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Monthly Newsletter of the Probus Club of Cobourg and District

Presidential Decree



**Marie Chisholm and
Kathy Cole
Co-Presidents**

were part of the cheering section.

We celebrated a belated Valentine's Day by the majority of our members Wearing something red and exchanging Valentine cards on the 17th. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the socializing. We hope you made a new Probus friend.

Special thanks to **Marlene Stothart, Julia Ford, Edna Head and Doreen Guy** for assisting in our card delivery and thank you to Bert MacMillan and Marlene Stothart for supplying the required baskets for the card distribution.

On March 17th lets all wear green to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

Marie & Kathy



The Valentine Card exchange at the February 17th meeting was a big hit with the members once again, as evidenced by these laughing Probians as they shared the cards they had received.

We knew if we kept our clothes long enough an occasion would arise to wear them! Thanks to Russ's organization of "**Breakfast with the Golden Girls**" we found ourselves attempting to be dressed for a '1950's' movie. Unfortunately keeping those hats in place was not our strong point. Hopefully a good time was had by all!

Special thanks must be given to **Ken and Elizabeth Ledgard** and **Audrey Stacey** for staying at the desk until all members had arrived, it was appreciated.

We must give kudos' to our bowling team for not winning the toilet seat. Our Club actually placed second in the tournament. The Ganaraska Club graciously accepted the LOO - SER trophy. Special thanks to the members who

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Can Your Car Be Hacked?



By **Kim Boatman**

You might be behind the wheel, but increasingly, computers control your car's every function.

Microprocessors direct braking, acceleration and even the horn these days. "Because they are hidden, people don't often understand that there can be anywhere from 30 to 40 microprocessors in most cars and even up to 100 different ones running different functions in some vehicles," says Stephan A. Tarnutzer, chief operating officer for DGE Inc., which provides electronic designs and consulting for auto manufacturers and suppliers.

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But could a hacker compromise these systems? Recently, several news reports have raised the issue of car-hacking risks, including:

Vehicle disablement. After a disgruntled former employee took over a Web-based vehicle-immobilization system at an Austin, Texas, car sales center, more than 100 drivers found their vehicles had been disabled or their horns were honking out of control.

Tire pressure system hacking. Researchers from the University of South Carolina and Rutgers University were able to hack into tire pressure monitoring systems. Using readily available equipment and free software, the researchers triggered warning lights and remotely tracked a vehicle through its unique monitoring system.

Disabling brakes. Researchers at the University of Washington and University of San Diego created a program that would hack into onboard computers to disable brakes and stop the engine. The researchers connected to onboard computers through ports for the cars' diagnostic system.

Is your car at risk? The potential for car hacking is real, although there may not be a financial incentive for hackers to focus on autos just yet, say the experts. "All the malware attacks consumers are faced with every day have financial motives behind them," says Ryan Smith, a principal researcher with Accuvant Labs who finds vulnerabilities in computer systems.

Most of the danger right now may come from hackers who want to demonstrate their prowess and enhance their reputations, says Tarnutzer. And the increased reliance on wireless systems -- such as the tire pressure monitoring system -- makes your car more vulnerable to these attacks, says John Bambene, a security researcher with the Internet Storm Center, the global cooperative community that monitors cyberthreats.

Protect your car from hacking

Security is largely in the hands of auto manufacturers, who are working to address concerns. In the

meantime, you can take these steps to protect your vehicle:

Ask about wireless systems. Familiarize yourself with the wireless systems if you're purchasing a new car, advises Bambenek. For a car you already own, you can review your manual or check online. Find out if any of the systems can be operated remotely.

Ask about remote shutdown. If you're financing through the company from which you purchased the vehicle, ask about remote shutdown related to repossession. Make sure the seller has security measures in place that control access to the system.

Go to reputable dealers and repair shops. It's possible for unscrupulous garages to manipulate your car's computer systems, making it appear you need repairs that aren't actually warranted. Don't cut corners when it comes to choosing a dealer or repair shop.

Protect your information. Of course, locking your car is always wise. And if you use OnStar -- the GM-owned auto security and information service -- make sure you don't leave OnStar-related documents or your password in the car, says John Luludis, president and co-founder of Superior Tech Solutions, an IT provider, and a former car industry tech executive. Since OnStar can remotely shut off your engine if you report the vehicle stolen, there's the potential for mischief if your password falls in the wrong hands.

Be cautious about after-market devices. After-market car systems may not be as rigorously tested or designed, opening you to vulnerabilities, says Tarnutzer. Luludis compares the use of computers in cars to the development in our use of personal computers. Hacking exploded when the Internet evolved, making it easy to access computers via networks. Wireless connections mean your car is no longer a closed system. "Once you have connection to vehicles, you have an entry point for people to try to access," says Luludis. "The only thing standing in their way now is a standardized piece of software. It's a concern we need to address."

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Speakers Corner – Feb. 3rd Meeting

"Breakfast With The Golden Girls"

Thursday February 3rd, 2011 was the day we digressed from our normal style of meeting to enjoy an early morning buffet breakfast at the Best Western followed by a vintage movie.

Ninety hardy club members braved the early morning start time to gather at the hotel at 8:00 a.m. Breakfast was served at 8:30 a.m. sharp and everyone certainly seemed to enjoy the bacon, eggs, sausage, waffles, etc..... At 9:15 a.m. we watched the classic movie makeover of the "*Philadelphia Story*" this time entitled "*High Society*" starring Bing Crosby, Frank Sinatra, Louis Armstrong and Grace Kelly. This makeover was a musical adaptation of the original story with plenty of music that kept the audience tapping their toes to the beat.

We wrapped up the movie portion of the meeting at 11:00 a.m., broke for a quick coffee, and then returned for a short business meeting. The final item on the agenda was our 50-50 draw and *Margarete Easton* walked off with the \$42.50 prize. *Kathy Cole* was the winner of the "High Society" DVD .

Many thanks to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a success. Thanks go out to *Ken & Elizabeth Ledgard* who were at their positions to take attendance and tickets at 7:30AM. Also thanks to *Audrey Stacey* who also arrived early to sell 50-50 tickets. Special thanks to *Bill Johnson* for arranging to print the tickets and advertising and to *Bert MacMillan* who helped with the marshalling so that we didn't have a backup of people at the buffet.

Finally we would like to thank co-presidents *Marie Chisholm & Kathy Cole* for being such good sports and letting us call them "*The Golden Girls*" for this event. Your Programme Committee is pleased the membership has responded so favourably to this type of meeting. We will be sure to include a day at the movies in next year's varied Programming Schedule.

Russ Donaldson



The Golden Girls, dressed to the nines, were on hand to welcome Probian's arriving for their Buffet Breakfast.



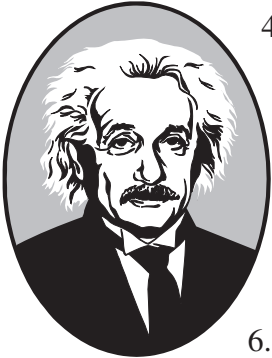
Isabel Pankhurst and Elma Parker took the opportunity to catch-up on the news over coffee.



Russ Donaldson could finally relax after the show. A great job Russ. Well done. We had a great time!

More Puns for Educated Minds

Both *Russ Donaldson* and *Jim Sandham* sent the *Probian* the following. Hope you will enjoy the puns.



Albert Einstein

4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. Soldiers who survive mustard gas and pepper spray are seasoned veterans
16. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large
17. In a democracy it's your vote that counts. In feudalism it's your count that votes.
18. When cannibals ate a missionary, they got a taste of religion

Watch for more puns to come.

Speakers Corner – Feb. 17th meeting



Shane Joseph

Speaker *Shane Joseph* was introduced by Probian *Joe Howieson* and spoke to the club on "So you want to be a writer". Joseph told the meeting that there are 60,000 writers in Canada today and that only 8% of them have an annual income of \$25,000 plus. "If you wish to make any real money", *Joseph*

said, "buy a lottery ticket".

The speaker discussed the various type of writing aspiring writers should consider, as well as how to promote yourself to potential publishers. His message was "make sure they (publishers) can find you.

The speaker asked "How many here have written a book?" – and "How many here plan to write a book"? The number of hands that were raised suggest that we do have a handful of potential authors in our midst.

Joseph told of his own long and varied experiences as an author, telling of how he was able to get his works published. There is certainly a lot more to becoming a writer than just "wishing", Joseph related as he ran through a list of the required steps for success – the "**How – Why – What – When and Where**" of the successful authors needs.

The speaker was thanked by Probian *Toni Thompson* for his most interesting presentation.

Audrey Levtov spoke to the Club about a recent book she had read – "The Help" by *Kathryn Stockett*. *Audrey's* animated and well prepared report very certainly suggested that this was a book well worth reading.

The wisdom of Charles Sschulz

"Sometimes I lie awake at night, and I ask, "Where have I gone wrong?" Then a voice says to me, "This is going to take more than one night."

Charles M. Schulz



**Coming Events –
Mark your calendars!**

Mar. 8th – Anyone for bridge?



**Wanted
Bridge Players
for Probus social bridge group.**

We meet at 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of the month at the Red Rice Restaurant on Peter Street in Port Hope. Following a yummy Chinese buffet, we play bridge for fun. The cost is a mere \$11 per person which covers lunch, gratuities, taxes and small bridge prizes.

To join us for an enjoyable afternoon, please contact **Lil Graham** at 905.372.4028 or **Cath Oberholtzer** 905.372.2005 cober@eagle.ca

Our next date is March 8th

Mar. 16th – April 17th - Port Hope Festival Theatre – “Elvis – from

Memphis to Vegas.” A toe tapping musical featuring Elvis’ singing career from Memphis to Vegas. Tickets at the Capitol Theatre Box Office. Call 905-885-1071 – 800-434-5092 for information and ticket availability.

Mar. 17th Regular Meeting at the Best Western Inn & Convention Centre . Speaker will be author **Richard Looye** speaking on “ **Irish Boy Makes Good in Port Hope**”. **Be sure to wear something green ... it’s St. Patrick’s Day.** There will be a special appearance of **The Irish Rovers** to open this meeting.

May 18th – ‘Spring Fling 2011’

at the Evinrude Centre, 911 Monaghan Road in Peterborough. Theme - “Celebrate in the Kawarthas.” Watch for more information coming soon. Tickets \$35.00 each.

April 1st – Dinner Theatre at the Best Western Inn & Convention Centre.

Take a situation where a man and a woman connect for a date through their ads in the personal column and add all the complications that could arise when each takes a friend along on this first date – and you have **Norm Foster’s** play – “**Looking**”. This play, presented by Northumberland Players, is clever, funny and witty. Tickets at \$33.75 are available from Nancy Foden.

Apr. 7th – Regular Meeting – at the Best Western Inn and Convention Centre – Program to be announced.

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He’s Moved!

If you are looking for Probian **Jim Stirling**, you can now find him at:

Jim Stirling,
120 University Avenue
Unit 803
COBOURG, ON
K9A 0A9 Tel: 905-372-5201

Changed your address recently? Please be sure to let **Ken Ledgard** know!

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Headlines from the Press

“Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers”
Now that’s taking things a bit far!

“Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over”
What a guy!

“Miners Refuse to Work after Death”
No-good-for-nothing’ lazy so-and-so’s!

Thanks to **Elma Parker** for these gems. Watch for more headlines that make you think in future issues of **The Probian**.

Inter-Club Bowling Tournament a great fellowship event!



A Contrast in Styles

The inter-club bowling meet on February 7th had a little bit of everything. One of the most interesting things seen at the tournament was the numerous variations in bowling style as demonstrated by our Cobourg Team members.

Left: **George Chisholm** helps **Mary Korol** get the hang of the Senior's Ramp while on the right, **Russ Donaldson** shows he hadn't lost anything from his impressive delivery style.



Time-out for Coffee

Margarete Easton, Malcolm Wardman and **Co-President Kathy Cole** paused for a coffee and conversation break while catching their breath between games. Over 100 Probians from local Clubs made the day a great success.



Time-out for a Photo-op

Looks like everyone was quite relaxed while they awaited their turn to bowl. Seen above, are, **Margarete Easton, Russ Donaldson, Jo Morra** and **Mabel Wardman**, an impressive team if ever There was one.



Best of all, Probians, Ganaraska Probus got the dreaded Toilet Seat Trophy

Where were they when?



Okay, Probian, here's another test for you. Can you identify the charming young man shown to the left?

Taken in the early 1940's, you'll readily admit it was a different world when real men wore fedoras.

Here's one for the guys! Can you tell us who this smiling charmer grew up to be?

A farm girl with a great sense of humour and always a cheery word for everyone she meets.

No date supplied with this submission, but then a lady never reveals her age, does she?



Last weeks challenge



Who could miss on this one? This young man from Old Toronto's north end has been a fixture at Cobourg

Probus for many years and one of the major contributors to our Club.

The answer: ***Russ Donaldson***, of course!



This year we will experience 4 unusual dates....

1/1/11, - 1/11/11, - 11/1/11, - 11/11/11

NOW go figure this out.... take the last 2 digits of the year you were born plus the age you will be this year and it WILL EQUAL 111.. this is freaky.. stole this from a friend. Pass it along..

Thanks to Russ Donaldson for this teaser.



Are you a true Canadian?

Find the answer here!

If your local Dairy Queen (ice cream store) is closed from September through May, you may live in Canada . * *

If someone in a Home Depot store offers you assistance and they don't work there,you may live in Canada . * *

If you've worn shorts and a parka at the same time, ...you may live in Canada . * *

If you've had a lengthy telephone conversation With someone who dialled a wrong number you you may live in Canada . * *

If 'Vacation' means going anywhere South of Detroit for the weekend, you may live in Canada . * *

If you measure distance in hours,you may live in Canada . * *

If you know several people who have hit a deer more than once,you may live in Canada . * *

If you have switched from 'Heat' to 'A/C' in the same day and back again,you may live in Canada . * *

If you can drive 90 km/hr through 2 feet of snow during a raging blizzard without flinching,you may live in Canada . * *

If you install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked,you may live in Canada .

If you carry jumper cables in your car and your wife knows how to use them, ...you may live in Canada * *

If you design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit, ...you may live in Canada . * *

If the speed limit on the highway is 80 km and you're going 95 and everybody is passing you,you may live in Canada . * *

If driving is better in the winter because the potholes are filled with snow, ...you may live in Canada . * *

If you know all 4 seasons: Almost Winter, Winter, Still Winter, and Road Construction,you may live in Canada . * *

(This is my favourite, because how true)

If you have more miles on your snow blower than your car,you may live in Canada .

If you find -2 degrees 'a little chilly', ...you may live in Canada .

If you actually understand these jokes, and send them to all your friends,you **DEFINITELY** are Canadian and proud to *be!*

Thanks to Mary Thomson for sending this message along.

Attention all Lexiphiles*



***People who like playing with words**

To write with a broken pencil is pointless.

When fish are in schools they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles , U.C.L.A.

The professor discovered that her theory of earthquakes was on shaky ground.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

If you don't pay your exorcist you can get repossessed.

Thanks to Alma Draper for this contribution to the Probian. Watch for more next month.