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CONGRATULATIONS 50-50 winners!

14 Aug – Joyce Ferguson

won \$42.00

4 Sep – Betsy Wright

won \$25.00

OCTOBER CREW

Caterers:

Captain.....Joan Bebee

9 Oct.....Don Ballantyne
Murray & Carol
Bolton

23 Oct.....Bert & Louise
Barracough

If unavailable please find a
substitute or call

905-885-8281

Greeters:

Captain.....Muriel Cornelius

9 Oct.....Anita Cotter
Vicki Davis

23 Oct.....Maggie & Reg
Colborne

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VERY SPECIAL AIR FORCE MUSEUM TRIP

Three major highlights added extra excitement to the interesting tour through the Trenton Air Force Museum for our members who visited there on 10 September. The first was a delicious and inexpensive meal in the Air Force base's enormous **military mess hall** which



offered choices of pizza as well as an Oriental dinner and many more.

The second special highlight was a welcoming talk at the museum by **Marilyn Dunne's son, Lieutenant Colonel Tom Dunne**, who became the Commander of the **424 Search and Rescue Squadron** on 14 August 2008. He described the mandate and activities of his unit.

And the third highlight was viewing the repatriation of **Sergeant Prescott Shipway**, the 97th Canadian Forces casualty in Afghanistan, as the convoy carrying his body passed by the museum on its way from the Trenton Air Base to the Highway Of Heroes and on to Toronto.



NOW IS THE TIME TO INVITE NEW MEMBERS TO JOIN OUR CLUB



Now that we are looking forward to the beginning of our second year, it is the best time to invite your friends, neighbors and relatives to join you in the fun, interesting, informative and sometimes lucrative activities of your Probus Club. Bring them in to sign up.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS DUE TODAY

Membership renewal time is here now. You'll want to renew your membership so that you can once again hear interesting speakers, socialize with like-minded colleagues, and attend interesting special events.

The renewal fee of **\$40** is **due today** at the Membership Renewal table which is set up to accept cash or cheque. When you renew, let us know if we need to make any changes to your Membership Roster information. If your plans have changed and you are not going to join for the 2008-09 year, please let us know.

Don Newington, 905-885-6293

PROUD MOM OF NEW SEARCH & RESCUE COMMANDER



Proud mom, **Marilynn Dunne**, poses with her son **Lieutenant Colonel Tom Dunne** in the 424 Squadron Hangar at CFB Trenton following his assumption of Command of the Squadron on 14 August 2008. The new commander spoke to our club group when we visited the Air Force Museum at the Trenton air base on 10 September.

Lieutenant Colonel Dunne graduated in 1987 from Port Hope High School and in 1991 from the Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario before embarking on a career in the Canadian Forces. He is a command pilot in the C-130 Hercules aircraft flown by 424 Squadron in its search and rescue operations. 424 Squadron is responsible for search and rescue operations for all of Ontario, most of Quebec, the Prairie Provinces, and all of the Canadian Arctic.

PROUD PARENTS OF NEW SPECIAL FORCES COMMANDER



Ron and June Smith are very proud of their son **Lieutenant Colonel Greg Smith** who was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in May and took command of the Canadian Special Operations Regiment which operates out of Petawawa in June.

This regiment is part of Canadian Special Operations Forces Command and is a unique force that is not part of the Army, Navy, or Air Force but carries out special missions to support these forces using special skills such as parachuting, demolitions and mountain climbing. They are the modern day version of the Special Operations Commando Force that **Don Ballantyne** served in during the Second World War and spoke to our group about in November.

NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS STUDIO TOUR ARTIST



Georgina Rose is one of the thirty-three artists who took part in the Northumberland Hills Studio Tour during the weekend of September 13th and 14th. These artists opened their studios throughout Northumberland

County to visitors who wanted to see their works of art as they produced them in their own studios.

Georgina is a quilter and her love of textiles and colour take shape in the form of wall hangings, vests, placemats and table runners as well as quilts. She has been quilting for twenty years.

She was born and educated in Warwickshire, England. She started painting at an early age, taking part time classes at an art school which included drawing and embroidery design. Her mother was a dressmaker and influenced **Georgina's** interest in sewing at a very early age. She worked as a drafts person after her schooling.

Georgina immigrated to Canada in 1966 and continued the same type of work. She joined the Franklin Carmichael Art Group in Etobicoke in 1986. She retired to Elizabethtown in 1994 and became a founding member of The Mill Artists who meet in Canton. She later joined the Northumberland Art Group for watercolour painting.

She is also interested in photography.

OUR FIRST ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The business of our first annual general meeting on 4 September was the presentation of yearly reports from all of the committees, the nomination and election of officers for the coming year, and the pinning ceremony for the new President and our first Past President.

The yearly committee reports were presented in a printed report and accepted by the membership. They also accepted the nominations from the nomination committee and the new officers and committee chairs were elected by the club members. The new committee chairs and the new officer are profiled on the last page.



Our new President, **Ken O'Neil**, pins **Hugh Parker** with the Past President's pin.

After the meeting, we were treated to a very interesting and entertaining historical bus tour of Port Hope by **Steve Snell** who has lived here all of his life. He regaled us with wonderful stories about the old houses of Port Hope that he learned through the experience of growing up in Port Hope as well as from his relatives. Everyone enjoyed Steve's tour.



OCTOBER SPEAKERS

9 Oct – **Ed Greenwood** is a Nebula prize nominated science fiction writer, GAMA award winning game designer and clerk at the Port Hope Public Library. He will talk about writing, stressing the importance for all of us to become writers also so that we can describe the anecdotes of our everyday lives, "For it is the minutia of our lives now in this time and space that will fascinate future readers," he says.

23 Oct – **Sherry Gibson** is the Volunteer Development Program Coordinator for Community Care Northumberland. She instructs volunteer drivers and will talk to us about:

- Characteristics of the mature driver
- Physical changes that affect the mature driver and how they affect driving performance
- Interacting with traffic
- Collision prevention

These are important topics for seniors with the need for winter driving skills rapidly approaching.

MAKE A SUGGESTION



A **suggestion box** has once again been added to the check-in tables. Feel free to write down your own unsigned constructive ideas and suggestions to any of the committees for future activities, program ideas, speakers or articles for the newsletter and slip them into the suggestion box.

BOWLING IS BACK



We are bowling once again with the Port Hope Probus Club as we did last year beginning on...

Monday, October 6 at 1:00 pm

At the **Northshore Bowling Lanes** in the Northumberland Mall in Cobourg

COME ON OUT AND GET BOWLED OVER...

MEET OUR NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIR DON NEWINGTON



Don emigrated from Southampton, England in 1967 and worked in the electronics industry in Ottawa. He moved to Port Hope in 1975 and worked at Westinghouse making fuel for the CANDU Nuclear reactors. He was an engineering manager at Zircatec prior to his retirement in 2000.

His hobby is woodworking, making cabinets like the beautiful one he made for our club name tags. He has been a volunteer with the Red Cross for the past six years and now also helps out with Meals on Wheels packing meals one day a week. His Sheltie dog makes sure that Don gets plenty of exercise every day.

MEET OUR NEW PROGRAM CHAIR CAROLYN RAY



Before retiring to Port Hope, Carolyn was Principal of a very large Inner City K-8 school in Toronto. Her path to that job involved years of teaching almost every grade with time spent as a Consultant of Language Arts/English.

Now she spends time each day doing stained glass work as a hobby and she is a volunteer usher at the Capitol Theatre and is Chair of the Friends of the Library.

"Retirement is grand!" she exclaims.

MEET OUR NEW SPECIAL EVENTS CHAIR DOROTHY GIDDINGS



Dorothy has lived in Port Hope for forty one years. When she first moved here, she moved into a house only until a new one could be built. She is still living in that original house.

She taught elementary school in a one room schoolhouse.

Dorothy raised two children and is now a grandmother.

She is a widow and enjoys reading, knitting and traveling.

"...so I decided to get out of my chair and stir up the social side of Probus," she explains.

MEET OUR NEW VICE PRESIDENT EILEEN MOUNTAIN



Eileen retired in March 2002 after 22 years in private health administration. Eileen now volunteers with Horizon's of Friendship which supports community development work in Central America and Mexico. Eileen was one of the original community founding members of the Port Hope Community Health Centre. She also co-chaired the first Trinity College School Bear Fair.

Eileen, along with her husband Russ, have two grown children and four wonderful grandchildren. Eileen and Russ enjoy having fun with their three dogs, two labs and a Jack Russell Terrier named Jack.