



# THE PRO-BUZZ

JANUARY 2010  
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Prior to racing ahead with our dreams and hopes for 2010 or as it's being called...twenty-ten, perhaps we should look back and remember what a busy and entertaining year we had in 2009.

Both the United States of America AND Northumberland Probus welcomed new Presidents.

For those who enjoyed watching others perform there were plays and shows including:

On Golden Pond The Last Resort Camelot The Affections of May  
The Woolgatherer Broadway in the Barn Saturday Night at the Opera  
Viagara Falls Relatively Speaking The Right Way to Pontypool

And special events such as:

Toronto All-Star Big Band Cirque Du Soleil

Thank you Verna and to all the hard working social volunteers!!

*We should remember our favourite people who do our alterations caused only in part by the marvelous lunch arrangements put together by Marcie Polson and Doris Rasmussen. These arrangements included visits to:*

*The Buttermilk Café Capone's Italian Eatery The Matterhorn Palisade Gardens Casey's The Mill and Baulai Taste of Thai*

*Not to be forgotten our own dining enjoyment at:*

*Sandy Flats Sugar Bush for pancakes Our Valentine's Lunch Picnic in the Park Our 9<sup>th</sup> Birthday Breakfast BBQ at Everil and Bill Alls Robbie Burn's haggis*

More fun stuff included in no particular order:



The Easter Parade, Ski Trip, Kawartha Downs Night, Canada Day Parade, Bowling Tournament, Golf Trip, Christmas Party, Car Rally, Help Centre of Northumberland Fashion Show, Lawn Bowling, Spring Fling, Christmas walk through at Sam and Sue's, the Templer Recognition Celebration, recognition of Remembrance Day.

*Let us not forget the golfing venues near and dear to our President's heart....*

*Salt Creek, Pine Ridge, Warkworth, Six Foot Bay Golf Resort, Newcastle, Shelter Valley, Roxborough Glen, and Cobourg Creek.*

How well we have been entertained and how much we have learned through Ron Templer's perseverance and diligence in acquiring guest speakers for our meetings. This year we benefited from:

Al Brisco and his steel guitars

Captain Jodi-Jane Langley, Ass't Aide-de-camp to the Chief of Defence

Randy Bird working with horses and wild mustangs

Bob Pearson with "Routes to Learning Canada"

Therapy dogs from St John Ambulance

Linda LaLiberte on The Ganaraska Forest

Howie McCourt, Principal of Brookside Secondary School

Robert Byron of Northumberland Hills Hospital

Uwe Myer from The Capital Theatre in Port Hope

Boris Nickalovsky on investing in troubled economic times

Rosaleen Cutler from the Children's Aid Society

Claire Wade discussing Guyana

Marilyn and Pete with a musical morning

Les Andrews from McDonalds

Michael Newnham from the Northumberland Orchestra



Dr Bill Moebus on his medical work in Honduras  
Bob Abrames who is a voyageur  
Tracey West about climbing Mount Kilimanjaro

**NOTE** If I missed an event or venue or something one of our members was involved in then I apologize. I am really looking forward to this years programs. Can we top 2009?? Jamie

### *Probus Christmas Party 2009*

*On Thursday, December 10<sup>th</sup> about 148 Probus members and guests sat down to a full course Turkey dinner at the Lions Centre. The hall was decorated for Christmas. Our music for the evening was provided by Bob and Lee and added to the festive spirit of Christmas especially with the Carol singing of some members.*

*Our guest M.C. from Dave's Garage in downtown Cobourg was a big help in getting Santa Claus down from the North Pole on time for our party. Santa and Dave handed out about 88 door prizes and centre pieces with the help of Pat and Doreen. A big thank you to Doreen Scott and her committee of Pat and Jerry Moran and Brian Scott. Also, thank you to Ron & Verna Templer, Doreen & Joe Cardinal, Brian Salley and members of our executive who also assisted.*

*If you missed 2009, next year the party is set for Thursday, December 9, 2010. Hope to see you there.*

*My wish to everyone is for a healthy 2010.*

*Submitted by Brian Scott*

Why does Goofy stand erect while Pluto remains on all fours?  
They're both dogs



## VIAGARA FALLS

It wasn't a honeymoon trip to Niagara Falls, but our bus trip to Niagara Falls surely produced more laughs.

The bus was loaded and on the 401 by 9:30 A.M.--Probus members are to be commended for being "on time" or early.

The trip was terrific--every detail made simple by Verna Templer's great planning. The bus was clean and comfortable and arrived in plenty of time for a bountiful buffet lunch. We were escorted to our tables by pleasant attentive staff and treated exceptionally well. The food was top notch--lots of it; the beverage service was super; and the play hilarious! The three actors really carried everyone along with their story.

The total everything cost of \$65.00 was amazing. Thank you Verna for a marvellous outing. We hope it can be done again soon.

Submitted by Barbara Jean Taylor

### **Silver in the Hair**

**Gold in the Teeth.  
Stones in the Kidneys**

**Sugar in the Blood.**

**Lead in the Ass.**

**Iron in the Arteries.**

**And an inexhaustible supply of Natural Gas.  
*I never thought I'd accumulate such wealth...***

### **TWO WOLVES**

**One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside people.**

**He said, "My son, the battle is between two wolves inside us all.**

**"One is Evil - It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-**



**pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.**

**"The other is Good - It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith."**

**The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather:  
"Which wolf wins?"**

**The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."**

Submitted by Doug & Jennifer Lloyd

### **THE SPEAKERS CORNER.**

Jan. 14th

Mary Anne Rowlands speaking on The Help Centre.

Jan. 28th

Cam McFarlane from the RCMP speaking on his tour of duty in Afghanistan.

Feb. 11th

Angi Sazekas speaking on Ten Thousand Villages.

Feb. 25th

Shari Seymour speaking on Rehabilitating Pets

Submitted by Ron Templer

**How bad is the economy?**

**The economy is so bad that I got a pre-declined credit card in the mail.**

**It's so bad, I ordered a burger at McDonalds and the kid behind the counter asked, "Can you afford fries with that?"**

**The economy is so bad that CEO's are now playing miniature golf.**



**The economy is so bad if the bank returns your check marked "Insufficient Funds," you call them and ask if they meant you or them.**

**The economy is so bad Hot Wheels and Matchbox stocks are trading higher than GM.**

**The economy is so bad parents in Beverly Hills fired their nannies and learned their children's names.**

**The economy is so bad a truckload of Americans was caught sneaking into Mexico .**

**The economy is so bad Dick Cheney took his stockbroker hunting.**

**The economy is so bad Motel Six won't leave the light on anymore.**

**The economy is so bad the Mafia is laying off judges.**

**The economy is so bad Exxon-Mobil laid off 25  
Congressmen**



## *CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE!!*

On behalf of the Northumberland Help Centre I want to thank the Northumberland Probus Club members for their kind and generous contributions to the Help Centre this past Christmas.

These contributions were made possible by Sue Lanctot and Sam Oliver who opened their home to show their wonderful Christmas decorations and displays....and what displays they were. Singing ducks and dogs; talking globes; choo-choo trains; an unbelievably long winter scene in a cupboard; great big stuffed Disney dolls and two wonderful hosts. If you missed the visit this year and have the chance to go in another year, we recommend you do so.

\$246.00 was collected from their 62 visitors and it is most appreciated. I have listed some of the ways your donations to the Help Centre help the residents of Northumberland.

In 2009...

- 881 homes avoided having their utilities disconnected
- 1,066 people visited the Centre's food cupboard
- 1,200 Milk for Moms coupons were distributed
- 323 residents received financial help to purchase health items.

Thank you again and all the best in 2010.

Doug Lloyd

***He said to me..Why are married women heavier than single women?***

***I said to him..Single women come home, see what's in the fridge & go to bed. Married women come home, see what's in the bed & go to the fridge.***



## REMEMBRANCE DAY AT NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS

*While one of your editors was sipping cocktails in St. Maarten, your other editor, at the suggestion of Pete Pedersen, was busy interviewing the veterans whom we acknowledged last November 13<sup>th</sup>.*

*There are 9 stories which follow. All the veterans were asked the same set of questions which provided many varied answers. Michael Hanlon was not at the front in November but is a veteran which according to the Royal Canadian Legion and the Oxford Dictionary is defined as “ An ex-member of the armed forces”. Here are their stories compiled in alphabetical order:*

### Marjorie Christie

Enlisted in Regina in February 1944. She joined the Canadian Woman's Army Corp. in a clerical and stenographic capacity and looked after paying our soldiers. She served in Vegreville Alberta, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, and Ottawa. Her final rank was Sergeant and she was discharged on her birthday in Ottawa on November 19, 1945. Her lasting memory of the time in service is .....Being in the Winnipeg train station when members of the Winnipeg Rifles came through after being in Japanese prisoner of war camps and how young and emaciated they were but how ramrod straight they were when marching.

### Geoff Coleman

Enlisted in Kingston in April 1944. He joined the army as an infantryman followed by being an ordinance and supply technician. Basic training was in Peterborough followed by postings in Aldershot and Debert Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Halifax, Egypt, Cobourg, Petawawa, Germany, Belgium, and Shilo Manitoba. His final rank was Warrant Officer and he was discharged in Shilo after 25 years of service in 1969. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....The extreme poverty that existed with children in Egypt serves as a constant reminder of how fortunate we are in Canada.

N.B. Editor's note—Geoff is very proud of the fact he is one of very few Canadians to receive the Coronation Medal in 1953 and the Centennial Medal in 1967.



### Harold Coward

Enlisted in Toronto at H.M.C.S. York in January 1942. His job was an engine room mechanic. Service was on cruisers and destroyers in Esquimalt and Vancouver British Columbia, St Johns Newfoundland, Digby Nova Scotia and in the Mediterranean Sea. His final rank was Third Class Chief Engineer and he was discharged in Charleston, South Carolina in April 1945. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....The feeling of helplessness watching ships being torpedoed around you.

Editor's note...This is too good not to share. When I called Harold to arrange our meeting, Diana answered the phone. I asked her if I could please speak to Harold. Her reply was of course Jamie just a moment please. Harold said hello and I replied, "Hi Harold it's Jamie Doolittle how are you?". Harold's reply was, "Who the hell are you?" We straightened that out and I had a nice visit later.

### George Graham

Enlisted in Toronto in 1942. He was an air gunner in the air force flying in Halifax and Lancaster airplanes. Service was in Trenton, McDonald Manitoba, near Manchester Enland, Grandan Lodge and Middleton St George England. His final rank was Pilot Officer and he was discharged in Trenton in April 1945. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....At the end of our last bombing run we landed in England and the seven of us jumped out of the Lancaster and kissed the ground.

### Michael Hanlon

Conscripted in Oswestry England on January 20, 1955. He joined the Royal Artillery as a radar operator and then became the Chief Regimental Clerk. His service was in Tonsanau North Wales. His final rank was Bombardier as Chief Clerk of a Battery. He was discharged in Millon Enland in 1957. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....There was a lot of waiting around.

### Russell Harrison

Enlisted in Toronto on September 24, 1941. He joined the Royal Canadian Electrical Mechanical Engineers with the New Westminster Regiment out of British Columbia. He worked with 12 other men in a light aid detachment doing



welding and electrical repairs to keep the regiment moving. Service was in Aldershot and Dover England, Italy, France, Holland, Belgium, and Germany. He was discharged as a Private in Toronto in 1945. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....The four years were a fast way of growing up and made me a better person.

### Archie McGeachy

Conscripted in Oswestry England on January 12, 1952. Joined the Royal Artillery as a mobile radar operator and acting drill sergeant. Service was in Oswestry and Troon Scotland. His final rank was Full Bombardier and he was discharged in Troon in January 1954. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....The outstanding comraderie of serving in a unit which became a cohesive functioning team.

### Ron Templer

Enlisted in Ottawa in 1943 and joined the navy. He was a telegraphist special operator working high frequency directional finding equipment(radios) to locate U-Boats. Service was on HMCS Carlton in the North Atlantic. His final rank was Ordinary Seaman and discharge was in Ottawa in 1945. His lasting memory of the time in service is.....Night watch on a moonlit night in the north Atlantic with a convoy while surrounded by U-Boats.

### Cecil Yanta

Enlisted in North Bay on October 7, 1943. He joined the RCAF as a technician and eventually ended up doing payroll. Service was in Brandon Manitoba, Trenton and Rockcliffe Ontario, St Huberts and Lachine Quebec and a posting in London England. His final rank was a Air Craftsman First Class and he was discharged on October 16, 1945 in Toronto. His lasting memory of the time in service is..... Remembering fondly the friends from Cobalt who didn't make it back home.

Many thanks to those of you who invited me into your homes to do these interviews. I very much appreciated your gracious hospitality. Jamie



## Coming Events.

January 28th

We will be celebrating Robbie Burns birthday, so get out your plaids and wear them on the 28th. Lets hope Archie can once again give us a tune on the pipes.

February 11th

Will be our Valentines Bash. For this we need some volunteers. This is an easy one. We will have lunch after the meeting here at the Lion's Centre. We will have our usual mixer with valentines. Please make or buy a valentine and sign your name on it. Put it in an envelope and we will collect them at the door and randomly give them out. You will meet other members of the club so bring a valentine and enjoy it.

Friday February 5th.

Dinner Theatre at the Best Western. The show is Steel Magnolias, and I am assured that it will be a much better performance than the last one. Tickets are available today and at the next meeting. \$33.75 each

What a wonderful xmas party we had on Thursday Dec. 10th. My sincere thanks to the organizers Doreen and Brian Scott and Pat and Jerry Moran. They did a magnificent job on the decorations. The food was delicious as usual and the entertainment super as usual. Santa and his gifts were plentiful and all around good comaradarie among our members. However we are sorry that it all ended with Doreen falling and having to go by ambulance to the hospital. Thankfully she was able to spend Xmas with her family and is getting back to good health

submitted by Verna Templer.

## Ever wondered about **Guts or Balls...**

There is a medical distinction. We've all heard about people having guts or balls, but do you really know the difference? In an effort to keep you informed, the definitions are listed below:

**GUTS** - Arriving home late after a night out with the boys, being met by your wife with a broom, and having the guts to ask: "Are you still cleaning, or are you flying somewhere?"



**BALLS** - Coming home late after a night out with the boys, smelling of perfume and beer, lipstick on your collar, slapping your wife on the bum and having the balls to say: "You're next, fatty."

**I hope this clears up any confusion. Medically speaking, there is no difference, since both ultimately result in death.**

## **Love Making Tips For Seniors**

**1. Wear your glasses.**

**TO make sure your partner is actually in the bed.**

**2. Set timer for 3 minutes,  
In case you doze off in the middle.**

**3. Set the mood with lighting.  
(Turn them ALL OFF!)**

**4. Make sure you put 911 on your speed dial  
before you begin.**



**5. Write partner's name on your hand in case you can't remember.**

**6. Use extra polygrip so your teeth don't end up under the bed.**

**7. Have Tylenol ready in case you actually complete the act..**

**8. Make all the noise you want...  
The neighbors are deaf too.**

**9. If it works, call *everyone* you know with the good news!!**

**10. Don't even think about trying it twice.**



**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

Your sweetie says, 'Let's go upstairs And make love,' and  
you answer, 'Pick one; I can't do both!'

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

Your friends compliment you on your new alligator shoes  
And you're barefoot.

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

Going bra-less pulls all the wrinkles out of your face.

**'OLD' IS WHEN....**

You don't care where your spouse goes, just as long as you  
don't have to go along.

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

You are cautioned to slow down by the doctor instead of by  
the police.

**'OLD' IS WHEN..**

'Getting a little action' means you don't need to take any  
fiber today.

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

'Getting lucky' means you find your car in the parking lot.

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**



**An 'all nighter' means not getting up to use the bathroom.**

**AND**

**'OLD' IS WHEN...**

**You are not sure if these are facts or jokes???**

**(I sent this in large type**

**So you can read it)**

### **Lunch Bunch Musings**

Our Lunch Bunch group of 25 met at the Mill Restaurant and Pub on November 26 and we enjoyed a nice varied set menu. The Chef kindly added to the menu, at our request, steak and mushroom pie that was quite delicious I am told.

Our next lunch bunch on January 28 will meet at the Buttermilk Café and a set menu will be provided along with the sign-up sheet. We would ask you to please tick off your choice of #1, #2 or #3 beside your name.

The Chef has to be notified of the numbers attending and their choices of menu by January 25 so please sign up at our first meeting on January 14 if at all possible.

Many thanks to Vivian Foster who types this handwritten account and then e-mails it to the Editors of The Pro-Buzz, Jamie & Ron.

**Submitted by Doris Rasmussen and Marcie Polson**

**PS** We are always open at any time to suggestions from our members for places for lunch.

I never pray on a golf course. Actually, the Lord answers my prayers everywhere except on the golf course. Billy Graham

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