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Probus Club**

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They say that time flies when you are having fun and that time goes faster as one gets older. Well both apply to me as the year acting as your Vice President has come and gone seemingly very quickly.

After a hard fought election campaign I am indeed humbled by the vote of confidence you have given me to be your president for this next year. I will endeavour to be a good president and carry out your wishes.

I also thank the new management committee for volunteering and in some cases being "voluntold" to serve on the committee. As our club gets older, 11 years now, it seems to get harder to find people with the time that have not done it before.

That brings me to one of my concerns and hence one of my goals for the year. Our membership is shrinking. We have had some hard working members pass on and others who find that they cannot continue due to time pressures. We miss them all.

Instead of a waiting list that in some cases in the past was as long as 2 years, 1½ years for Carolyn and I, we have openings now for somewhere around 15 members. We need new members to keep the club vital. They bring fresh ideas and hopefully will be willing to serve on future management committees. Also without new members it is getting harder to fill a bus for trips that we take. The fewer on the bus the more expensive it is for the participants.

So, we must undertake a recruiting campaign and that can only happen if each of us looks for and brings in potential members. So please invite your friends and neighbours to come out and give us a try. I know we sure enjoy the camaraderie of becoming friends with all of you and I'm sure more people would find the same.

A few years ago under Erik Norenus' leadership we formed the new Port Hope club Ganaraska Valley. Initially we had little to do with them as they wanted to show independence and grow in their own right. As they are now well established it is time to get to know them. At their initiative we are going to invite them to one of our meetings, Nov 2, and we will be invited to attend one of theirs. Besides working closer with them perhaps we can solve one of our problems of filling busses by jointly working on trips.

It is an honour to serve as your president and I thank Catharine and all past presidents who worked so hard to make this such a great club.

Bill Minion

ALASKA CRUISE AND LAND TOUR

On September 7, Club Member Allan Butler – with help from partner Sue Speirs – told us about their recent cruise and land tour of Alaska.

Aided by an accompanying video we could see how beautiful and varied the landscape and the many interesting sites that were visited.

For them it was a most enjoyable experience – one they heartily recommend to those who have not yet made this trip.



At our Annual General Meeting on September 21, Terry Bell was asked by outgoing President Catharine Ramsey to display the plaque that he had been trying for years to have made and placed.

It is fair to say that this has been a project that was near and dear to Terry's heart and, with the assistance of Jim Gilmer, it was good to see it finally come to fruition.

The plaque has the words "In Memory of lives well lived
Probus Club of Port Hope and District"

The Town of Port Hope will place this at the foot of the tree we had planted in the Town Park years ago. As there were some records missing Terry has spent a great deal of time locating the correct tree.

From all of us - thank you for all your work and effort Terry!!

ANNUAL CORN ROAST – SEPTEMBER 7, 2010

The weather was terrific while the event was on but it sure turned real nasty later on!! We are so lucky!! The setting was beautiful – the food great and so the photos speak for themselves. If you weren't there you sure missed a great time!!

Thanks **to Harold and Donna Wakely** for once again allowing us to use their beautiful lakefront property and to **Vern and Judy Johnson** for organizing this event.



LIST OF CATERING VOLUNTEERS

Margot Agnew
 May Anderson
 Rita & Terry Bell
 Anne Brown
 Pat Buchan
 Fran Campbell
 Edith Carr
 Betty Collins
 Julie Cotter
 Lorraine Darke
 Liz Davidson
 Betty DeLong
 Charmion Dennys
 Marguerite Dorrity
 Jeannette Etter
 Ruth Evans
 Lucy Frew
 Nancy Ford
 Marion & Doug Gellatly
 Sheila Goering
 Pat Goodyear
 Fiona Graham

Pauline & Jim Graham
 Kitty Hatch
 Joann Henderson
 Lois Hueston
 Ruby Hunter
 Marilyn & Ernie Johnson
 Judy & Vern Johnson
 Shirley Kane
 Don Kent
 Grace Lees
 Joyce Lees
 Dorothy Lent
 Barbara Loucks
 Peggy Martin
 Beverley & Ralph Mathieson
 Jane McCluskey
 Alan McReady
 David & Sharon McElroy
 Joan McIntosh
 Barbara & Sam McReelis
 Maggie Money
 Barbara & Bob Moorcroft
 Una Norenus

Carole Payne
 Betty Reynolds
 Betty Richards
 Shirley Robinson
 Eileen Rose
 Doreen Rossi
 Ruth Roy
 Gloria & Fred Schumacher
 Bryan Sherry
 Marg Short
 Don Simpson
 Elaine Simpson
 Helen & Paul Smith
 Maggie Snow
 Sue Speirs
 Marg Tait
 Mysie Vanhinsberg
 Donna Wakely
 Bonnie Walker
 Beth Wallace
 George Watson
 Elizabeth Weaver

***Please be at the Hall by 8.30**

***If unable to attend please choose a substitute from the list and give the name to your Captain**

***Make sure that your alternative is not already scheduled for the month**

<u>PROGRAMS</u>	
October 5	“Making a Living in Canadian Theatre” Caroline Smith, owner of Moonpath Productions, a professional Theatre Company from Belleville
October 19	Bruce Doran LLB Working with your lawyer *****
November 2	Remembrance Day Program Members from the Ganaraska Valley Club will be our guest
November 16	Bonnie McCool “Green Steps” Making a healthier and safer home and environment

<u>CATERING</u>	
OCTOBER	CAPTAIN DOROTHY GILMER
5	Lois Hueston, Shelia Goering Sharon & David McIlroy
19	John McIntosh, Ruth Evans Una Norenus, Beth Wallace
NOVEMBER	CAPTAIN BARBARA HAWTHORN
2	Margot Agnew, Doreen Rossi Elizabeth Weaver, Lucy Frew
16	Mysie Vanhinsberg, Ruby Hunter Helen & Paul Smith
DECEMBER	CAPTAIN PAULINE CARRICK
7	Elaine Simpson, Edith Carr, Kitty Hatch, Betty Reynolds

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Catharine Ramsey – our outgoing President thanks Members for their support during her term



Bill Minion – incoming President gets ready to take over the gavel (and bell) from Catharine



The 2009/2010 Management Committee

From left – Fraser Carr – Programs: Bill Minion – President: Barbara Loucks -Vice President
John Buchan – Membership: Fiona Graham – Secretary: Catharine Ramsey - Immediate Past President:
Jeanette Rutherford – Treasurer: Carolyn Webb – Editor: Carolyn Minion – Special Events

INSERT – OCTOBER 2010

SPECIAL EVENTS

ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM – CHINA'S WARRIOR KING AND THE TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

Wednesday - November 17

Depart Port Hope 12.00PM

Dinner Frankie Tomatto's – buffet – featuring Canadian and Italian cuisine

Return Port Hope 8.00 PM – approximately

COST \$67: Includes all transportation, guided tour of the exhibit and dinner



The Royal Ontario Museum now houses an ancient military that unified a civilization.

The Warrior Emperor and China's Terracotta Army reveals the findings from the 2,200-year-old tomb of the first Chinese emperor. The burial chamber contained 8,000 life sized fighter sculptures, which were only part of a huge effort to provide the deceased king with everything he would need in the afterlife.

"This exhibit explores China after 500 years of war," explained senior ROM curator Dr. Chen Shen, at Friday's opening ceremonies in the museum's foyer. "Archaeologists in Shaanxi province found more than a mausoleum; they found a complete recreation of that time and place."

The exhibition includes sculptures from the 1974 discovery, including archers and two of the nine life size generals from China's Qin Dynasty. Each

terracotta statue has a distinct face. For military enthusiasts, there are real swords and suits of armour. A crossbow with its original reddish varnish is on display, along with videos with actors explaining how China's Emperor Zheng unified a bunch of squabbling fiefdoms.

According to Shen, the scale of the tomb goes beyond kingly grandeur. "The emperor was as much of a revolutionary in death as he was in life," said Shen, "through commissioning the reproduction of his entire world through art."

Among the 244 pieces imported for this exhibition are also the things an army in the afterlife needs, including cooking pots and building materials and even entertainers. The overall effect is less about learning about Emperor Zheng than it is about immersing one's self in daily life in Ancient China.

The completeness of the exhibition is what's most striking about it; life sized terracotta horse sculptures are of course amazing, and they make the real ancient Chinese riding bridles and other equestrian gear more fascinating.

Ordinary things like pipes and building materials make the exhibition as intimate as it is grand. It reveals through relics and video how the next few centuries of a recently united China played out. All the ancient goods here are entertainingly contextualized.

Shen sees this discovery as a victory for science and for humanity, containing one of the most poignant ironies in archeological history.

"The emperor planned to live forever in the afterlife, and mortal eyes were not supposed to ever see his terracotta army," said Shen, "but it was not until his tomb was discovered that mortals made him immortal."

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