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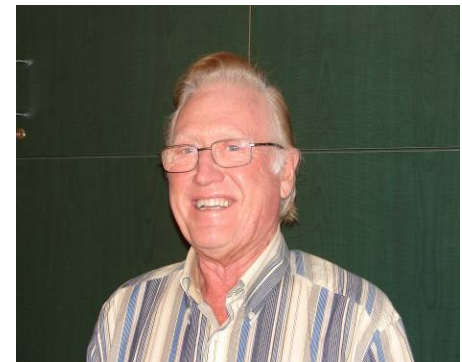


President's Message

Well, here we are in the middle of a real Canadian winter. It's a special time. It's the time when young families enjoy skating on rivers and ponds and tobogganing on nearby hills. It's the time when we look forward to drinking hot chocolate by a roaring fire after a cold afternoon outdoors. It's the time to go to the local arena to watch our grandchildren play hockey or practice their figure skating skills. It's the time to get together with friends at a cozy restaurant or inn. It's the time to enjoy the plays, concerts and movies offered by local theatres. In short, it's what being a Canadian is all about – enjoying winter.

MANAGEMENT MEETING

Here are some highlights of the management meeting, January 13th. One of our newest members, Maggie Money has agreed to maintain our yearly photo album. This job is very important as it preserves our history. Al Rutherford has volunteered to monitor the web page and keep it up to date. (There's lots of neat information on the web pages – addresses to the left of this column. Check them out.) Paul Tait has agreed to organize the corn roast this year. Now we need a venue.



Terry Bell

Thanks so much to these volunteers, Maggie, Al and Paul, for coming forward to get the jobs done. The Adamsons have kindly agreed to let us hold our annual picnic on their lovely lakeshore property again and we really appreciate that. Now we just need an organizer to run it. Please see me if you would like to do this fun job. We have sent a letter to Maggie Snow, inviting her to rejoin the club when she feels up to it. Her husband, Howie died recently. They were both charter members. Don Campbell suggested that Erik Norenius and Bob Fair be nominated for an award in the annual civic service awards for their work on helping to arrange Spring Fling. The awards take place February 12. A good turnout of our members would be nice. *Terry*

Happy Valentine's Day

CATERING



Naturalist Audrey Wilson answers questions from Doreen Rossi and Merv Richards after her talk at a recent meeting.

She presented a fascinating slide show of "Wild Things I have Known". From her first childhood animal, Wimpy the groundhog, Audrey developed an affinity for wild animals, birds and plants. With reverence for life at the core of her being, she takes wounded animals and looks after them until they are ready to be released into the wild again. If they are owls, she works with the Owl Sanctuary at Vineland Station.

February Captain: Alan Butler

February 3: Don Kent, Ernie and Marilyn Johnson, Judy Johnson

February 17: Beth Wallace, Jeannette Etter, Bev and Ralph Mathieson

March Captain: Barbara Hawthorn

March 3: Rita Bell, Betty Reynolds, Betty Richards, Ruby Hunter

March 17: Ruth Roy, Betty Lucas, Lorraine Darke

April Captain: Anne Shields

April 7: Merle Adamson, George Watson, Shirley Kane, Ian Tate

April 21: Charm Dennys, Pat Goodyear, Eileen Pickett, Tom Crooks

Please arrive at 8.30 a.m. for set up. If you are unable to help on your day, please find a replacement from the membership list

NEW PEOPLE NEEDED! Get to know some more of your fellow members. Volunteer for this fun job.

Call Eileen Rose. Caterina Chair. at 905-885-2845.

PAST PRESIDENTS OF THE PROBUS CLUB OF PORT HOPE AND DISTRICT

This picture was taken at our Tenth Anniversary Celebration, September 16th, 2008. It was not published at the time, so I am correcting that situation now. Although Liz Davidson is now a past President, she had not stepped down at the time of the picture. On the left is our Founding president Doug Gellatly, now an Honourary Life Member. At the back is former District Director, Stone Avery, who presented us with a Ten Year Certificate from Probus Central, and Liz Davidson, the outgoing 10th president. Terry Bell is our 11th president.



Past Presidents

1998-2008

- 1st: Doug Gellatly
- 2nd: Pauline Carrick
- 3rd: Merv Richards
- 4th: Richard Honey
- 5th: Wes Harrison
(absent, moved out of town)
- 6th: Sheila White
- 7th: Betty Collins
- 8th: Sel Shields
- 9th: Erik Norenus
- 10th: Liz Davidson

Please welcome Maggie Mon-



Born in Port Hope, young Maggie left to seek her fortune, vowing never to return. Fifty years later, she's back! The intervening years were busy ones with marriage, motherhood, work in the human resources sector and a busy volunteer life. Her daughter lives in California. Last March, Maggie returned to Port Hope to look after her brother's two dogs. Much to her surprise, she fell in love with her home town and started looking at houses. It didn't take long to find a house on Moore Drive, two doors down from Barbara Winfield, who has now introduced her to Probus. Apart from our club, she is busy with art classes and volunteers at the Upstairs Gallery. Please make Maggie feel welcome.

PROBUS BRIDGE GROUP

Friendly bridge games, no partner required

ALL WELCOME

Red Rice Restaurant on Peter St., Port Hope
12 noon on the 2nd Tuesday of each month

All-you-can-eat Chinese Buffet
Followed by 20 hands of bridge
Cost: \$11 per person

To join the group or for more information
Please contact:

Hosts: Ron or Cathy Oberholtzer
Phone: 905-372-2005
E-mail: cober@eagle.ca

The next date for bridge is FEBRUARY 10
Please let the hosts know well ahead of that
date if you plan to attend.

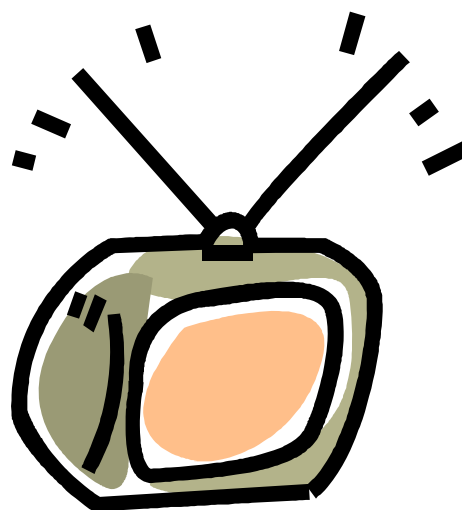
DIGITAL? PLASMA? BLUE RAY?

Our January 20th speaker, member Al Rutherford, cleared up some of the mysteries surrounding the new technology of television and DVD's.

Television is going from analog to totally digital, and later this year you will no longer be able to use rabbit ears or TV antennas to bring in your signals. You will have to get a cable box to convert, however you will benefit by having a clear picture - no more snow.

Plasma or Liquid Crystal Diode (LCD) - which television technology should you choose? Al recommended LCD as the better choice, as plasma will ultimately be a pollutant, will lose focus and is more expensive. LCD will last much longer.

Blue Ray is the new DVD technology, but even it will be obsolete in five years. Movies will be on a small ROM stick. The future may bring 3D Holographic television.



Sorry, the rabbit ears will
have to go!

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Irish Descendents Dinner at the Beamish House

Friday, March 13th

Dinner at 5.30p.m.

Show at the Capitol Arts Theatre 8.00
p.m.

The Irish Descendants have garnered a loyal fan base in their native Canada with their lilting ballads and toe-tapping reels. A fun, high-energy performance to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

**Cost \$59.00: dinner with one drink, and the show
It's time again for the wearing of the green.**
(45 seats reserved, 10 left)

TORONTO ALL STAR BIG BAND

MAY 23, 2009

CAPITOL THEATRE, PORT HOPE

AN ANNUAL CROWD PLEASER

40 tickets reserved for our club

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO,

We have planned a day trip to Toronto on a Thursday in June. Cost including dinner about \$60.

4 have signed up.

Please indicate your interest in going to see the fabulous addition to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

QUEBEC CITY,

3 days, July 15, 16, 17, 2009

This trip includes two nights hotel accommodation and bus transportation. \$200 per person double occupancy not including meals. 25 signed up, will open to other clubs.

AGAWA CANYON

September 22, 23, 24, 25, 2009

This lovely trip includes 3 nights hotel accommodation (two nights in Sault Ste Marie and one night in Frankenmuth MI on the return trip), transportation to the train by bus, train ride through the spectacular fall colours of the Agawa Canyon with breakfast and lunch on board. Also museums in the Sault.

Cost for this special trip is \$430 per person double occupancy. 39 signed up, will open to other clubs.

Special Events Coordinators

Bill and Carolyn Minion

905-342-3264

PROGRAMS

February 3: Well travelled member **Jack Goering** will take us up to the Arctic with some famous canoeists. "Memorable and Historic Canoe Trips in Canada's Arctic: The Mad Trapper, Sir John Franklin, Pierre Trudeau, John Hornby."

February 17: Club Day. "Who Am I?" "What Did I Do?" Member's stories. An opportunity for you to share a story about your life. It can be funny, serious, true or not! So far, we have a few speakers, but need 2 or 3 more. So, step up to the microphone and share something with us. Please let Sue Speirs know if you would like to participate. (885-8604 or sspeirs@sympatico.ca)

March 3: To be announced

Mar 17: St. Patrick's Day. Put on your finest green clothes and come for some fine Irish entertainment.

Spring Fling 2009

Wednesday, May 20

The Keeler Centre, Colborne

This is your invitation to come and join Probus members from other clubs and enjoy fellowship, fun, food and entertainment.

Cost \$35

Only 74 tickets have been allotted to our club, so please buy your tickets early (by March 2nd)



Carolyn and Bill Minion will sign you up.