

PROBUS NORTHSHORE

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Presidents' Message

Our constitution states that two of our objectives are to provide "increased opportunities for social contacts" and "arrange visits by members to places of interest". We certainly achieve this. Besides the semi-monthly meetings, our club has developed a number of opportunities where we can get together with fellow club members to share like interests or just have a fun time.

Our two bridge clubs, genealogy club, lunch bunch and drinks & appies, are events organised by our members for everyone who wishes to participate. Besides these popular clubs and social events, our excursions to local and out of town theatres are well attended. We as a club thank the members who work so hard to make certain all these events and groups are a success.

Two of our latest get-togethers were "a day at the races" at Kawartha Downs and our annual car rally. While there was some slight concern that the organizer June Collins may be guilty of running a bookie operation, the contest to pick the greatest number of winners in the races was won by Joanne Hamilton. Unfortunately, Joanne didn't follow up her picks at the pari-mutuel wicket, so she went

home with just her prize and having had a great evening. We can all say we had a great evening, including those of us who contributed to the coffers of the track.

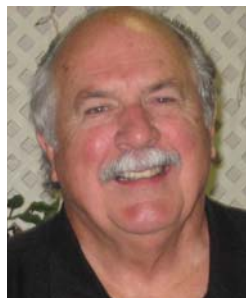
Again this year the car rally was an outstanding success. The route was interesting, lunch was delicious and the questions tested our powers of observation. We all had a lot of fun. It was a close decision and several iterations were examined before Terry and Gloria Ashcroft beat out Paul and Peggy Linton. Congratulations to all navigators and drivers, particularly these four.

And the good times continue to roll. We have the upcoming bake sale leading into our Christmas Party. We hope everyone will be able to attend the party in December to celebrate this festive time of year.

Many people work very hard to make our events a success. We all appreciate everything that you do.

To all our members - if there is something you would like to see happen as an event, or if you have a suggestion, we ask you to bring it up to someone on the Management Team or the specific Committee Chair.

Bob



Social Activities and Events



Bridge Club 2 will be at Dorla Hope's on Nov. 12th and at Kathy Maclean's on Nov. 26th. Please let them know if you can play.

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

Lunch Bunch on Nov. 18th is at Dalewood Country Club, serving a sandwich buffet at a cost of \$15. Please let Dorothy Miller know if you would like to attend.

10,000 Villages has invited us to an exclusive shopping night on Nov. 25th from 7 - 9 pm. Please take advantage of this evening and enjoy some light fair trade refreshments. Let Diane Morrison know if you plan to attend.

Christmas Dinner and Dance on Dec. 9th at the Lions Center featuring "Unrehearsed". Yvonne Seymour and her committee have planned a fabulous meal, great music and lots of door prizes. Come out and celebrate the holiday season with us all. Tickets are \$35.

Diane Morrison - Co-ordinator

Trips, Tours and Theatre
(Out of Town)

Travel Survey Results:

February 2011- 28 days in Portugal-66 people (still taking names)
 Rockettes' Christmas Show - 13 people – too few for a group and a bus
 Museums and AGO - 25 people
 Orillia - 30 people
 Cross Border Shopping - 35 people
 I will research these and come back with information.
 Please let me know if you have further suggestions.



Sharron McMann Co-ordinator:

What is the 5th number in this sequence? 1, 4, 25, 676 , ___? Answer 458,329

The sole purpose of a child's middle name is so he can tell when he's really in trouble

Speaker's Corner



Our scribe
Julius Varga

Fairness

Of course, life is not fair, examples of human misery all too common, the desire to lead a good life ever put at risk by the inability to earn a good living.

True, such imbalances exist everywhere but in the industrialized world they define the quality of lifestyle, but in the Third World they threaten life's existence. Enter *Ten Thousand Villages*, a chain of 51 stores across Canada. Its mission, as Angie Fazekas, manager of the Cobourg store, would explain is to balance out the inequities of the market place while working to share more fairly its rewards.

The imbalances are all too obvious. "Half the world lives on less than \$2.00 a day" as Angie laments, "earning 2% of the price that we pay for their goods (after) all the middlemen take their cut." They are held in bondage by "exploitive loans they can never pay back (often forced into) selling their kidneys and even their children into brothels to remove the obligation."

Creating a "long term commitment" is the key to making the marketplace fairer. Artisans are paid a "fair wage for their area...based on the cost of raw materials, labour, and a reasonable return." The artisans receive half the money upfront so they can pay their costs and the other half when goods are shipped so they can prepare for next year. *Ten Thousand Villages* buyers work with them "to modify their products" and when "they are self sufficient they are ready to move on to a new group."

Where it operates *Ten Thousand Villages* is more than just a market for their products, it is a social service for women. "Two-thirds of the poorest in the Third World are women" and as Angie is pleased to say, "70% of *Ten Thousand Villages* artisans are women". With their income they are able to pay for "child care...get free of abusive relationships...send their children to school." She is proud that because of *Ten Thousand Villages'* assistance "4000 girls are now in schools".

Most importantly the status of women has improved. As Angie quotes a community member, "Before we didn't believe in our women—now we see they are taking part in the welfare of the community."

Opportunity has become the author of creativity. Materials used are what is available, reuse common. A group from the Philippines makes trivets and coasters from recycled paper and starch solution, another one creates bowls from reclaimed wood.

Not being paid by piecework, Angie assures, "encourages taking the time and care... insuring high quality goods."

As all too often happens one good deed earns another. *Ten Thousand Villages'* stores are staffed with volunteers and in this, Cobourg is no exception. Angie is thankful for its "phenomenal support". But then we can expect no less, for the pie is hardly big enough unless everyone gives seeking in return only their fair share.



Julius

Speakers and Entertainment

- Nov. 4th Tracey West Climbing Mount Kilimanjoro
- Nov. 18th Bake and regifting sale
- Dec. 2nd Orianna Singers
- Dec. 9th Christmas Party

Please advise John, Rose, Rick or Bryan about any suggestions you have for speakers and entertainment.



John Fazekas : Convenor

A man owned a small dairy farm near Cavan

The Department of Labour claimed he was not paying proper wages to his staff and sent a representative out to interview him.

'I need a list of your employees and how much you pay them,' demanded the rep.

'Well,' replied the farmer, 'there's my farm hand who's been with me for 3 years.

I pay him \$200 a week and he has free room and board.'

'The cook has been here for 18 months, and I pay her \$150 per week plus free room and board.'

'Then there's the half-wit. He works about 18 hours every day and does about 90% of all the work around here.

He makes about \$10 per week, pays his own room and board, and I buy him a few bottles of beer every Saturday night.

He also sleeps with my wife occasionally.'

'That's the guy I want to talk to.....the half-wit,' says the agent.

'That would be me,' replied the farmer.

Long ago when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft.
Today, it's called golf



***It's Party Time
Again!***



Do not miss this year's Christmas Party?

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

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

The committee is working hard to make it another great event.

**A served turkey dinner, wine, great music, with games, prizes and fun for all!
The committee is keeping what was enjoyed from past years and adding some new de-
lights. Look at the price!**

The Christmas Party is

Wednesday, December 9, 2009

At the Cobourg Lions Centre

**Doors open at 6:15 pm for Cocktails (and not before)
Dinner with wine at 7:00 pm (a served meal)**

**Music by "Unrehearsed"
With Bob Trennum & Lee Batchelor**

**Ticket Price \$35.00 each
Table reservations can be made.**

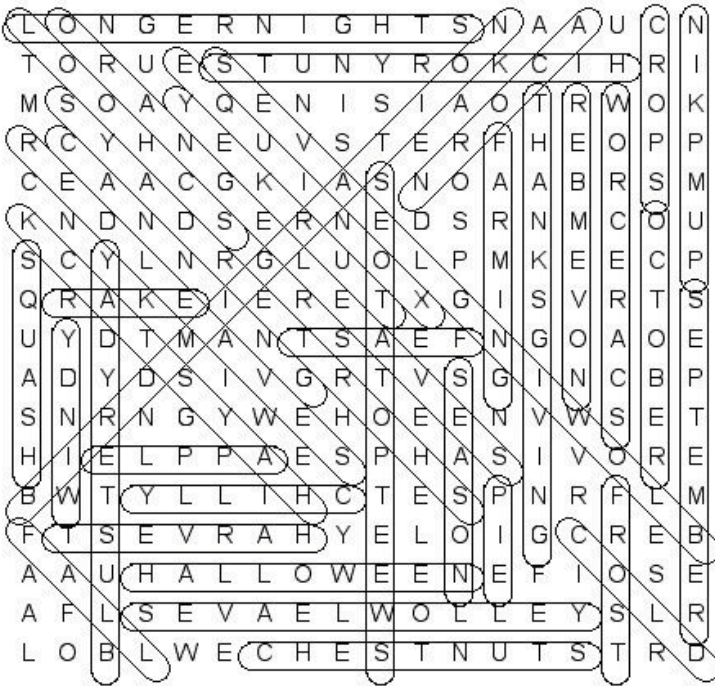
**Tickets & Sign up sheet available Nov. 4th.
See Louise Varga or Joanne Hamilton
Tickets must be purchased by Dec. 2nd
Guests are welcome**



See you there !



Answers to October Puzzles



7	2	9	8	5	1	3	6	4
6	3	8	4	9	2	7	1	5
1	4	5	7	3	6	9	8	2
5	7	1	3	2	8	6	4	9
8	9	4	5	6	7	2	3	1
3	6	2	1	4	9	8	5	7
9	8	6	2	1	4	5	7	3
4	5	7	9	8	3	1	2	6
2	1	3	6	7	5	4	9	8

What is the 6th number in this sequence?
 1, 2, 6, 42, 1806, ___?
 Answer 3,263,442

The Probus Car Rally was held October 7, 2009. There were 94 tickets sold. Thanks to the committee of Kathy & Shane Maclean, Diane & Rick Morrison, Sharon O'Connor & Ron Watters, Bruce Collins, John Fazekas, Donna Heenan, and Cheryl Brackenbury. Well done everyone. The enthusiasm of all participants made it a fun day.



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