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President's Message

Life is Good, don't sweat the economy.

It seems like we are living a time of doom and gloom. Every day we hear of another plant closure putting more people out of work. Retirees are concerned about the viability of their pensions, and those of you who, like myself, have saved and invested for our retirement have seen our savings seriously depleted. There is an air of pessimism in the land. Young people are perhaps concerned that they will not find employment. Some elderly people are cutting back on little luxuries so that they will have enough money to live independently. I hear the food banks are busier than ever. In short, the news has been depressing.

Then I received an email from friends that gave me hope. It was a photo of them holding their newborn grandchild. They were ecstatic! It occurred to me that, in spite of the economy, life goes on as it always has and always will. The parents of this baby and the parents of the many other babies that are born in our country every day will see to it that their children will have a bright future.

Babies are not always born at the most convenient time. Some of our children were born when I could have used a little less stress in my life. But at the sight of a beautiful newborn child, we rise to the occasion. My children are doing fine, and you can be certain that today's young people will succeed and in doing so make Canada a better place for us all. The retirees will live their lives out in a country that cares about its people.

I can't think of a better incentive for improving our world than bringing children into it. Children are, by nature, optimistic and their optimism and enthusiasm rubs off on all of us. So forget about the economy, join us on the wonderful trips Bill has planned for us this year and enjoy life and fellowship the way Probus intended. *Terry Bell*

SPRING FLING AT COLBORNE

Ninety-one year old John Morris, who first brought Probus to Canada in 1986, came to present Stone Avery with the coveted John Morris Award for his long commitment to Probus Clubs. Stone was a founding member of the Cobourg Club and a past director of Probus Canada. He is an Honorary Life Member of the Cobourg and the Port Hope Probus Clubs.





**Happy Father's Day to
Probus Dads and Grandads**

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

**SHELTER VALLEY PINES
PROBUS INVITATIONAL**

FRIDAY, JULY 24, 09 AT 9.00A.M.

**FORMAT: 4 Person Mixed Scramble
Must have at least one lady per group**

**Cost each \$32 walking or \$40 riding
Fees include 9 holes, lunch and prizes**

**To register call Jason at 905-349-3427
Registration deadline June 23, 09**

ANNUAL CLUB PICNIC

Wednesday, June 17th at 3.00p.m.
**Merle and Jim Adamson's lakeshore
home. Turn left at Port Britain Road.**
Great food by Taylor Meats
**Fun and games and a thigh-slapping
good ole Hillbilly Wedding.**
Buy your tickets now! Cost: \$16.50

CORN ROAST JUST AHEAD!

*Tuesday, September 8th
At Harold and Donna Wakely's lake-
shore property. Yummy fresh corn
and hamburgers.*

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
September 15, 2009

Our Annual General Meeting will be held in September with reports and election of a new Management Committee. Lunch will follow the business meeting.

Generally, the President serves for one year; all other terms are for two years. There are four openings on next year's committee: vice-president, secretary; newsletter, special events.

The duties of the club's officers are not onerous and can be very rewarding. As we have several officers coming to the end of their two year term, I have outlined the duties of the Management Committee so that you might consider running. The **PRESIDENT** normally presides at all meetings of the Management Committee and the Club and is responsible for overall management.

The **SECRETARY** maintains all minutes of the Club and all of the Club's official documents.

The **TREASURER** maintains all financial records and arranges for an annual financial audit of the Club's affairs.

The **MEMBERSHIP COORDINATOR** is responsible for the membership roll which will contain members' names, postal and e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and any other information determined by the Club. The list is distributed to members at least once a year. The Chair keeps an attendance list at regular meetings.

The **NEWSLETTER COORDINATOR** prepares and distributes a monthly newsletter and arranges for news media publicity as required.

The **PROGRAM COORDINATOR** arranges guest speakers for the meetings and makes arrangements to introduce and thank them. He/she also looks after any special needs the speaker may have.

The **SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR** chooses interesting places for us to visit and makes all the arrangements including selling tickets.

In addition to the duties of those on the Management Committee, we need new volunteers to ensure the smooth running of the club, such as Catering, Sound, Greeting, 50/50, and others to organize regular social events. Please take your turn.

Be a dear. Volunteer!

Please Note Summer Meeting Dates
July 7 and August 4
Only one summer Probus Patter on August 4

Community Care Access Centre
 Sherri McKeen, Community Outreach and Education Officer told us that CCAC provides a single point of access for people of all ages, including admission to long-term care homes and programs. When the time comes, a placement officer will come to your home to assess your needs and determine your eligibility. You can choose any three facilities in Ontario, but some homes may have a wait list. When a bed becomes available you will be given 24 hours to decide whether to accept. Once you accept, you may move in the following day. If the facility is not your first choice and you move in, you will still be on the wait list and may move when a bed becomes available. The government pays for the care you receive, but you are responsible for room and board. Subsidies may be available.
 For information in Port Hope: 905-885-6600



Uwe Meyer, the multi-talented Managing Director of the Capital Arts Theatre was our guest speaker on May 5th. He entertained us with tales of his days on the road as a young actor and director. We were also interested to learn how he holds auditions and unerringly picks the best actors for upcoming plays. Here Uwe shows Eric Norenus a pamphlet describing the three Summer Festival Plays: "Rock and Roll Drive In," "The G-String Broke," and "Guys and Dolls."

SPRING FLING 2009 FUN

Over 600 area Probus Club members enjoyed Spring Fling at Colborne hosted by the Cobourg Probus Club.

V.P. Catharine Ramsey and Roger Cooper (Cobourg)



Betty Reynolds and Paul Godfrey



Dixieland Music kept our toes tapping



Richard Chubb and Sheila White



SPECIAL EVENTS

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

June 4, 2009

This interesting day trip includes transportation, a special lunch at George Brown College and entrance to the Art Gallery. We leave from Phillips Road commuter parking lot at 10.15a.m. and stop for lunch in Toronto before proceeding to the art gallery. Cost: \$71
Payment due now. SOLD OUT

QUEBEC CITY

3 days, July 15, 16, 17, 2009

This three-day trip to Quebec includes two nights hotel accommodation and bus transportation.
NOTE THE COST HAS GONE DOWN TO \$264 per person double occupancy (single \$390), not including meals.
Please sign up now for this great trip to historic Quebec City with a side trip to Montmorency Falls. A few seats left.



Quebec City at night, taken on trip to St. John, New Brunswick, Rendezvous 2008

AGAWA CANYON

September 22, 23, 24, 25, 2009

This lovely trip includes three nights hotel accommodation (two nights in Sault Ste Marie and one night in Frankenmuth MI on the return trip), bus transportation to the train, train ride through the spectacular fall colours of the Agawa Canyon with breakfast and lunch on board. There are also museums in the Sault we could visit.
Cost is \$430 per person double occupancy or \$570 single. Please sign up now. Only 10 seats left.

Special Events Coordinators

Bill and Carolyn Minion 905-342-3264

Programs

June 2: The Help Centre

Executive Director Mary Anne Rowlands and Suzanne Grew-Ellis of the Help Centre will tell us some of the stories of people who have been helped by the Centre. At the end we should have a better idea of the role of the Help Centre in our area.

June 16: Trenton Air Force Base

Captain Claude Courcelles, Canadian Air Force, Search and Rescue Hercules pilot, will speak on some of his experiences conducting search and rescue as well the importance of the upcoming celebration at CFB Trenton 4th and 5th of July.

Noel Martin will show his 100 years of flight in Canada slide show.

July 7: Routes to Learning Canada

Bob Pearson from Routes to Learning Canada - Elderhostel programs for lifelong learning: an educational approach to travel for mature and active participants.

Sue Speirs, Program Coordinator, 885-8604

CATERING

June Captain: Barbara Moorcroft

June 2: Bob Moorcroft, Betty deLong, Jane McCluskey, Doreen Rossi

June 16: Donna Wakely, Fred and Gloria Schumacher, Marg Tait

July Captain: Jeannette Etter

July 7: Elaine Simpson, Beth Wallace, Fiona and John Graham

August Captain: Lucy Frew

August 4: Mary Butler, Joan McIntosh, May Anderson, Rita Bell

September Captain: Carolyn Minion

September 1: Fiona Graham, Kitty Hatch, Charm Dennys, Pat Goodyear

September 15: (Annual General Meeting)
Shirley Kane, George Watson, Dorothy Lent, Betty Lucas

New volunteers always welcome

Eileen Rose, Catering Coordinator, 885-2845