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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

The month of January is almost over. I guess that means that the winter is almost over too. I've heard that while away for the first meeting of the month, you had a mock trial of Santa Claus. It sounded like it was a lot of fun, and I'm sorry to have missed it. However, when I returned I had many people tell me that they really enjoyed it. I don't know how you can try someone when they are not present, but that's what happened. I had to let Santa have his say, and he certainly put up a strong case in his defense. Don't miss the next meeting when you'll hear how 'Judge Judi' rules on this trial.

We're hoping to have some interesting guest speakers during February. However, coffee may not be available as no one offered to make it. In order for this Club to run smoothly and fairly, everyone needs to take a turn at helping. As it's only for two meetings, try offering to help with the coffee. Some of our members have done it for years. Is it your turn?

Have a great February and don't forget your Sweetie.

Judi Eakins, President.

SPEAKERS CORNER

We started the New Year off with a fun filled meeting. Bob Wallace, District Governor of Rotary International (his area is Toronto to Prince Edward County and north to Lake Simcoe) spoke about the Rotary history to present day. In 1905, 4 men met in a Chicago office. By 1910, Rotary had become an international organization with Winnipeg, MB having the first Canadian Club. Rotary adheres to the Four-Way Test of: Is it the TRUTH; is it FAIR to all concerned; will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS; and is it BENEFICIAL to all concerned? Bob praised the Rotary Club of Colborne. He described a dedicated and active, albeit small, group of men and women who have been in Colborne for 62 years! Our local club have provided funds for many projects, the most recent being the Suzanne Kernaghan Bridge over Colborne Creek from Rotary Centennial Park to a walking path to the Keller Centre. Probuss is for retired

people who may or may not have been Rotarians. Probus members are invited to join Rotary since both organizations can coexist.

After our refreshment break, a trial was staged. Santa Claus, the defendant, did not appear. In absentia he was found guilty of several offenses, but is to be welcomed to the Colborne Probus Club Christmas Party 2013.

January 18th meeting was opened by our President Judi Eakins who welcomed two visitors. Judi announced the North Shore Probus Club in Cobourg will be hosting a Craft Show February 15, 2012. Shelagh Purcell spoke with passion about her father's internment in a prisoner of war camp in Asia. She and her three sisters have converted his diaries of the experience into a book 'A Hong Kong Diary Revisited'. After 17 days of fighting the Japanese in Hong Kong, the British command surrendered December 25, 1941. Lieutenant Corrigan (her father) of the Winnipeg Grenadiers was imprisoned for the next four years. Lt. Corrigan wrote a daily diary to help him through the incarceration period. Families were not notified until May 1942 of the location of their loved ones. Then there was little communication between the prisoners and families at home. Of the 1975 prisoners, 270 died before release, 260 more died shortly after. Malnutrition and parasites plagued the prisoners. Even after their release. Presently there are less than 40 remaining Japanese POWs. Shelagh brought exhibits of memorabilia (except the actual diaries which are preserved by the Manitoba Museum in Winnipeg).

PROBUS BOWLING

On Wednesday, January 25, 2012 we gathered for the second time this season for our annual winter bowling. Although the weather was dull and grey outside, inside Presquile Lanes, it was warm and cheerful thanks to the 18 members participating. Once again we all had a wonderful time. Our top bowler was Bob Lee, bowling for 6 strikes and a three game total of 512. The three top lady bowlers were Sue McQuillin (488), Eileen Milley (395) and Diane Dycke (386). The other top two men besides Bob Lee were Martin Blackshaw (452) and Barry McQuillin (440).

Congratulations to ALL our bowlers. Job well done. Note the next date is Wed Feb 22.

Gord McArthur

THEATRE

1. 4th Line Theatre Skills Workshops Jan. 28 and 29; ***Adult Improvisation*** on Sat. 28th; ***Adult Play Writing*** on Sun.29th
2. Sat Jan 28 at 7:30pm - Northumberland Orchestra and Choir ***Puttin' On The Ritz*** with music of Gershwin, Harry Arlen, Hoagie Carmichael, Irving Berlin and featuring Cecilia Ignatieff; Trinity United Church, Cobourg

3. Sat. Jan 28 at 12:30pm Met Opera at the Capital Theatre in Port Hope– ***Rodelinda*** (Handel)
4. Sat Feb 4 at 3:00pm ***Voices For Hospice Concert***; Trinity United Church, Chapel Street, Cobourg; \$25.00 for Adults or \$20.00 for Seniors. This concert has a wide variety of popular classical, traditional and Broadway music. Tickets available at Victoria Hall in Cobourg (905) 372-2210.
5. Shaw Festival starts April 10; www.shawfest.com.
6. Stratford Festival starts April 12; www.stratfordfestival.ca.

COMMUNITY

1. Check out www.Horizon2067.ca to view and offer your suggestions for a vision of Canada's Capital for our country's Bicentennial.
2. ***Seniors' Skating*** at the Keeler Centre: Tues and Thurs, 4:00 – 4:50 pm; Wednesday's 11:00 – 11:50 am; Thursday's 11:00 – 11:50 am and 4:00 – 4:50 pm.
3. ***Winter Walking*** at the Keeler Centre Mon – Fri 9:00 – 11:00 am.
4. **Sat Jan 28** at St. John's United Church on Bridge St. W in Campbellford - ***Chocolate and Cheese Cooking Competition / Chili Lunch***; Entries 8:30 to 9:30am; judging and auction of the entries at 12:30pm; call 705-653-5767 for details.
5. **Sun Jan 29** at 12 noon - Campbellford Polar Bear Festival; ***Jump into the Trent*** in support of Campbellford Memorial Hospital.
6. **Sat Jan 28**, 10am – 1pm (alternate date Feb 4); ***Cross Country Ski Day*** at the Ganaraska Forest Centre, 2216 County Rd 28; Techniques and Guided Tour; pre-registration required 905-885-8173.
7. ***Salem Church Soup Lunch*** alternate Fridays for \$6 per person or \$10 for two (**Feb 10, 24** and future alternate Fridays).
8. **Tue Feb 21** – Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper; Salem United Church; details unavailable at press time.
9. **Tue Feb 21** at 7pm – ***Cramahe Horticultural Society Meeting*** at Keeler Centre, Rotary Room; topic "Ecology Garden" with Cathy Dueck; visitors welcome (\$2 non-members)
10. **Fri Feb 24** between 10am & 4pm – ***Health and Wellness Fair*** at the Keeler Centre.

11. Sat May 12 – 1812 Mother’s Day Tea, Salem United Church

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Feb 1 – Probus Cam Thomas, professional engineer with TEC, on ‘Blasting’.

Wed. Feb.15 - Probus Frances Luymes, "Writing your Memories", will describe how to organize your thoughts and put them, along with pictures, into a booklet format.

Wed Feb 15 Probus North Shore Club Craft Show and Sale

Wed Feb 22 – Probus Bowling Presquile Lanes, Brighton 10am, cost \$12 per person; signup sheets will be at the Feb 1 and 15 meetings.

Wed March 28 – Final Probus Bowling (for the season!)

THE LAST WORD

What a strange winter we are having! I think the weather has been taking lessons from the stock market – up and down and unpredictable. Just remember that Spring is around the corner. Also, it is time to get out the seed catalogues and plan, plan, plan. At least, I can dream of stable weather and sunshine.

I try to include Cramahe events in the Community Section of In Touch. If you feel I miss anything, please contact me either by phone or email. I am always looking for ‘news’. I date each issue by the next month because I am encouraging everyone to think ahead. After all, usually the issue is published just a few days before the new month!

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