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How to celebrate an Irish Probus!
March 13th: Dinner at the Beamish House and the Irish Descendants at the Capitol Theatre.
March 17th: Irish music at Probus Club.

President's Message

I'd like to share a few thoughts with you. Our snowbirds are watching the weather reports from home and patting themselves on the back for going south, while others are still planning their escape. I watched with great interest the TV coverage of President Obama's visit. This man blew into Ottawa like a breath of fresh air. It was so obvious he enjoyed coming here.

At the Oscars, Slumdog Millionaire cleaned up. For those who have not had the opportunity to go to India, I would recommend this movie for the excellent portrayal of life in India and for the wonderful locations that were filmed. It's a cheap way to get a glimpse into India, a country you will be hearing a lot about in the years to come.

We always seem to have some of the best meetings on Club Days when we entertain ourselves. Our own members have so many talents and have led such interesting lives, it is always a great pleasure to hear of their adventures.

On February 17th, Richard Chubb and Bill Minion, with pictorial backup from Noel Martin, told us about the 100th Anniversary of the first powered flight of an aircraft in the British Empire at Baddeck Nova Scotia. Named *Silver Dart*, this historical bi-plane was designed by Dr. Alexander Graham Bell and flown the sixteen miles of its maiden flight by



Terry Bell

John McCurdy on February 23, 1909. Unfortunately, we did not have enough time to explore this interesting subject in more detail and to see more of Noel's slides. Perhaps we could devote an entire morning to it sometime soon.

Tony Holmes, Merv Richards and Ian Leckie also entertained us with great charm and wit with their walks down Memory Lane. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered to make this morning so fascinating.

We are saddened by the passing of a good friend and member, Jim Kerr. He and his wife Betty were Charter Members of our club and took active parts through the years. He died following a hip operation at Sunnybrook Hospital on February 15th. A Memorial Service was held in the Chapel of Trinity College School on February 28th. A gentlemen in every sense of the word, he will be missed.

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Welcome to Dr. Bill Stauble

Bill graduated from McGill University, Montreal, in Medicine and Psychiatry and held positions in various hospitals in Quebec and Ontario. For five years he worked with CIDA in Trinidad, where he was born. In 1972 he and his wife Jean bought a 25 acre vacation property overlooking Rice Lake where they spent many happy hours with their children and grandchildren. They moved to Port Hope in 1995 where they take a big part in the many activities of the community.



Say Hello to Ed Ford

Ed was born and raised in Camborne, just north of Port Hope. He and his wife Nancy (who is already a member) have four children, nine grandchildren and one great grandson. Together they ran a landscaping business for twelve years in Toronto and then he got into showbiz. Ed worked for the show "Cats" for three years and went on to work as a stage hand at various theatres and venues. He worked for "Cats" again at Massey Hall and then moved to "Phantom of the Opera" as assistant carpenter in set design and from there to Mirvish Productions for "The Lion King". He and Nancy moved back to Port Hope and now Ed has time to enjoy the cottage and working in the garden.

CATERING

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

May Captain: Judy Johnson

May 5: Verne Johnson, Margaret and Alan McCready, Maisy Vanhinsberg

May 19: Kitty Hatch, Bonnie Reid, Joann Henderson

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 welcome.

Eileen Rose, Catering Chair, 905-885-2845.

CANOEING THE ARCTIC WITH JACK GOERING



Intrepid traveler Jack Goering points out to Fiona Graham and Ralph Mathieson some of the rivers he has canoed. From 1965 to 1981, he canoed his way down many of the mighty rivers of the north, including the Rat River from Fort McPherson NWT to Fort Yukon Alaska (600 miles), the Coppermine River in NWT (414 miles), the Churchill River, NWT Centennial Canoe Trip from Point Lake to Yellowknife (300 miles).

The Coppermine trip in 1966 included former Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in his younger days. In 1967, he took six teen boys on an Onondaga Centennial Canoe Trip from Sifton Lake NWT to Baker Lake on the Hanbury and Thelon Rivers, a distance of 500 miles. Jack deserves a medal of bravery for this! We enjoyed Jack's slides of all these adventures.



Bob Short, who organized our bowlers and led us to ultimate victory, assesses the ball he has just thrown. Liz Davidson and Shirley Kane organized the delicious lunch at the Cobourg Legion following the tournament.



President Terry Bell came out to support the teams and participate in the area tournament.

Below, President of the Probus Ganaraska Valley Club Ken O'Neill congratulates Liz Davidson, our Past President and Master of Ceremonies, on finally getting rid of the toilet seat trophy and placing first overall.

MAJOR BOWLING VICTORY FOR PORT HOPE!

On February 2nd, 100 bowlers from the five Probus Clubs of Port Hope and Cobourg met at Northshore Lanes to battle for the winning trophy. For us it was the opportunity we had been waiting for to lose the worst team trophy – the dreaded toilet seat – which we have held for the last two years. This year, for the first time, a handicapping system was used to provide a more level playing field, since the Northumberland Club with a fairly large number of regular league players have always won the tournament.

As a result, not only did we give up the toilet seat, we won the overall trophy! However, probably more important than this, we might have won anyway, as several members of our team, along with some Ganaraska Probus club bowlers, held a number of practices before the tournament.

Article contributed by Bob Short.



OUTSTANDING CITIZEN JIM GILMER

Jim Gilmer, husband of Probus member Dorothy Gilmer, won the town's highest volunteer honour at the Civic Awards ceremony on February 12, 2009. Well known to Port Hoper's, Jim founded Gilmer's Home Hardware (now run by his son Jeff) and has been a long-time member of the Rotary Club, which sponsored our Probus Club when it formed in 1998. In his acceptance speech, Jim gave Dorothy 75% of the credit for his award. Congratulations to both. The Port Hope Probus Club can proudly boast of having three past Outstanding Citizens. Barbara Winfield in 1993, Edith Carr in 2004, Peter Rossi (who passed away in 2008) in 2006.



PROBUS IN PORTUGAL! *Don and Fran Campbell, Anne and Sel Shields and prospective member Gerry Chapman sent this picture from sunny Portugal.*

SPECIAL EVENTS

The Irish Descendents

Friday, March 13th

Dinner at the Beamish House, 5.30 p.m.

Show at the Capitol Arts Theatre, 8.00

p.m.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in toe-tapping style.

Cost \$59.00: dinner with one drink, and the show.

Limited tickets available for dinner only

ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

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

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. Cost: \$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. There are also museums in the Sault we could visit.

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

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TORONTO ALL STAR BIG BAND

MAY 23, 2009

CAPITOL ARTS THEATRE, PORT HOPE

AN ANNUAL CROWD PLEASER

40 seats reserved for our club

Tickets from Bonnie Walker

Programs

March 3: Driving for Seniors

Constable Denis Grenon, Police Community Service Officer, will remind us how much we've forgotten about our driving.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

To entertain you - Irish music and stories from the talented duo of Steafan Hannigan and Saskia Tomkins. Don't forget the wearing o' the green!

April 7: Community Health Centre

Jane Spencer, Nurse Practitioner, and Pam MacDougall, Health Promoter, will fill us in on the programs and latest news from the Port Hope Community Health Centre.

April 21: Pat Sinott, A Slice of Port Hope History.

Pat will relate some of her family's local history, featuring Cavan Street, the dairy, and vanished industries.

Sue Speirs, Program Chair: 885-8604

Would you like to be the Editor of Patter?

Want a fun job that allows you to be creative on your computer and meet lots of fellow Probian's?

We seek a new Editor for September 09

You should own a computer and know your way around it. You should own a camera and know how to import pictures into your computer and then transfer them to the document. I will give you a template design to get you started. Ideally we could work together for a few months. Please see me to chat about the possibilities. Pauline

SPRING FLING 2009

Wednesday, May 20

The Keeler Centre, Colborne

This is your invitation to come and join Probus members from other area 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 3) from Liz Davidson, coordinator for our club.