

PROBUS NORTHSHORE

NEWSLETTER



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Past President Bruce passes gavel to new President Sharron

Bruce - - - When I think back to taking over the President's position from Chuck Kennedy I realize that the old adage "time flies by when you are having fun" really is true when you are involved with Northshore Probus. Over the past year we have continued with our planned events -Christmas Party, Anniversary Picnic etc.-and added two new social events-The Lunch bunch after the second Monthly meeting and Drinks and Appies at members' homes. All these events are a result of the work of "volunteers" who step up and make things happen, these volunteers include the Executive Committee and all the members of the Management team, without them we really wouldn't be a club of any kind. I have seen this member involvement since the beginning of Northshore Probus five years ago. Knowing that all executive and committee positions are filled, our membership has grown to 168, and we have completed a financial review that will keep us on the right side of the ledger in the coming years I want to say that it is both a pleasure and a privilege to have served you and look forward to turning the Chair over to Sharron McMann

Sharron - - Wow! I have received the gavel! President of Northshore Probus! Thank you for your confidence and the honour to serve you. I will strive to continue to build on the strong base built by our previous presidents (all male, you might

note), Jack Chapman, Paddy McCoy, Doug Palmer, Chuck Kennedy and Bruce Collins. A special thank you to Bruce who took on the role a year earlier than he expected in order for me to deal with some health issues. These men have built our club to the 168 member strong club that it is today.

In the community, I hear our club called "the fun club", "the nice club", or "the club that cares". This reputation is due fully to our members...each of you. Bruce talks about the many successful events that took place over this past year. I cannot even start to name or to count the number of you that have been the secret to these successful events or the events of past years. The event may originate in a management meeting but it is only an idea on paper until the members organize it and run with it. I thank each and every one of you for your strong participation! I can only ask you to continue with this support during my term as an executive cannot work in a vacuum.

A sincere thank you to all members who volunteered for the 2008/2009 executive roles and all the committees. I am surrounded by an awesome team with whom I will be proud to work. I hope all of you who have ideas for future events, programmes, speakers, or any suggestions will let me or one of them know. I would suggest you put it in writing because my memory is not what it used to be. I will not promise to implement every suggestion but I will promise to listen and consider it. Here's to another successful year!



5th Anniversary Edition

Presidents - 2003-2008



Jack Chapman
2003-2004



Paddy McCoy
2004-2005



Doug Palmer
2005-2006



Chuck Kennedy
2006-2007



Bruce Collins
2007-2008



2008—2009 Executive

Sharron McMann -- President
 Bob Skene ----- Vice President
 Bruce Collins ----- Past President
 Joanne Hamilton --- Treasurer

Bruce Steel ----- 2nd Vice President
 Mary Henry ----- 2nd Record. Secretary
 Rose Wood ----- 2nd Corresp. Sec.

Missing

Roberta Armstrong - Corresponding Sec.
 Marion Butters --- Recording Secretary



First Probud Meeting



2nd Anniversary Speaker

Picnics and Car Rallies









CHRISTMAS PARTIES

2006 - 2007



2007 Spring Fling hosted by Northshore



Spring Fling Planning



Bowling 2007



Bowling 2008



Bake Sale 2006



The Curlers' Trophy 2007



2008 Picnic



2007 Bonspiel

PROBUS CLUB OF NORTHSHORE

Cobourg, Ontario
(Founded August 6, 2003)

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

To provide regular meetings for retired and semi-retired professional and business persons, and others with like backgrounds, who appreciate and value increased opportunities for social contacts, addresses on and discussion of topical subjects.

To arrange visits by members to places and organizations of interest.

To arrange activities of interest to members.

(from our constitution)



Our scribe Julius Varga

Polishing the Golden Years

Of course time matters. All races demand stamina to insure a good finish, as the poet writes... "I dream my courage, and will - - Until my breath is taken from me Bright with endurance." But life itself "is lived in rhythmmed time" according to Leon Klass... "filled first of all with those intimate human relations that are ours..." And this is the space that Probud so adequately fills.

Its goals seem simple enough, "to provide regular meetings...increased opportunity for social contact...discussion of topical subjects." What has made all this matter is the enthusiasm with which all of us strive to make them happen.

Speakers are sought out not just to inform but also to inspire. People open their homes for "Wine and Appies", share their vans on Road Rallies. Even more volunteer to organize activities, parties, lunches. athletic competitions: golf, bowling, curling. Committees exist to arrange dinner theatre, make arrangements to take advantage of our vibrant local cultural life as well as outings to Toronto for performances and concerts. Opportunities abound for all to be involved and, of greater importance, an ever widening circle with which to share them. And then, there is the solace of knowing that when one's race appears to have run its course, there will be many to care, encourage, offer hope.

Happy Anniversary Probud, thanks for the memories.

In memory of those we have lost
We thought of you with love today but that is nothing new
We thought about you yesterday and days before that too
We think of you in silence, we often speak your name
All we have are memories and your picture in a frame
Your memory is our keepsake with which we'll never part
God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts

Jack Baillie
Susan Van Blaricom
Jack Littley
Bill Hart
David Buttars
John Heffernan
Jessie Hocking-Hall

Our apologies if we have inadvertently missed any names