constable Grenon called Hugh to apologize because in checking the statutes, he discovered that Hugh was legally correct.



The new safe driving graduates pose with their instructor and their certificates.

# AFRICAN SAFARI



When our regularly scheduled 26 February speaker could not attend due to an emergency, **Pauline Carrick** graciously accepted our invitation on a day's notice to give us an illustrated presentation of her photography from her March 2007 safari in Kenya. Our own Probus member, **Richard Looye**, had previously created a slide show from her pictures with exciting African music to enhance the beautiful photography. Pauline's safari began in Nairobi and continued with visits to several resorts designed to give views of the abundant wildlife and it ended in a Masai village. The excellent photography and the wide variety of wildlife that was depicted made this a very interesting and exciting presentation.



Many thanks to Pauline, who is a member of the Port Hope Probus Club, for stepping in at the last minute and saving our Probus day with her entertaining and educational presentation.



# THE PIER GROUP

**Chris Wallace**, co-chair of **The Pier Group** was our 12 March speaker. The Pier Group is a citizens committee established to save the demolition of the buildings on Port Hope's centre pier. The razing of these buildings has been planned by the Port Hope council.



Chris gave many examples of **Industrial Adaptive Reuse**, using old industrial buildings for modern uses such as restaurants, bars, art galleries, entertainment venues, markets and institutional, commercial and office uses. He pointed out that Port Hope's history and prosperity was built on manufacturing which should be part of Port Hope's architectural heritage. The new uses must be economically viable and environmentally sound. Chris said that Port Hope and Port Dalhousie are the only two original waterfronts left and should be historically preserved.



Manufacturing on the Port Hope Pier in 1951.

# APRIL SPEAKERS

**9 Apr** – **Fred Helliener** is a retired Geography professor from Trent University. He lives in Presqu'île Provincial Park and is an expert on the birds that inhabit this park near Brighton. He will talk to us about these birds.

**23 Apr** – **Les Britton** is a professional auctioneer who lives and works in Port Hope. He donates his services and skills to the Port Hope Architectural Conservancy. He will talk about auctions and auctioneering.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### SPRING FLING

Wednesday 20 May 2009  
Keeler Centre, Colborne  
Ticket allocations for our club have been made  
Pay your \$35.00 now  
42" flat screen high definition TV door prize  
Luncheon and Cash Bar  
Live Entertainment:  
Blue Notes Dixieland Band  
William Thomas - humourist

### OAK HEIGHTS WINERY TOUR

Provide your own transportation to Warkworth  
Lunch, tour and wine tasting  
\$26.00 16 June  
**SIGN UP NOW...**

## PROBABLE FUTURE EVENTS...

Here are some ideas that the Special Events Committee members are currently working on...

April.....Dorothy's surprise!!!  
May.....Visit a recycling plant in Grafton  
with lunch at Grafton hotel  
June 16<sup>th</sup>....Oak Heights Winery tour **(ABOVE)**  
July.....Car rally  
August.....West Ben Theatre  
September.....Prince Edward County wine tour  
Some time in the summer.....picnic

## New Probus Lending Library

Bring in some of your really interesting books for your fellow Probusians to borrow and enjoy.

Simply paste a book label inside the cover or write your name there and the book will be returned to you at the next meeting after it is borrowed. Take your books to Betty or Garry Curtis.



## ONGOING EVENTS...

### PUB NITE **--NEW!--**

Join us for dinner, conversation and drinks  
31 Mar, 28 Apr, 19 May, 30 Jun, 28 Jul,  
18 Aug  
6:00 PM at the Winchester Arms  
Eileen Mountain 905-885-4816

### EUCHRE **--NEW!--**

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday from 2 to 4 PM  
Ruth Clarke Senior Centre 81 Mill Street  
Reg Colborne 905-885-1722

### APPS & DRINKS

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

### BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month at 1:00 PM at  
various restaurants  
Betty Curtis 885-5304

### CHESS

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month  
at Dave Broughton's house  
Dave Broughton 885-1870

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# MEET OUR NEW MEMBERS

## ANNE CHESHER



I was born and raised in Port Hope. My husband and I chose to return to this community to raise our family because we love Port Hope.

I retired last June after thirty-one years of teaching. The majority of my career was spent at Port Hope High School, the final ten years as Head of Guidance.

We live an active life. I train regularly for marathons and half marathons, having just completed the Disney marathon in January 2009. We enjoy cycling, hiking, skiing and tennis. We also love to travel and have recently been on cruises to the Baltic, Russia, Greece and Turkey. This year's adventure will be to the Galapagos Islands. I enjoy playing the piano, reading, doing crafts, taking courses and volunteering in the community.

## ASTRID LANCELLE



I was born in Berlin, Germany and was raised in Lausanne and Geneva, Switzerland where I was married. We then immigrated to Montreal in 1965 where we raised our three children, two boys and a girl. I became a widow in 1987. Once the children had all finished university in 1999, I decided to pack up and move to British Columbia where I spent over seven years in White Rock and loved it there. My children all lived abroad, but my daughter relocated to Toronto two years ago after more than eight years in New York. I have seven grand children and now the chance to see at least two of them in Toronto regularly. To see the others, I will have to continue to travel to Hongkong and California which is also fun.

## JOANNE ROCKEY-SMITH



I am retired after a thirty-two year career as a Special Education Elementary educator. I was born in St. Thomas but lived my formative years in Lambeth on a hobby tree farm. Growing up in the country meant walking over a mile to a one room school each day and having my own pony plus chickens, ducks, dogs and a steer.

In 1976, while attending the University of Western Ontario and teaching part time, I met my then future husband, Tom Smith from Port Hope. We were married in 1977, the year Elvis left us. After university, Tom secured a position with Cameco (Eldorado) and we moved to Port Hope. My daughter Karly and son Ryan were

born in Port Hope. Then Tom was offered a position in Blind River so we relocated and remained there for fifteen years.

Our next move was back south where we now reside in Cobourg with our two Golden Retrievers and a Bishon Frise. After retiring in 2005, my number one goal was to have a pet therapy dog. Buddy, my three year old is now a Therapeutic Paws of Canada (TPOC) dog and has made ninety-five successful visits to area senior homes and hospitals. His mom, Sage, a seven year old, is also a TPOC dog and I am the team leader for the Port Hope/Cobourg area. These dogs serve such a much-needed service and I have four or five more dogs being evaluated for TPOC in the Spring.

When Tom and I are not cruising, as we have in the Caribbean, Panama and Mediterranean, I am making pet therapy visits, volunteering at the Capitol Theatre, working out at Goodlife, substitute teaching, gardening or training Buddy to dog dance.

"The earth laughs in flowers." Emerson  
Sage and Buddy

