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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I'm sure you are, like I, up to your ears in Christmas preparations. I'm having one son and his family here for dinner, which means I'll have the two youngest grandsons here. That makes me very happy, as I haven't had kids here for Christmas in a few years. They don't want to travel with kids, as they're usually hyper and tired, so I would be the one driving out of town. I can hardly wait.

I must say again how totally awesome the Christmas party was. My hat goes off to Clare Musselman for all his work. The meal was delicious, and the entertainment delightful. I'm not sure if he knew that Santa was going to protest, and picket the party, but it sure gave us a laugh. We'll NEVER forget you again, Santa and Mrs. Claus.

We have great speakers lined up for you in the New Year, and Barry has our 'All About Me' speakers ready to carry on. Thank you, Barry. I like your idea of lining up the entire roster for the remainder of your term of office. We have some 'coffee people' ready to go, but if you haven't taken a turn, then please sign up at the Jan. 4th meeting.

I want to wish all of you a happy and safe Christmas. Always make sure your tank is full, as we never know when we are going to be held up in traffic. Keep your cell phone handy in case of emergency. I've been in a situation where a phone was very necessary and it got help quickly. May your New Year be one filled with good health, and the love and laughter of family and friends. God bless you all.

President, Judi Eakins

SPEAKERS CORNER

At the Colborne Probuss Christmas Party, December 7, 2011, it was wonderful to see all the women wearing fascinators and the men in decorated T-Shirts. Forty-eight members and five visitors were present. Clare Musselman emceed the remainder of the meeting. He thanked Diane Dycke and Joan Musselman for making homemade shortbread cookies for today's snack.

Shirley Ross, Jo Anne Titus and Kris Rahn gave a demonstration on how to make a Christmas center piece like the one on each table. The person whose birthday was closest to December 7 at each table could take home the arrangement. Sandy Yaskow (a guest), Cecil Dycke and Judi Eakins were the winners of the special demonstration Christmas arrangements made by Shirley, Jo Anne and Kris.

Clare then called on our entertainer Canadian-born Stephanie Bird. She sang and played her guitar. Some of the songs she sang were: Go Lassie Go, Crippled Inside, Take Life Deago, and Dancing Queen. She then changed to seasonal songs, encouraging members to sing along. Clare thanked her for a most enjoyable time.

Suddenly Santa and Mrs. Claus came through the door. They were carrying placards protesting the absence of Santa. The signs read 'UNFAIR KEEP SANTA EMPLOYED' and the other sign read 'NO SANTA NO XMAS'. Mrs. Claus asked if we wanted Santa next year. If the answer was yes, she gave a candy cane; if no the gift was black licorice. The vote went for Santa, what else would one expect, so close to Christmas. It was a complete surprise and everyone loved it.

Pat Westrope and Jan Hoselton judged the fascinator and t-shirt contests. Both praised the members' efforts but they decided on the following t-shirt category winners:

Pat Shewan - 'Most Representation of Yourself'
Clare Musselman - 'Christmas Theme'
Bob McNutt - 'Unusual'
Martin Blackshaw - 'Cramahe'
Al Mackie - 'Psychedelic'

The winners of the fascinators were:

Audrey Shewan - 'Bling'
Elsie Cullum - 'Fascinator most likely to worn by Kate Middleton'
Doris Noakes - 'Christmas Theme'
Kris Rahn - 'Cramahe'
Judi Eakins - 'Unusual'

Prizes were donated by Home Hardware, a Turning Heads Salon and Hoselton Sculptures. Everyone thanked Pat and Jan for their enthusiastic participation as judges. Others thanked included Probus members who participated in the Rotary 'Red Nose' drive for the Merchant's Christmas Party December 3, members who contributed to the local Food Bank collection, and Brenda and her 'crew' from Brenda's Family Restaurant for the excellent dinner provided.

Gayle Jones asked if any man had their old Boy Scout Hat to donate.
Judi Eakins wished all a Merry Christmas!

Louise Blackshaw

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. Salem Church Soup Lunch alternate Fridays for \$6 per person or \$10 for two (**Jan 13, 27** and future alternate Fridays).
5. **Jan 12 – 15, 2012** the Sony Centre will host Shen Yun, and Asian Cultural extravaganza.

UPCOMING DATES

- Wed Jan 4/12 – Probus** Bob Wallace speaking on 'Rotary Past, Present and Future'.
- Wed Jan 18/12 – Probus** Shelagh Purcell will feature her book about her father's diary written while he was interred in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp.
- Wed Jan 25/12 – Probus Bowling** Presquile Lanes, Brighton 10am, cost \$12 per person; sign up sheets will be at the Jan 4 and 18 meetings.
- Wed Feb 1/12 – Probus** Cam Thomas, professional engineer with TEC, on 'Blasting'.
- Wed. Feb.15/12 - Probus** Frances Luymes, "Writing your Memories", will describe how to organize your thoughts and put them, along with pictures, into a booklet format.

THE LAST WORD

I agree with Judi's description of this season's busyness. Why do we feel that we must end the year communicating to all acquaintances, ensure a full larder with lots of sweets, and a clean and tidy house? I, for one, may boycott the rush next year and just let the dust bunnies collect. My waistline would appreciate the rest!

Thus, for 2012, I wish everyone Health, Wealth, Happiness and Peace. To quote Tiny Tim, "God bless us everyone!"

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