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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

When I pulled into the parking lot at the Keeler Centre for our January 20 meeting, I saw a large number of police vehicles were already there. At first I thought, "My God, they're raiding the Probus Club!" While some of our activities may at times get a little raucous (such as bowling, horseshoes, mad driving in car rallies), I didn't think they would attract so many officers. Then I wondered if the occasional pool (billiards) sessions frequented by Clare, Doug and some of the boys had become somewhat more serious. You can imagine my relief when I saw that the police were having a meeting in the next room and no guns were drawn.

On thinking about this later, I realized what a safe and friendly community we live in. Unlike some of our neighbouring communities, we don't have to worry about radioactive soil or strange and rather unattractive installations in our park. Granted, we don't get as much coverage in the local press but that can be a good thing sometimes.

Our local press is generally supportive about police activities in the community and also makes a point of reporting on our extraordinary Highway of Heroes, honouring fallen military personnel, something that appears to be unique to Canada and to this part of Canada. Controversies about some extremes of police activities (such as tasing procedures and the "kettling" practices used during the G20 Summit) raise troubling questions but by and large, we live in a wonderfully peaceful country and nowhere more so than here in Northumberland. I for one am very appreciative of the protection and service provided by our local, provincial and national police forces that are a large reason for that reality.

At the risk of sounding irreverent (not intended), it is interesting to note that while the weapon used in the recent tragedy in Arizona was an automatic handgun, the "weapon" used here in Canada in our own tragedy last week was a snowplow (January 12)! What more could be said about the difference between our two countries.

Bob Lee

SAVE THE DATE!

Probus members worldwide are invited to attend the 2011 National Conference and to holiday in Vancouver, British Columbia, the "World in a City." The conference dates are September 13 – 15, 2011.

Put PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011 on your calendar and visit the website at www.probusrendezvous.com regularly for the latest program and entertainment information.

Malcolm Metcalfe, Marketing Chair, Rendezvous 2011

2010 – 2011 PROBUS CLUB EXECUTIVE

Car Rally

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SPEAKERS CORNER

Lenna Broatch spoke on January 5 about 'Rural Roots/Rural Routes'. Despite a glitch with PowerPoint pictures, Lenna displayed her ingenuity. Her roots are grounded in Salem since her birth there. Presently, Lenna and her husband Alan own a farm with a personal and historical connection. The house is well over 100 years young. The property was farmed by Lenna's grandfather in the mid 1800's. However, before moving 'back home' Lenna spent time in Toronto at Ryerson specializing in Interior Design. After marriage to Alan, they bought 100 acres north of Fowler's Corners where Lenna dabbled in pottery and crafts using mohair from her herd of angora goats. She still uses her design skills with various needlework crafts. As for community involvement, she is a busy lady – Cramahe Horticultural Society (and the district organization as well), Apple Blossom Festival Committee, Heritage Cramahe (which designates historical buildings for the Township), Salem Cemetery Board and Salem United Church. This very busy lady is an asset to our community.

Bob Lee opened our January 19th meeting with his regular 'This Day in History'. It is a reminder that significant and not-so-significant events happen daily. Doug Galt introduced James Thomas of Forward Lighting. James described his company's innovative induction lighting. Cobourg is the first municipality in Canada to change their street lighting to this technology. Cramahe installed induction lighting in the industrial park just south of the Highway 401. Northumberland County plans to replace all county lighting with inductive fixtures. James taught us that an incandescent bulb wastes 90% energy as unneeded heat. Quartz lights use excessive amounts of energy. Bulbs in 'old' light fixtures emit noise (which bugs find attractive)! The advantages of inductive lighting are lower energy usage, less frequent replacement, no mercury content, little heat emitted, no noise and lighting directed to area of need – not lighting the sky. The components are built off shore, but his company can retrofit existing light fixtures as long as they are less than 15 years of age.

PROBUS BOWLING

On Wednesday January 26, 2011 eighteen members put on their bowling shoes and enjoyed a fun filled morning of strikes, spares and near hits. One of our members had a most non-memorable outing, and to save embarrassing that member I promised Doug Galt, that his name would not appear in this report. My lips are sealed!!!!!!!

Our top bowler for the morning was **Martin Blackshaw** with a total score of 455 for three

games. The top three Ladies: **Diane Dycke** (451 and 5 strikes), **Sue McQuillin** (410 and 2 strikes) and **Audrey Shewin** (394 and 4 strikes). It must be noted that all three Ladies were team mates. Diane was also top Lady for strikes.

The top three Men: **Martin** Blackshaw (455 and 5 strikes), **Barry** McQuillin (450 and 6 strikes), **Bob** Lee (448 and 4 strikes). Our Most Improved Bowler was **Pat Shewin** (354 and 4 strikes), with a 118 average for three games.

Our next bowling date will be February 23, 2011. Sign up sheets will be available at both February meetings.

Gord McArthur

THEATRE

1. Northumberland Players. *The Trouble with Richard* will be a dinner theatre held at the Best Western in Cobourg Jan 28 – 30 and Feb 4 – 6 2011. Call 905-372-2210.
2. Herongate Barn Dinner Theatre presents *Nana's Naughty Knickers* from January 28 until March 26, 2011. The theatre is in Whitby at Altona and Taunton Roads. Contact information is www.herongate.com or 1-905-472-3085.
3. *Annie* will be performed at the Cameco Capitol Theatre in Port Hope starting February 25 until March 6. This is a great show for families (i.e. grandchildren). Details and ticket availability can be found at www.capitoltheatre.com or 1-800-434-5092.
4. The 2011 season for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival is available at www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com or 1-800-567-1600.
5. 4th Line Theatre (near Millbrook) will celebrate 20 seasons with *Berlin Blues* running from June 28 to July 23 followed by *The Cavan Blazers* from Aug 2 to 27th. Tickets are available now at www.4thlinetheatre.on.ca or 1-800-814-0055.

COMMUNITY

1. **Winter Walking at the Keeler Centre** is available Monday to Friday from 9 – 11 am, except holidays. The Community service is a safe way to stay healthy and avoid falls! The Centre can even provide music accompaniment or bring your own.
2. Saturday January 29 there will be Square Dancing at Salem United Church starting at 6:30 pm with pie and ice cream (\$2). The dancing is free so you can 'burn off' the calories!
3. A Dinner and Concert will be at Colborne United Church on February 5. Dinner is at 5:30 pm followed by Amy Nodwell's performance. Tickets are available at Downey Pharmacy and Johnston's Motors at \$10 for the concert and \$15 for dinner and the concert. A bargain for sure!

4. Cramahe Horticultural Society's next meeting is Tuesday February 15, 2011 at the Keeler Centre. The meeting starts at 7 pm with Rose Odell describing 'Communities in Bloom' Guests are welcome.
5. March 6 there will be 'Golfing in the Snow' starting at 1:30 pm followed by a Pancake Supper at Salem United Church. This event will be a team challenge.
6. March 8 there will be a community Shrove Tuesday Supper at Trinity Anglican Church in Colborne. Details will be in the next issue of In Touch.
7. Peterborough Garden Show 2011 is April 8 – 10 at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough. Admission is \$6 per day. There are speakers at various times on Saturday and Sunday.

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 2 – Probus: Daryl Stogryn, Director of World Outreach, Youth for Christ/Youth Unlimited – Canada.

Wed Feb 16 – Probus Sherry Pringle, author of 'All the Ships Men', will speak on the HMCS Athabasca.

Wed Feb 23 – 3rd Bowling date.

Wed March 2 – Probus Janine McLeod, Nature Educator and Outreach Coordinator, will speak of the Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savannah.

Wed March 16 – Probus Al Brisco with his steel guitar will lead us in Irish songs to celebrate St Patrick's Day

Wed March 23 – last Bowling date.

Wed April 6 – Probus Sid Atkinson will speak on "Dairy Farming 101 – nutrition and business".

Wed April 20 – Probus Anniversary Party with entertainment provided by Peter Faragher.

Wed May 18 – Spring Fling at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough; entertainment will include Linda Cash (The Philadelphia Cream Cheese Lady). More details later. Tickets are \$35/person with a limited availability for Colborne Probus Club – 'first come ...'

Wed June 1 – Probus Ivy Succe will speak on the "Bernardo Children"

Wed June 15 – Probus Rick Stronks, Ministry of Natural Resources, will speak on the topic 'Bears'

THE LAST WORD

We have been blessed (or cursed depending on your personal perspective) with an almost 'old fashioned' winter. The air is cold and crisp, the frequent snow falls 'clean up the world' and I am reading a good book. I must have been a bear in a former life!

On the bright side, winter is 1/3 over. The snow birds are south, other people take shorter trips to warmer climes and the rest of us are Canadian. Now is the time that Probiarians really appreciate the excellent programs Ferne has organized for our Colborne Club.

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