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# A Final Thought

## Philosophy of Ambiguity

1. ONE TEQUILA, TWO TEQUILA, THREE TEQUILA, FLOOR...
2. WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?
3. WOULD A FLY WITHOUT WINGS BE CALLED A WALK?
4. WHY DO THEY PUT BRAILLE ON THE DRIVE-THROUGH BANK MACHINES?
5. ONE NICE THING ABOUT EGOTISTS: THEY DON'T TALK ABOUT OTHER PEOPLE
6. IF YOU ATE BOTH PASTA AND ANTIPASTO, WOULD YOU STILL BE HUNGRY?
7. WHY IS IT CALLED TOURIST SEASON IF WE CAN'T SHOOT AT THEM?
8. WHY IS THERE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON SOUR CREAM?

## DIFFERENT WAYS OF LOOKING AT THINGS

(or the uncertainty of the English language)

Two guys were discussing popular family trends on sex, marriage, and values.

Stu said, "I didn't sleep with my wife before we got married, Did you?"

"Leroy replied, "I'm not sure, what was her maiden name?"

# PROBUS NORTHSHORE

## NEWSLETTER



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### PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

December is upon us and winter is letting us know that it is here. It has already given us a taste of its wintry weather in the form of snow, wind, cold and ice. Of course it gives us a new weather topic to talk about because we Canadians love to talk about the weather as if it was something new each year.

Our last meeting was a veritable hum of activity...with the Bake Sale committee setting up before the meeting and with all the bidding going on from break time until the call was made to close the bidding, The competition was fierce and even some gentle underhanded tactics were used to get items. Right, Bob?

But much fun ensued and many went home with terrific homemade goodies that we even might pass as our own baking!

A big thank-you goes out to Mary Potter and her committee. It was wonderful to see so many people volunteering to help and to see new members on the committee. Take a big bow for a job well done.



Another big thank-you goes to all who donated...what a super selection from some great bakers.

Again, I want to thank June Collins, Carol Lawless and their committee for the super organization of the trip to see Jersey Boys...to paraphrase the song "December 1963", from the show "Oh, what a night. Late November back in '08. What a very special time for me, 'Cause I remember what a night. "

It is so good to hear that our ill members are progressing so well and we are looking forward to seeing them at our meetings again soon. We have missed you.

December also gives us a great excuse to "PARTEE" and Yvonne Seymour and her committee of elves is working to give us another great evening. Don't forget to get your tickets today or you will have missed a wonderful event.

At this time of year I wish to extend my very best wishes to each of you and your families and I hope the New Year brings you good health and happiness!

Sharron



# Bulletin Board

Join area Probus clubs on Feb. 2, 2009 at the Northshore Bowling Lanes in Northumberland Mall Cobourg for our Annual tournament. The cost to bowl will be \$10. per person and lunch will be \$15. per person and is being held at the Cobourg Legion at 12:30p.m. following the bowling. Members not wishing to bowl can come out and cheer the teams on and then join us for lunch or just come out for the lunch. See Jack Chapman to sign up.

### BAKE AND CRAFT SALE

Thank you Probus Northshore for your generous donations to the bake and craft sale and for your participation in the purchase of 170 items. A total of \$693 was raised to assist with expenses for the Christmas party.

Special thanks to the committee for their great work: Bob Mossing, Helen Scott, Karen Goodfellow, Dorothy Miller, Marg Brocanier, Judy Johnson, Edwina Mears, Cheryl Langdon, Lee Wakelin, Carol Dewey, Bonnie Timlin and Kathy MacLean.

*Mary Potter*

### Programme Speakers and Events

- Dec. 3 Rotary Representatives to Tanzania - Joanne and Jim Stewart
- Dec 10 Christmas Party
- Next regular meeting Is Jan 7
- Jan. 7 Hospice -Speaker T.B.A.
- Jan. 21 Rick Stronks - Bears and Algonquin Park
- Feb. 4 Dave Dryden - Sleeping Children around the World
- Feb. 18 Small Business and Hobby Show

Rose Wood and Cal Johnston Co-Chairs



Show me a piano falling down a mine shaft and I'll show you A-flat miner.



**Do not miss this year's Christmas Party.**

**Get a group together or come on your own and join a table!**

**Join your Probus colleagues for another enjoyable evening of fun and merriment!**

**The Christmas Party is**

**Wednesday, December 10, 2008**

**At the Cobourg Lion's Centre**

**Doors open at 6:30 pm (and not before)**

**Dinner at 7:00 pm (a served meal)**

**Music by  
*The Band of Gold***

**Ticket Price  
\$45.00 each ( members and guests )**

**Sign up sheet available today. See Louise Varga or Joanne Hamilton.  
Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup> and guests are welcome.  
At the time of purchase table reservations can be taken.**



**See you there!**



Social Activities and Events

- Dec. 10 Christmas Dinner & Dance. The Lions Center
- Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Oriana Singers Wassail concert - 2 pm - \$30.00 each - cabaret style (with a minimum of 8 tickets sold).
- Dec. 17 Drinks & Appies - Hosts Bryan & Roberta Armstrong 7 pm  
Hosts for Drinks & Appies are needed for February and April.
- Feb. 2 Bowling Tournament at Northumberland Mall followed by lunch at the Cobourg Legion - see bulletin board
- Feb. 6. On Golden Pond - Best Western Dinner Theatre - 32 tickets available Cost \$33.75. - make cheques payable to Best Western dated Jan. 10.
- Feb 18<sup>th</sup> Lynn and Bruce Bateman will be the coordinators for the Small Business and Hobby Show

**Drinks and Appies**  
December 17 - - 7pm  
Roberta & Bryan Armstrong  
737 Westwood Drive Cobourg  
905-372-5908



Diane Morrison - Co-ordinator

**Trips, Tours and Theatre**  
( Out of Town )

1. 'Hair'- Capitol Theater, Port Hope - - 7:30 pm  
Feb. 28 - Cost \$22 to 25 TBA
2. 'The Sound of Music'- The Princess of Wales Theatre, Toronto  
May 13 Matinee- Cost TBA Sign up sheets Jan 7



June Collins and Carol Lawless (Co-Chairs)

A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it. .

Speaker's Corner



Our scribe  
Julius Varga

An Adventurous Life Persists

All can recall Gordon Lightfoot's reminiscence "There was a time in this great land when the railroad did not run...", nor, for that matter, planes fly, nor cars drive, when "Getting there" was never "half the fun". No journey undertaken lightly, for the land, ever the tenacious foe, yielded its distances begrudgingly but to the wary and the strong, leaving the trials of its passage the stuff of saga and song. Of course most gladly surrender adventure for the price of convenience, preferring the land's ruggedness served up with breakfast in a dome car. Still for a few the passions for this past persists. Jim Cunningham breeder of Siberian Huskies, world champion dog-sled racer from Centreton is one of them.

It is interesting how simply a quest can begin: a Boy Scout project to build a dog sled followed later by "the gift of a dog the gift for his birthday." Now Jim admits with a smile, "She bought me a mistake". When he had four dogs he started racing. Training dogs now takes over much of the time not required for his day job, "...7:00 to 11:00 pm August to April ...majority of the weekends over the winter taken up with racing." Then there are the costs, "\$12,000 a year...lots of chicken and salmon shipped in.", specialized transportation for competitions and shows, "A dog truck that carries 16

dogs each in its very own 32x18 inch box and all their equipment."

Of course he is very proud of his animals. "Eight dogs in the pure bred class can go 60 miles in 5 1/2 hour...pull a truck out of the mud...one dog pull a quad-runner through the Northumberland forest." He has come to know their intelligence, their ability to learn and then follow to verbal commands, to rely on their instincts, "A good lead dog can feel the hard packed trail."



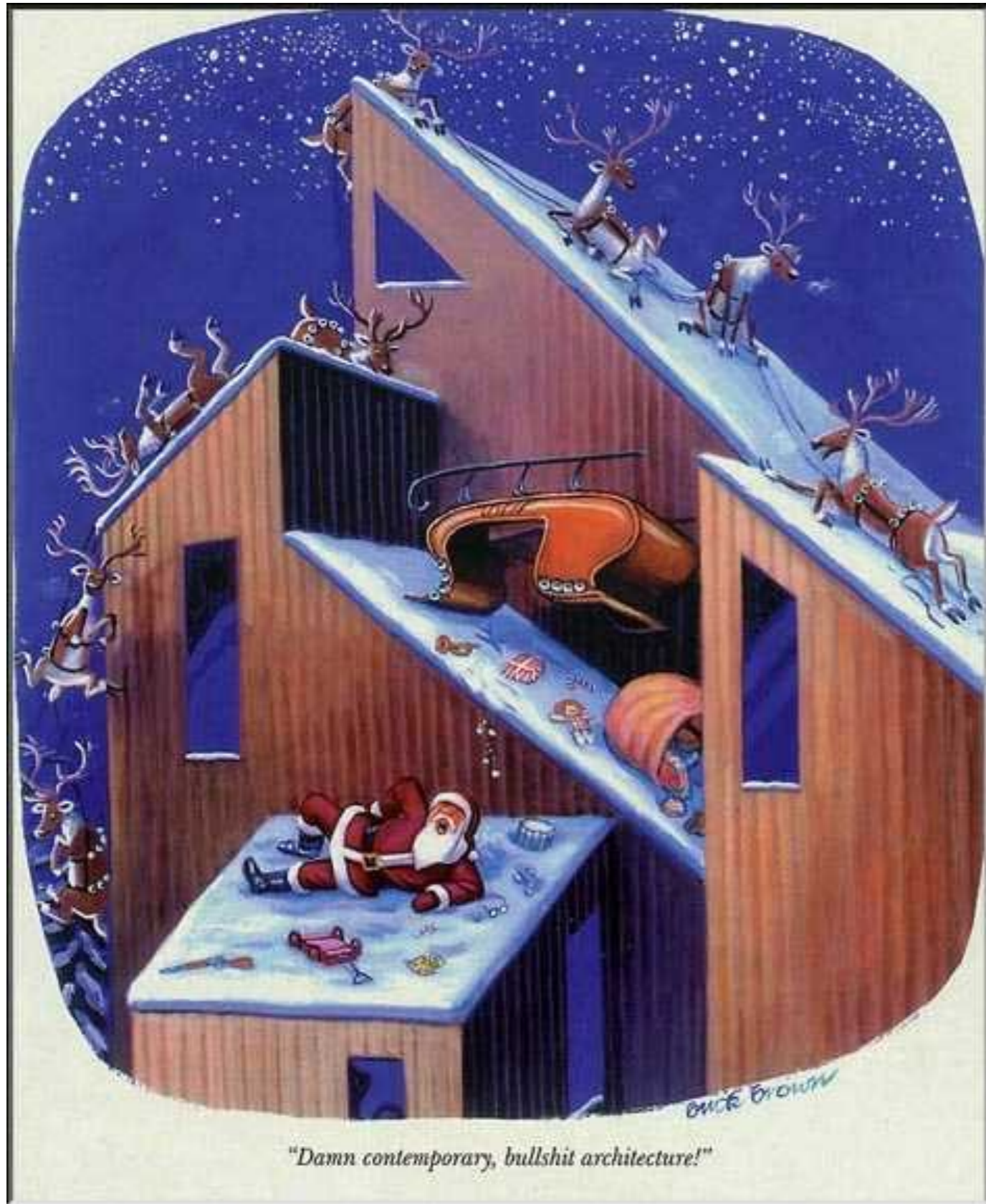
2005 World Championships  
Dawson City, Yukon, Canada  
6 Dog Race

But it is the challenge that has him in its thrall. "Once you're out there you are on your own." Minus 32F with minus 40F wind chill dismissed as "perfect racing weather". His stories abound with the pleasure of the struggle, "...400 miles, 5 1/2 days, 100 hours sleep for the dogs, 5 1/2 hours for him". Or, trapped by a 12 hour storm, little to do but stop, feed the dogs, rest as much as possible, wait it out, only to discover that another racer had been nearby all the time trapped as he was.

Jim muses "If there is snow, I am not going to spend my time sitting around the house." His daughter has even

got the bug, "races three dog teams". Then there are the Kid and Mutt Races in Marmora, one kid, one dog, and one quarter mile course. Of course the dog is hardly challenged by all this so he and his daughter run beside the sled and when it's over he grabs the dog and she grabs the kid. Who says struggle can't be fun?

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine was fully recovered.



**T'WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS**

*The Bake and Craft Sale*



Bonnie Timlin

Judi Curtis

*New members inducted into the club by President Sharon*



Bob Spooner

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.