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## 50-50 winner!

8 Oct – Shirley Harrison

won

\$39.50

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## NOVEMBER CREW

### Caterers

**Captain:** .....Janet Tedford  
12 Nov.....Julie Rondeau  
                  Shirley Locke  
                  Shirley Harrison

**Captains:**.....Linda Goldie  
26 Nov.....Willy Jacoby  
                  Rosalie Jacoby  
                  Michele Duval Lane

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

### Greeters

**Captain:**.....Muriel Cornelius  
12 Nov.....Sheila & Jim  
                  Scherer

26 Nov .....Sheila Rooney  
                  Julie Rondeau

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Many thanks to **Michele Duval Lane**, editor in training, for her new ideas and contributions to this issue.

## 2009 AGM – DALEWOOD GOLF & CURLING CLUB

### The Big Switch



New president **Eileen** is pinning old president **Ken** with his brand new Past President's pin.



The purpose of the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** is the transition from the old administration to the new, along with reporting to the membership the business of the past year as **Hugh Parker** is doing above with the financial report.

### New Officers:

President	<b>Eileen Mountain</b>
Past President	<b>Ken O'Neill</b>
Vice-President	<b>Garry Curtis</b>
Secretary	<b>Linda Goldie</b>
Treasurer	<b>Leo Spicer</b>
Acting Treasurer	<b>Hugh Parker</b>

### Committee Heads:

Meeting Organization	<b>Ken O'Neill</b>
Membership	<b>Don Newington</b>
Program	<b>Carolyn Ray</b>
Special Events	<b>Dorothy Giddings</b>
Communications	<b>George Grimes</b>

### The Rocky Ride



Following the business meeting, **John Rimmington-Shaw**, President of the **Ontario Dry Stone Wall Association**, and his wife **Mary** gave us a tour of the dry stone wall sites in and around Port Hope.



The Moon Gate at the Garden Hill site.



**Linda and Hugh** share an intimate moment on a dry stone bench at the Hill & Dale Bed & Breakfast in Port Hope.

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Ken thanked **Mary** and **John Rimmington-Shaw** for the stimulating visit to the beautiful dry stone wall sites.



### The First Rate Lunch



Then everyone was ready for lunch. Dalewood treated us to an amazing spread of tasty cold cuts, salads, desserts and drinks...Here's looking at you **Dave!**



## NOVEMBER SPEAKERS

**12 Nov** – **Robin Long** will present a pictorial history of the commercial development of Walton Street using the Long Family Collection of photos dating back to the 1860s.

**26 Nov** – **Barb Winfield** along with **Selena Forsythe**, Chairperson of the Port Hope Accessibility Committee, will give a talk on Accessibility in Port Hope and the school program for Accessibility Awareness Week.

## SPECIAL UPCOMING SPEAKER'S NOTICE

Our December speaker, **Pat Bryan**, will read his book, ***A Child's Christmas in Port Hope***, which is based on Dylan Thomas' *A Child's Christmas in Wales*. Pat is quite delightful and the story is fabulous. He will sign books after his reading. His book will not be on sale at the meeting, however. If you wish to have a signed copy, please buy a copy of the book in advance and bring it with you.

## Wartime Internment in the Philippines



**Jenny Kyle**, our 8 October speaker, shared her experiences in a Japanese internment camp in the Philippines during WW II. While her father was interned in Hong Kong, three year old Jenny was interned in Manila along with her mother and siblings until the end of the war. We were all touched by her poignant description of her daily life and its hardships in the camp such as lack of water resulting in widespread diseases, a diet of watery rice and cornmeal, and no word from her father.

Towards the end of the war, rations were cut in half so that many detainees were forced to eat rats and tree bark. However, they did manage to get some decent food by exchanging personal belongings with Philipinos outside the barbed wire fences.

When American planes began to fly overhead, they were forbidden to look up...if they were caught looking up at the planes, they were made to stand with a bayonet under their chin.



They were finally rescued by American paratroopers at the end of the war. Jenny showed us videos of their rescue and of the Japanese surrender to General MacArthur as shown above.

## UPCOMING EVENTS...

### DINNER THEATRE

1 November at the Best Western in Cobourg  
5:00 PM dinner, 7:00 PM show  
"Relatively Speaking" a hilarious comedy.  
Steve Snell 905-885-9929

### APPS N' DRINKS

22 November at 2:00 PM  
Lois & Laverne Meadows 905-885-6715  
Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
20 people maximum

**SIGN UP NOW!**



**IS COMING QUICKLY  
RESERVE THIS DATE NOW**

### CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE PARTY

3 December at the Best Western in Cobourg  
Wonderful dinner buffet and cash bar  
Mike's Music DJ for dancing  
Price is being negotiated and will probably be  
less than \$45.00 per ticket  
Carolyn & Ray Williams 905-885-4309

## ONGOING EVENTS...

### PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation, drinks  
and a sumptuous door prize  
Last Tuesday of the month  
6:00 PM at the Beamish House  
Eileen Mountain 905-885-4816

### APPS & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks  
Steve Snell 905-885-9929

### EUCHRE

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

### BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1:30 PM  
Northshore Bowling Lanes  
Marshall Johnstone 905-885-8477

### LUNCH BUNCH

After 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the month at 12:30 PM  
Betty Curtis 905-885-5304

### CHESS

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday from 7 to 9 PM  
31 College Street  
Dave Broughton 905-885-1870

## Membership Information

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## Agawa Canyon Bus & Train Trip

Story and photos by **Betty Curtis**



On Sept. 22, 5 members of our club – **Betty & Gary Curtis, Betsy & John Wright and Julie Rondeau** – joined the Port Hope Probus club on a bus trip to Agawa Canyon and Frankenmuth, Michigan. This well organized trip was a chance to meet new friends and have lots of conversation and laughter as well as looking at great landscapes and small town uniqueness. The digital cameras got quite a workout.



Nothing can prepare you for the size of Bronners Christmas store in Frankenmuth. Lots of shopping was done and our members thoroughly enjoyed the trip.



## New Members

**SHIRLEY LOCKE**



I was born and raised in Oshawa where I married Jack, my now deceased husband of 50 years. Our home was in Courtice. I have 1 son, 3 daughters and four in-laws, and 13 grandchildren. We were in the quartz crystal electronic business for 45 years. It is still in operation in Bowmanville. I enjoy golf, theatre, dancing and travel. I look forward to getting to know you all better this year.

**LYNDA BRITTON**



I was born and raised in Toronto and taught public school for 35 years. This year my husband and I decided to move permanently to our cottage on Rice Lake. We had been commuting on weekends for seven years and got to know our neighbours quite well. We moved up to the lake full time in June when I retired from teaching. I enjoy reading, gardening, theatre and cooking. I joined Probus to meet new people. My husband, who plans to retire in December, looks forward to meeting all of the lovely people that I have met so quickly. Everyone has been so welcoming and friendly.