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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

What a terrific Anniversary Lunch we had on the 20th! In celebrating our eighth anniversary, we owe two large debts of gratitude: first, to Anja, Elsie and Ferne for arranging such an entertaining (and colourful) anniversary lunch; second, to the foresight and energy of our founding members and the initial Executive Committee for starting the club in the first place. But any club or organization is only as strong as its members and your wonderful enthusiasm will ensure the ongoing success of our Club. So a pat on the back to all of us for making Colborne Probud such a warm and welcoming club.

As well as planning fun things like anniversary lunches, your Executive has been hard at work the last few weeks reviewing our club By Laws. We are including the proposed amended By Laws with this In Touch mailing to members so that you may have a chance to look them over before the next meeting (May 4th) at which time we will be voting on the amendments. For your convenience, we have highlighted the clauses which are being updated. Most of the changes are grammatical but you will notice that dollar figures have been removed where we talk about initiation and annual fees. This is in keeping with usual practice as it means we do not have to rewrite and re-pass the By Laws every time we wish to change the fees (which remain at \$25 for the initiation fee and \$40 for the annual fee, as set the last time we voted a fee change). At the April 20th lunch I mentioned that we would be bringing these By Law amendments to the next meeting for approval. This mailing represents formal notice of motion that we will be doing so. Please be sure to attend the May 4 meeting. Of course, if you have any questions about the highlighted changes, you can also call me or anyone else on the Executive Committee before then.

Bob Lee

SPEAKERS CORNER

Jane Kapteyn entertained and educated us with her description of Dairy Farming in the 21st century in Ontario on April 6. Her props included her Holstein cow, a milker, a pen for calves and a wonderful tool about the nutritional advantage of including milk in our

diet. Jane described a typical day in the life of a dairy farmer. Her family farm has 300 head of cattle which includes 100 milkers. All equipment is sanitized before and after each of the two milkings daily. A dairy farmer is also an accountant, medical technician, labourer, crop producer, nutritionist and mechanic to help manage the farm economically. She obviously loves dairy farming! Ann Knop, Brighton Probus Club, spoke briefly about the Northumberland Senior Games which start Tuesday May 3. Events include Cribbage and Euchre, 5-Pin Bowling, Golf, Darts, Swimming, Walking, Horseshoes, Lawn Bowling, Bridge and Table Tennis. If you are interested, please contact Carol McArthur ASAP for information about registering (905-355-2665).

April 20th was our 8th Anniversary Celebration! Many members were in the Hawaiian theme with clothing or leis, despite the not so Hawaiian weather. Allan Cullum briefed us with a short history of Probus Clubs International which started in England in 1965-66. There are now 213 Canadian Clubs. Our Colborne Club started April 15, 2003 and thus our April Anniversary Parties started! Ferne Dobson welcomed Peter Faragher back. He still designs sets for television series and specials (most recent examples are Battle of the Blades II and Ron James Show II). This meeting he brought friends Anne Finlay and Mike Woods. The trio, Barefoot Soul, all live in Northumberland County and opened the show with 'House of the Rising Sun' their first performance together for several months. Anne's voice was mellow and lyrical. Her guitar accompanists, Mike and Peter, wrote some of the music performed. Generally the music was soul genre and had toes tapping. The trio may be included in 'Music in the Square' lineup for the summer. Black Dress Catering provided us with a Hawaiian themed Lunch and plenty of pineapple available. Thank you to Ferne Dobson, Anja Guignon and Elsie Cullum for a wonderful day!

THEATRE

1. The 2011 season for the Stratford Shakespeare Festival is available at www.stratfordshakespearefestival.com or 1-800-567-1600.
2. The Shaw Festival is celebrating their 50th Anniversary Season with a stellar playlist. Check it out at www.shawfest.com.
3. 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.
4. Also locally, check out Port Hope's Capitol Theatre's playlist at www.capitoltheatre.com, Belleville's Empire Theatre at www.theempiretheatre.com, Trenton's My Theatre at 613-392-8844 or www.my-theatre.ca, and Stirling's Festival Theatre at www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com.

COMMUNITY

1. Indoor 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!

2. May 1, Hospice Northumberland Hike is a fundraising event for Hospice Northumberland.
3. Also May 1 a Fashion Show at the Curling Club from 1 – 4 pm. \$10 tickets, which give you a chance at door prizes, are available from Thelma Oulette or Janice McKnight (905-355-3799).
4. All are welcome to Salem United Church on Saturday May 7 for a Mother's Day and Trousseau Tea which will include a fashion show of vintage wedding gowns from the last century at 1:30 pm followed by the Tea.
5. May 28 and 29 Apple Blossom Festival in Colborne. Check out Cramahe Now website (www.cramahe-now.com) for up-to-date information. See you there?

UPCOMING PROBUS DATES

Wed May 4 – Probus Jim Robinson's travelogue of Australia.

Wed May 18 – Probus Daryl Stogryn, Director of World Outreach, Youth for Christ/Youth Unlimited – Canada will speak.

Wed May 18 – Probus' Spring Fling at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough; entertainment will include Linda Cash (The Philadelphia Cream Cheese Lady). Tickets are \$35/person with Colborne Probus Club allotted only 13 – 'first come ...' (cheque payable to Colborne Probus Club)

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 June 22 – Probus Excursion – Walking Tour of the Tallgrass Prairie & Oak Savanna on the Rice Lake Plains for Colborne Club members – cost \$10 per person to be paid to Alan Cullum May 4.

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.

Wed Sept 21 – Probus Steve Rutledge and Mike Yap have a presentation on Laos: The Country, the Secret War and Bombs.

Wed Oct 5 – Probus The presenter will be Donna Wootton. She travelled the North West Passage in August 2010.

THE LAST WORD

Bob Lee, our President, passed me a recent copy (April 2011) of 'The Probus Letter'. It is the National newsletter of Probus Clubs of Canada. I would like to bring to your attention a segment of Gordon Springate's President's Message. (FYI Cobourg now has four Clubs. Brighton has closed their Club to new members since they already have 200!)

“This past year we only chartered seven new Probus Clubs across Canada and this is slower than our normal growth pattern over the past few years. At the same time we continued to receive regular enquiries about starting up new clubs. Comments like ‘ We have a waiting list which some people have been on for over a year’ ...or even more...cause me to be concerned ...is it really fair to ask people to wait so long to share the involvement of Probus and our wide variety of activities? Isn’t there a way to bring them ‘on board’ so they can be part of what I believe is a truly great organization? Remember that sometimes it may be better to have an additional Probus club in your area to accommodate those who are waiting to belong... after all, we are not in competition with each other but I would rather think that we are more complimentary to, and supportive of, the Club next door to our neighbouring community. We do have the tools and the people to assist! Through our Probus Canada Directors across the country or through our administrative office we can supple you with both information and materials to form a new club at very little, if any, cost to you. May I suggest that you remember that at one point in your time Club was formed because some other body.....Rotary, or existing Probus Club...sponsored you. I ask you ...I encourage you to put this item on your club agenda to open your doors on your ‘waiting list’ or in your area. You’ll be doing someone a real favour if you do and we will be there to assist.”

On another note, I love the May flowers; but yuck, the April showers to get those flowers depress me! However, there are some things to look forward to:

1. The Wedding April 29. I will be up early to watch the pomp and ceremony. I probably will toast William and Kate with a lovely cup of tea!
2. Election Day May 2. Our ancestors fought to give us the opportunity so **GET OUT THERE AND VOTE!**
3. Attend the Probus May 4 Meeting to vote on our club’s By Law Revisions. The current By Laws were passed by the membership November 17, 2004 – 6 years ago. We again need to exercise our right to vote.
4. May flowers and rhubarb and asparagus. Beauty and flavours to enjoy.

Now I feel a little better. Also it has stopped raining, albeit temporarily. Think I will go for a walk to smell the freshly washed air. See you soon?

Carol McArthur, Editor

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