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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

This month, I have a number of administrative issues to bring to your attention. At the outset, let me apologize for failing to announce at the last meeting that we now have someone to organize the Car Rally next fall. In fact we have four people! Doug Galt, Clare Musselman, Bill Doherty and Alan Cullum have volunteered together for the job. I am sure that with their knowledge of the area, together with their combined imaginations, we can anticipate a very challenging and interesting event.

Following our February 16th meeting we held an Executive Meeting where a number of items were raised for which we need your input:

1. We will be reviewing the status of our By Laws which were amended in 2008 but not formally approved by the membership. If anyone has any comments about changes that should be considered, please advise any of the executive as soon as possible. We wish to circulate the amended By Laws to the members for final approval before the summer.
2. We are also considering the need for a new position for an historian or archivist. We are accumulating a considerable collection of documents, photos, membership lists, etc. which are presently not particularly well organized. Ideally, this is a position which should be continued for a number of years, rather than changing on an annual basis as other roles in the club do. If anyone is interested in taking on such a position, we would be very pleased to hear from you.
3. Finally, we are wondering if we should reinstate the position of Social Convener to arrange such outings as lunches, dinners, theatre trips etc. Any thoughts in this regard would be welcome.

Looking forward, please don't forget to mark your calendars for the anniversary lunch which will be held at the Keeler Centre after the April 20 meeting. We will be entertained on that day by Peter Faragher. I am also pleased to advise that Anja Guignon has agreed to host the Probud Picnic again this year. The planned date at this point is July 6th. It is always great fun so I hope lots of you will be able to come.

Bob Lee

2010 – 2011 PROBUS CLUB EXECUTIVE

Car Rally

The Lakeport Snooker Champs!

SPEAKERS CORNER

Unfortunately Old Man Winter caused the February 2 meeting to be cancelled. However, Sherry Pringle from Napanee entertained us with talk of strange coincidences and brothels. Sherry's interest lies in genealogy. She was looking for information on an uncle who sailed on the HMCS Athabasca. The ship was launched in 1941 as one of four sister ships including the Haida. The latter ship is now in Hamilton Harbour. In 1943, the Athabasca was commissioned by the Canadian Navy to patrol waters between England and Europe. The ship had a resident cat which was happy sailing the seas, except for one trip, and the final sailing of the Athabasca. In April 1944 the Athabasca was sunk by a German torpedo off the French coast. One hundred and twenty eight men died. There were 83 survivors, most of whom were rescued by a German vessel and the men were placed in German Prisoner of War (POW) Camps until the end of WWII. Her story of the Athabasca is detailed in her book, *All the Ships Men*. The sinking was the biggest naval disaster of WWII! Oh yes, some of the sailors avoided the POW Camps by hiding in brothels!

PROBUS BOWLING REPORT

The assault on Presquile Lanes in Brighton continues. Eighteen of our finest athletes assembled on Wednesday February 23, 2011 with one purpose in mind...try our hardest to knock down pins, any pins! After a three game series, one winner was declared: Sue McQuillin with a total score of 475 points, 5 strikes and a 158 average. WELL DONE SUE!

The top Lady Bowlers were: Sue 475, Mary Lee 425, and Muriel Todd 412. On the Men's side the top bowlers were: Gord McArthur 434, Barry McQuillan 415, and Bob Lee 379. The most consistent bowler was Martin Noakes 118, 113, 113 and 3 strikes

Our next date (and final for the year) will be March 23, 2011. Sign up sheets will be at the March meetings (2 and 16). Join the fun!

Gord McArthur

THEATRE

1. 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.

2. *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.

3. The 2011 season for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival is available at www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com or 1-800-567-1600.

4. 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. 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.

3. 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.

4. Warkworth Maple Syrup Festival is celebrating its 25th Anniversary March 11 to 13. www.warkworthmaplesyrupfestival.ca

5. 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 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 will entertain us with his steel guitars; bring your voice for Irish melodies too.

Wed March 23 – last Bowling date of the season.

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 4 – Probus Jim Robinson’s travelogue of Australia.

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 Colborne Probus Club allotted only 13 – ‘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’.

Wed July 6 – Annual Probus Picnic Anja Guignon’s residence – bring your bathing suit!
Tues Sept 13 – Thur Sept 15 Probus members worldwide are invited to attend the 2011 National Conference and to holiday in Vancouver, British Columbia, the “World in a City.” Put PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011 on your calendar and visit the website at www.probusrendezvous.com regularly for the latest program and entertainment information.

THE LAST WORD

I guess these are the ‘Dog Days’ of Winter, at least in my books. I hear many say they are tired of snow and cold and look forward to green grass – until it needs cutting. Pat Shewan boasts that his tomato plants have sprouted and the geraniums are blooming. Spring may be just around the corner then.

Other than Valentines Day, Family Day in Ontario gives a welcome diversion. This year we challenged our family to bowling. Personally, I thought the practice might help me score well at the Probus Bowling. May I say, it did NOT!! However, as a family event for three generations, the day was a success. Did you have the opportunity to celebrate Family Day?

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