

PROBUS NORTHSHORE

NEWSLETTER



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Presidents' Message

Well the elections are over and we're starting into a new year for Northshore Probus. The past year was an exciting one. Thanks and congratulations are due to Sharron McMann for her guidance over the past year. It was our pleasure to be a part of her management team.

We'd like to thank the committee chairs, the event coordinators and all who served on the committees on behalf of the club members. Congratulations for so many jobs well done.

Some of our Management Committee and Committee Chairs or Co-chairs have decided not to stand again for a position. We appreciate all they have done over the years. And while still active in the club, we thank Bruce and June Collins, Rose Wood and Cal Johnston, Joanne Hamilton, Mary Henry, Jane Burns, Beatrice Timlin and Carol Lawless. Thank you all for making this club the success that it is.

This year due to personal commitments, the job of President will be shared by Bruce Steel and Bob Skene. We will certainly devote our full efforts to the task.

The new Executive has been appointed and all are anxious to take up their

roles. The Committee Chairs are also ready to get started. They have some committee members in place, but if you would like to serve on one or two committees, we have lots of room for your participation. Talk to any one of the Committee Chairs or someone on the Management Team. We'll help you to get together with the committee of your choice.

This year we're going to work on improving our line of succession for the various positions in the club. We want it to be fun for people to lead various club projects and at the same time, enjoy the opportunity to learn a little more about the overall operation of Northshore Probus.

In our experience, everyone who has participated in any aspect of club leadership has found it to be fun. We hope more of you will consider taking an active role in club activities.

Remember, this is your club. Any suggestions you have to improve what we are doing would be appreciated. Please bring your ideas forward to any member of the Management Team. Or better yet, come to a Management Team meeting and talk to us about it. We're only as successful as the participation of our members.

Bob and Bruce

Social Activities and Events



Bridge Club 2 will be at Sharon O'Connor's on Oct. 15th at 1pm. and at Rick Pot-
ters on Oct. 29th. Please let them know if you can play,

Rick and I would like to invite everyone to our place for **Drinks & Appies** on Oc-
tober 16th at 7pm. We are at 1195 Massey Rd. Grafton. Maps are available.

The next **Dinner Theatre at the Best Western** is a play called "Relatively
Speaking". We are going with Northumberland Probud on Friday November 6th.
The tickets are \$33.75. A signup sheet is on the side table and cheques are to be
made out to the Best Western.

Bake and Regifting Silent Auction coming up on November 18th. Start looking
around for items and pull out your favourite recipes. Everyone enjoys home bak-
ing. All proceeds go towards the Christmas Party.

Diane Morrison - Co-ordinator

Trips, Tours and Theatre
(Out of Town)

"West Side Story" Stratford Festival Theatre
Sunday November 8th 2pm
Cost \$125.00 See the Sign-up Sheet, cheques due at sign-up



Sharron McMann Co-ordinator:

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember that a lone amateur built the Ark. A
large group of professionals built the Titanic.

Speaker's Corner



Our scribe
Julius Varga

Man on a Mission

Of course, music is the perfect ambience whatever the mood or activity. I customarily crank geriatric rock when I vacuum until my wife less than politely inquires, "Does that have to be so loud?" (I always answer, Yes!" even now, in spite of my new hearing aids. Volume, it's a guy thing.) The technology that enables its ubiquity creates an issue for performing musicians. If it's everywhere, all the time, one needn't search hard to find it. Thus Michael Newnham's challenge as Director of Northumberland Symphony and Choir is to tempt an audience away from its gadgets to experience a wider range of music offering as enticement for the opportunity to see live musicians perform it.

The Symphony and Choir are just another one of our area's cultural treasures. (What other town can offer a choice of six different concerts in the weeks before Christmas.) Still it remains unique as Michael explains, "There are places that have choirs and there are places that have symphonies but seldom both...nowhere in Ontario." Beginning in the 1970's it remains "a community orchestra...practicing once a week, performing four times a year." Its program "includes music from the 1600's to the present, (featuring) this year a new work composed by someone from Port Hope." As Michael points out, "It's here as a ser-



vice to the community...an outreach, bringing in musicians...sending musicians into the school. ...a means to its education."

Education has been a personal quest for Michael himself. Studying in Toronto and Indiana he still felt unable to find adequate training needed to be a conductor. He went to Warsaw for a year, extended it to two but he stayed for seven. (Yes, there was a woman involved. She is now his wife.) He then moved on to South Korea! When, after he got there, he asked why he was chosen. The answer was hardly flattering, "Conductors from Eastern Europe were good but also cheap." Still he insists, "By working in other places a person learns a lot."

To him the ancient Greeks had it right. All learning was divided under two headings. Science was "the study of phenomena, all things tangible", music all the rest, "all things intangible" including the likes of philosophy, literature. "Today", he deplores, "Music is not something that we need much of; (it is) just something in addition to everything else." Music, once the perk of the privileged Michael insists is for all, "important to the identity of the community".

Then as Shakespeare wrote and the Duke of Orsino in *Twelfth Night* said, "If music be the food of love, play on", Michael knows and must reply, "Give me excess of it".

Julius

If you can smile when things go wrong , you have someone in mind to blame

Speakers and Entertainment

Oct. 21 ANGIE FAZEKAS

Angie is the manager of the new Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair Trade and not for profit store on King Street. She will be speaking about the store's unique approach to giving artisans the world over a fair wage for fair work. She will also be referencing her work in Peru two years ago with Cross Cultural Solutions.



John Fazekas : Convenor

Newfoundland style corned beef (Jiggs) Dinner and Dance

Lion's Community Centre **Oct. 17th.**

Doors open at 5pm - Dinner at 6pm - Dance at 8pm.

A silent auction will take place during this period

50/50 draw, door and dance prizes, and a Newfie "Screech-In"

Cost \$20 per person for dinner and dance; \$8 just for the dance

Old country music, with a few jives/twists, etc thrown in along with Down East tunes

Dinner tickets are available at the Lion's Centre, St. John Ambulance on D'Arcy St.

or by calling Art Seymour at 613-373-0312

Dance only tickets will be available at the door after 7:45pm

Cut-off date for Dinner Tickets is Oct. 12th.

All proceeds go to St. John Ambulance

Event organized by members of both Lions Clubs and various Probus members

Art Seymour, Chair, Organizing Committee

Did you ever notice: The Roman Numerals for forty (40) are 'XL.'



Management Team 09/10



Northshore's Master Rally Driver.....Mater make way

This Month Puzzles

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WORD SEARCH

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| ACORN | EQUINOX | NOVEMBER | SEPTEMBER |
| APPLE | FALL | OCTOBER | SHORTER DAYS |
| BIRD MIGRATION | FARMING | ORANGE LEAVES | SQUASH |
| BLOWING LEAVES | FEAST | PIE | SWEET POTATOES |
| BLUSTERY DAY | FROST | PUMPKIN | THANKSGIVING |
| CANNING | HALLOWEEN | RAKE | TURKEY |
| CHESTNUTS | HARVEST | RED LEAVES | WINDY |
| CHILLY | HAYSTACK | SCARECROW | YELLOW LEAVES |
| COLD | HICKORY NUTS | SCHOOL | |
| CROPS | LONGER NIGHTS | SEASON | |

S u d o k u

Every digit from 1 to 9 must appear:
 · In each of the columns,
 · in each of the rows,
 · and in each of the nine boxes.

Crossword

Across

- Enchanted (10)
- Repeat rhythmically (5)
- Circular (5)
- Debt collectors (4)
- Like chalk (6)
- Easy to understand (6)
- Musical percussion instrument (4)
- Characterised by rain (5)
- Enumerate (5)
- Large flightless bird (3)
- Compound of hydrogen and oxygen (10)
- Encounter (4)

Down

- Shrimp (5)
- Permits (4)
- Welsh coastal village (5)
- Customary (5)
- Father (5)
- Chilled (4)
- Plant juice (3)
- Help (3)
- Metal fastener (5)
- Damp (5)
- A single thickness of something (5)
- Path (5)
- Hand (4)
- Worthless people (4)

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The Tired Dog

An older, tired-looking dog wandered into my yard. I could tell from his collar and well-fed belly that he had a home and was well taken care of. He calmly came over to me, I gave him a few pats on his head; he then followed me into my house, slowly walked down the hall, curled up in the corner and fell asleep.

An hour later, he went to the door, and I let him out.

The next day he was back, greeted me in my yard, walked inside and resumed his spot in the hall and again slept for about an hour. This continued off and on for several weeks.

Curious, I pinned a note to his collar: 'I would like to find out who the owner of this wonderful sweet dog is and ask if you are aware that almost every afternoon your dog comes to my house for a nap.'

The next day he arrived for his nap, with a different note pinned to his collar:

'He lives in a home with 6 children, 2 under the age of 3 - he's trying to catch up on his sleep.

Can I come with him tomorrow?'



One day the first grade teacher was reading the story of Chicken Little to her class. She came to the part where Chicken Little warns the farmer. She read, "...and Chicken Little went up to the farmer and said, "The sky is falling!" The teacher then asked the class, "And what do you think that farmer said?" One little girl raised her hand and said, "I think he said: 'Holy Sh*t! A talking chicken!'" The teacher was unable to teach for the next 10 minutes.

Trivia Winners Sept 09
Team Northwest Territories
 Cheryl Brackenbury
 Bruce Collins
 June Collins
 Mary Henry
 Bea Timlin
 Reg Timlin

What is the 5th number in this sequence? 1, 4, 25, 676 , ____?

What is the 6th number in this sequence? 1, 2, 6, 42, 1806, ____?

" See, the problem is that God gave men a brain and a penis, and only enough blood to run one at a time "
Robin Williams

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