



PROBUS PATTER

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Presidents Message

Here we are in mid-August and my year as President is coming to a close.

Next month is our Annual General Meeting which we plan to have in conjunction with a breakfast. It's an important meeting and worthy of a little extra support. I hope you will all come out, enjoy a lovely breakfast together and cheer on the incoming Management Committee.

Your Nomination Committee has been hard at work and has a full slate of members to put before our membership. There is still the opportunity to nominate from the floor at the AGM so don't hesitate to nominate someone you feel will be an asset to the team.

On July 20th many of us went to the Fourth Line Theatre to see a play about Port Hope. What a great time it was. I was happy to have my sister from Okotoks, Alberta with me and she too found the play to be very enjoyable. Evelyn also commented on how friendly our group is! Now, I knew that, but it was good hearing it from an "outsider".

Even the rain that fell was, well, fun, particularly when those sitting down front were offered raincoats to protect their clothing. What a sight it was watching folk rushing to get into the raincoats. Heads came out armholes, while arms emerged from where the heads belonged. Everyone just got into the spirit of it all and had a roaring good time! We must do that again!

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On August 19th we are off to see "Annie" in Belleville – should also be a good time.

Until next time ---
Catharine Ramsey

**THE SUBJECT WAS DIAMONDS
TONY HOLMES - GEOLOGIST**

From our own Probus Club member's interesting talk we learnt how a diamond is formed from carbon atoms, its similarity to graphite, which is also formed from carbon atoms and that they are mainly transparent with great ability to disperse white light into spectral colors. While many think of diamonds as blue-white they do come in several colours – pale apple green being the rarest and consequentially the most valuable.

Historically they have been known to humans for over 3,000 – possibly as far back as 6,000 - years and were used then, as they are now, for jewellery and, because of their inherent toughness, for engraving tools. They are found every where in the world but mainly in South Africa and India. Diamonds are brought closer to the surface of the earth by volcanic activity. There have been findings in various types of sediments as well as in meteorites.

This gem has an inexplicably unique and great ability to excite the imagination and has inspired wars, intrigue, murders and general mayhem throughout the world as well as being the foundation for novels and movies.

Tony told us about the Cullinan Diamond - which in 1905 was the largest ever found - and how it had been passed by several times as being just an ordinary rock before it was discovered. The largest gem cut from it "The Great Star of Africa" and a smaller one "The Lesser Star of Africa" are in the Crown Jewels of the United Kingdom.

The term "Diamonds Are Forever" still hangs around and originates from a 1947 advertisement. Fake diamonds are now on the market and while they might be popular in some settings nothing will ever beat a "real diamond". That remains the gem of many a young girl's dream.

Editor's Note: Unfortunately Maggie's computer and mine had "a disagreement" and so we were unable to have Tony's photo with this

VOLUNTEERS FOR 2010/2011 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

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BY ACCLAMATION:

INCOMING PRESIDENT	BILL MINION
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT	CATHARINE RAMSEY

If you are interested in having your name put forward for any of these positions please advise Catharine Ramsey, Bill Minion or Terry Bell (Nominating Committee) or any member of the Management Team.

NB: The Ganaraska and Cobourg Clubs have several members helping out on their Program Committee which makes it much easier for the Chair. Therefore, more volunteers for Program would be very welcome

ANNUAL PROBUS INVITATIONAL OPEN

The Shelter Valley Pines Golf Club hosted the second Annual Invitational Golf Tournament on July 30.

A best ball 4 person scramble format, with at least one lady golfer per team, made for a real fun day

Probus teams were there from the area as well as Belleville and Brighton.

Representing Port Hope were the team of Dorothy Gilmer, Sel Shields, Paul Godfrey and Ken Scott.

They carded 37 – not good enough to win – but very respectable.

A delicious BBQ lunch was served followed by prize presentation.

July 22nd is the date set for the next year's Tournament.

Thanks to Ken Scott for submitting this article
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**MANAGEMENT TEAM
LOOKING FOR A MEETING PLACE**

With the changes recently done at the Independent we lost our usual meeting room.

If anyone has a suggestion as to where we could meet on a monthly basis – preferably free of cost – please let Catharine know.

At this time we are looking at using a room at the Community Center at a cost of \$30 per month.

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POKER CLUB

This group of 8 players have been able to have a game once per month on Thursdays.

There have been no game dates for the summer months. Games will start again in September

Each player takes a turn hosting the group.

It has been a little difficult to get the entire group together as one or two are not able to play on the chosen date.

If you are interested in being an alternate talk to Rose or Moose Ferguson

EUCHRE CLUB

This started off very slowly with just one table in September. Play is usually on the first Wednesday of the month starting at 7.00PM and is played in rotation at a member's home.

However, with the return of members who were on holidays and with neighbours of Carolyn and Gary filling in we were able to get three tables going.

This is a really sociable evening – lots and lots of laughs – some good play although someone did get "euchred" on a lone hand – Gary was that you?

Players in the group are definitely not the type to get heated under the collar because of a bad play This is truly an easy going bunch which makes for a real fun evening

No games have been played over the summer – plans are to start again in September.

We really do need a few more members to join in the fun so if interested please talk to Gary or Carolyn Webb

OTHER PROBUS CLUBS FUN GROUPS

The Ganaraska Club has a Wine and App group. Members get together for drinks and appetizers at various members' homes. We hear it is a nice and sociable evening and allows members to get to know each other better. Each person attending brings an appetizer and their drink of choice.

Another Probus club has their own garden tour. Once per year – five members allow their Club members to tour.

There are "Lunch Bunches", bowling, monthly Pub Nights and other interesting events.

No doubt there are many ways we can think of to also have these get together – all that's needed is someone to spear head the event. How about you?

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"I THINK THERE IS A WORLD MARKET FOR MAYBE FIVE COMPUTERS"

Thomas Watson – Chairman of IBM in 1943

PROGRAMS – Sue Spiers

SEPTEMBER 7 OUR ALASKA CRUISE & TOUR
SUE SPEIRS & ALAN BUTLER

SEPTEMBER 21 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

SPECIAL EVENTS – Carolyn Minion

ANNIE – EMPIRE THEATRE – BELLEVILLE

AUGUST 19
\$66 – INCLUDES: TICKET/LUNCH
ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS
MEET AT PHILLIPS ST. PARKING LOT
DEPART 11.00 AM
RETURN 5.00 PM

KISS ME KATE - STRATFORD

SEPTEMBER 29
**** \$140 DUE NOW ****
INCLUDES: TICKET/DINNER
ALL TRANSPORTATION COSTS

8.00 AM DEPART PORT HOPE
11.00 AM ARRIVE STRATFORD
2.00 PM FESTIVAL THEATRE
5.00PM DINNER - DEMETRE'S
6.30PM DEPART STRATFORD
9.30 PM ARRIVE PORT HOPE

CATERING - Anne Shields

SEPTEMBER CAPTAIN RITA BELL

September 7 Kitty Hatch, Pat Goodyear
Charmion Dennys, May Anderson

September 21 Annual General Meeting
Catered Breakfast

OCTOBER CAPTAIN DOROTHY GILMER

October 5 Lois Hewson, Sheila Goering
Sharon & David McElroy

October 19 Joan McIntosh, Ruth Evans
Una Norenus, Beth Wallace

NOVEMBER CAPTAIN BONNIE WALKER

November 2 Margot Agnew, Doreen Rossi,
Elizabeth Weaver, Lucy Frew

November 16 Mysie Vanhinsberg, Ruby Hunter
Helen & Paul Smith

VISA SCAMS TO KNOW ABOUT

The caller often hits later at night and will say he is from your credit card company.

He even IDs the last four digits of your charge card as proof.

He will tell you he is checking on a possible fraudulent purchase.

When you deny making the purchase the caller will offer to reverse it immediately – he just needs the three or four digit verification code on the back of your card.

This is very likely someone who has copied the front of your card but still needs the verification code.

You should hang up and immediately call your credit card company.

You will likely find out that the original call was a scam.

It is a good idea after such an event to cancel and replace your card – just in case.

ANNUAL BBQ AND CORN ROAST

CONVENERS – VERN & JUDY JOHNSON

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 7 (RAIN DATE SEPT. 8)
3.30 PM



WHERE: HAROLD
AND DONNA
WAKELY'S
LAKESHORE ROAD



\$6/PERSON
BRING YOUR CHAIRS AND YOUR LIQUID REFRESHMENTS