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Probud Club of Colborne

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## **FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN**

We went for a long drive today, and I was shocked at the number of trees that are bare. That wind yesterday must have done the job – we couldn't be halfway through October! However, I was delighted to see a total of seven deer along the way.

Wasn't that car rally a great day!!! I'm sure that everyone who took part had a good time, and nobody killed their spouse. We all drove on roads that we had never seen, and saw places we didn't know were there. The food was terrific, and so was the location. Our hats go off to the organizers for an amazing job. Now, who is going to volunteer to do the next one?

Things are looking up. We now have two men – Clare Musselman, and Barry McQuillin, who are already well into organizing our Christmas party, and I don't know who is more excited Clare or me. We also had Joan Musselman offer to do coffee for the month of November. Thanks, Joan. There is a sign-up sheet for people to do the coffee for each month, beginning in January. By making the job less of a commitment, I don't think it should cause too much of a burden to anyone.

Our speaker chairwomen are busy lining up some terrific speakers for future meetings, so you don't want to miss any of them. Aren't those snowbirds going to be sorry.....

I look forward to seeing all of you at the next meeting,

*Judi Eakins*

## **SPEAKERS CORNER**

Donna Wootton, author of "Moon Remembered" spoke on October 5, 2011 about her two week cruise from Greenland, through the Davis Strait to the North-West Passage. One hundred and eighteen people enjoyed viewing polar bears, belugas and eventually an unanticipated 'grounding out' on an uncharted rock in the passage. The Canadian Coast Guard rescued the passengers and crew before freeing the ship. Donna spoke about the beauty and solitude of the Canadian north with enthusiasm.

Colborne Probus Car Rally was held on October 12, 2011. A truly wonderful day was planned for us by Alan Cullum, Bill Doherty, Doug Galt and Clare Musselman. The weather was mild and though not sunny, beautiful none the less with vibrant autumn colours canopying our drive through Northumberland, Trent Hills and Hastings townships.

Everyone enjoyed coffee and a muffin for our half-way stop, courtesy of Elsie and Alan Cullum at the marina in Hastings. Again, the scenery and camaraderie were most enjoyable.

Our final destination was a wonderful surprise at the Hastings Agricultural museum in Stirling. We all marveled at this delightful depiction of life gone by in the area, and while most of us had previously no idea that this museum even existed, we all left eager to return with grandchildren or friends for another visit someday. We were served a delicious buffet of salads and cold cuts, and a plethora of desserts too evil to speak of. The winning of the F.A.R.T. trophy was won by two teams with 26 points each. Prizes are to be awarded at the next Probus Club meeting on October 19<sup>th</sup>.

It was a happy and heavier group of Probianas that headed home with great memories.  
*Heather McElroy*

Wednesday Oct 19, Ivy Sucee, the daughter of one of Dr. Barnardo's children was the speaker. She comes from a family of nine children. Her father's mother died when he was very young. His grandmother was blind so was unable to take care of him. His father walked out on the family so he was put into what they called a boarding-out facility in England which today would be like our Children's Aid Society. Ivy loved her father dearly and has a passion to discover whatever she can of the Barnardo organization. She is a tremendous speaker, very witty, sharp as a knife and knows her subject exceedingly well.

Ivy went on to give us a background of the organization and to tell us different stories of some of the children and how the organization was developed. There were 100,000 children that came over from England to Canada of which 30,000 were Barnardo children. 10,000 children settled in the Peterborough area. On July 22, 1884 the Hazelbrae home received their first 150 children. Today there are five million descendants of the Barnardo children as per the last Canadian census.

In 1998, Ivy Sucee became a Legal Representative of the Barnardo's of England in the Ontario area. She is the founder of The Hazelbrae-Barnardo Home Memorial Group. The members of this group and descendants of the Barnardo children raised funds without any government help to build a monument in memory of the 8,914 children which passed through Hazelbrae. All their names are listed on this monument which is located at Little Lake cemetery in Peterborough.

Thomas John Barnardo, born in Ireland, died in 1905. He gave each Barnardo child a medallion at that time. Today this is Ivy's most precious gift which her father left to her

oldest daughter. Today after more than 100 years of Dr. Barnardo's passing this is still the largest children organization in the U.K. Ivy Sucee is a "Paul Harris fellow" and in 2005 she became a Honourary Daughter of Barnardo in Canada.

*Diane Dycke*

## **PROBUS BOWLING**

The bowling schedule for the 2011/12 season is now available. Presquile Lanes in Brighton have offered to maintain the cost per person, including three games and shoe rental, the same as last year \$12.00. The dates for 2011-2012 are: Wednesday November 9, 2011, January 25, 2012, February 22, 2012 and finally March 28, 2012. As in past years I have booked the games to start at 10:00am.

*Gord McArthur, Bowling Coordinator*

## **THEATRE**

Locally, check out Port Hope's Capitol Theatre's playlist at [www.capitoltheatre.com](http://www.capitoltheatre.com), Belleville's Empire Theatre at [www.theempiretheatre.com](http://www.theempiretheatre.com), Trenton's My Theatre at 613-392-8844 (\$15 per ticket) or [www.my-theatre.ca](http://www.my-theatre.ca), Stirling's Festival Theatre at [www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com](http://www.stirlingfestivaltheatre.com).

## **COMMUNITY**

1. **Tuesday November 1** Colborne Rick Hansen cross country celebration. Be at Victoria Square at 3pm to meet Cramahe's own Honorary Medal Bearers, Karli Voskamp, Mitchell Hasiuk and Nicky Scarr-Crosmas
2. **Alternate Fridays** (Nov 4,18, Dec 7, 16 and resuming Jan 13), Salem United Church hosts their popular 'Soup and Sandwich' lunches served from 11:30 to 1 pm. Cost is \$6 per person or 2 for \$10.
3. **Sunday November 6.** Salem United Church will celebrate their 150 Anniversary at 11 am followed by lunch. The Donegall Fiddlers will present a concert during the afternoon.
4. **Friday November 11**, Remembrance Day Parade to the War Memorial in Victoria Park 10:45am.
5. **Friday November 18** from 4 – 7 pm, Salem United Church welcome everyone to a 'Gingerbread Supper'. **Saturday November 19** the ladies of Salem will have their popular tea and bazaar from 9 am to 4 pm. The theme is 'Gingerbread' – preserves, sweets, cookies, houses and crafts.
6. On **Sunday December 11** there will be a Bethlehem Walk held at Salem United Church.

7. **Sunday December 18** from 1 – 4pm the Primrose Donkey Sanctuary is hosting their annual ‘Caroling with the Donkeys’ event.

## **UPCOMING DATES**

**\$40 annual membership fee is now due. See Alan Cullum who will willingly ‘take your money’.**

**Wed Nov 2 – Probus** people from the board of Community Living Campbellford/Brighton will describe their program for people with intellectual disabilities to assist their integration into the community.

**Wed Nov 9 – Probus Bowling** Presquile Lanes, Brighton 10am cost \$12 per person.

**Wed Nov 16 – Probus** Barbara Jones, Victoria Order of Nurses, HNPE Community Board will describe their service.

### **Wed Dec 7 - Probus Christmas Party**

A couple of reminders: **1.** we are not having a member gift exchange this year. Rather, we are participating in the Legion's Hamper Program for the needy. Please bring some non perishable food items and/or cash in a sealed envelope to the party - we'll have a place allocated for both. **2.** Girls, don't forget about the "Fascinators" contest! You're to make and wear a Fascinator to the party - please no store bought ones. Use your imagination and skills to create your very own. They will be judged by an independent team of judges and the winner, as announced at our last meeting, will receive a Gift Certificate from "Turning Heads" a hair salon here in Colborne for a *Wash, Cut & Style*. There will be entertainment and a many surprises - so don't miss the party. More news at Wednesday's meeting. See you then. *Clare Musselman*

**Wed Jan 25/12 – Probus Bowling** Presquile Lanes, Brighton 10am, cost \$12 per person

## **THE LAST WORD**

Thank you for all the kind wishes and prayers. It hardly seems like only a week ago Kathy and I were waiting in the pre-op area. Now our daughter has a ‘new’ old kidney! We are both in the recovery stage, and as with any major surgery there are day to day problems which will resolve with time. I do still talk to ‘that kidney’ and tell it to behave itself!

Thus, if you find this issue of In Touch not up to the usual standard, I am sure my Probian friends will understand. After all, the news does depend on you as well. If I do not hear of a special event from you, I cannot include the information. Please feel free to contact me with local events.

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