



in **TOUCH**



Probud Club of Colborne

Box 865, Colborne Ontario K0K 1S0

FOUNDED 2003

October 2011

PROBUS CANADA WEBSITE www.probus.org

Check us out at www.probusnorthumberland.com

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

I am very happy to have been elected to the President's chair of our Probud Club for the 2011-2012 year. I've been the VP this past year, and have learned a lot attending the Northumberland District meetings and the Regional Meetings. Before that I was the editor of the In Touch monthly newsletter.

This is a wonderful group of people, and I love the atmosphere in the room when I attend the bi-monthly meetings. We have about 60 members, and that number allows us to get to know each other. We've had terrific guest speakers, so we learn something at every meeting.

I'm looking forward to the car rally which is coming up in October. Every year it is a 'blast', and Rev. Anja and I would love to maintain the ownership of the F.A.R.T. trophy – (that's Family Automobile Rally and Tour for those of you who are wondering). Where will we be going for lunch? Join the rally and you will find out.

First thing, I plan on organizing - a luncheon at Loyalist College in the month of November. The student 'chefs' prepare an amazing meal!

Let's continue to have the best Probud Club in Northumberland County.

Judi Eakins

SPEAKERS CORNER

August 17, Judi Eakins, Vice-President opened the meeting. Elena Asselin and Gregory Hill, owners of Wicklow Way Farm, were our speakers of the day; and it was a 'tasty day'. The couple operates their farm as a Certified Organic Farm. On 5 acres of land, they grow over 200 varieties of heirloom tomatoes and 300 heritage vegetables. We had a lesson in selections. Tomatoes range in colour from red, yellow, 'black' and green, each has a different flavour. The flavour also depends on the sun and soil. A slide presentation listing '12 Omnivore's Solutions' such as "eat what your grandmother would have eaten"

was followed by a tasting session of about 10 varieties. Elena and Gregory market their produce in season at the farm and in Toronto. As well they offer a 'box program' of fresh produce for 18 week for \$550. Some of our Probus members take advantage of this program.

September 7, Bob Lee chaired the meeting. Roz Farber, a retired CBC producer, presented a DVD she coproduced with John Bassett. "Nishga'a, Dancing in Both Worlds" described the history of the Nishga'a Nation to present time. It is a small band of aboriginals who live along the Nass River which is north of Prince Rupert, British Columbia. The video described how this small nation regained their right to land along the river given to them by Britain's King George III in the 18th century. They started the process in the late 1960's. After the Supreme Court of Canada gave them the right to negotiate with the Canadian Government, it took 13 years to finalize the treaty. Governor General Adrienne Clarkson visited the Nation when an agreement was reached. The Nishga'a has their own Legislature building built using local wood and expertise. The children are taught in the Nishga'a language as well as English. In 2007, the population was 220, 150 were children and 37 adults have university degrees!

September 21, Steve Rutledge and Mike Yap told us about their recent visits to Laos (which is pronounced *LAU*). There are 48,000 villages in the small land-locked country (it is surrounded by 5 countries). Most villages have approximately 35 families and can be quite remote. The average age of Laotians is 20.8 years! There are still millions of undetonated bombs in the country so villagers try to stay to well-used pedestrian paths between villages and the rivers. The country is socialist but considered politically communist. Steve and Mike have developed a registered charitable organization called 'Adopt a Village in Laos'. The mandate of their program is to provide new water sources, clean water including education in hygiene, education facilities and most recently hygienic toilets.

This meeting was our Annual Meeting with elections. Alan Cullum reported we had a deficit of \$729.21 in the fiscal year. However we still have a positive balance overall. There were no fund raising efforts in 2010/2011.

Colborne Probus Club Executive:

President	Judi Eakins
Vice President	Barry McQuillin
Past President	Bob Lee
Secretary	Louise Blackshaw
Treasurer	Alan Cullum

Committees:

In Touch	Carol McArthur
Speakers	Bonnie Hilliard/Eileen Millie
Membership	Alan Cullum
Special Club Events	<u>vacant</u>
Local Events	Mary Lee
Well Wisher	Heather McElroy

Greeters	MJ and Bill Doherty
Bowling	Gord McArthur
Coffee	<u>vacant</u>
Set Up	Adrian Dubois
Car Rally	The Lakeport Billiards Gang

THEATRE

1. Brighton Barn Theatre presents '*Don't Dress for Dinner*' from September 23 to October 8. 1-613-475-2144
2. 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 (current show '*Touch and Go*' costs \$15 per ticket) or www.my-theatre.ca, 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. **Saturday October 8** 'Voices for Hospice' will be held at Trinity United Church in Cobourg. The choirs, band, organ and handbells will entertain while Northumberland Hospice will benefit. Tickets are \$20 for seniors at Community Care Colborne office.
3. Starting **Thursday October 13**, 1:30 – 3 pm, Community Care Colborne office site will host a "Writing is Relaxing" course. The series of 6 classes, with an instructor from Loyalist College, will cost \$45. Please register in advance at the Community Care office, 905-355-2989.
4. **Sunday October 16** Trinity Anglican Church will celebrate their 165 Anniversary with a special service at 11 am.
5. **Tuesday October 18** the Cramahe Horticultural Society will have local Peggy Howden speak about *Teasels*. There will also be a Photography Show.
6. **Wednesday October 19** Salem United Church will host a fall supper. Details not available as of In Touch deadline.
7. **Friday October 21**, Salem United Church resumes their popular 'Soup and Sandwich' lunches served from 11:30 to 1 pm. Cost is \$6 per person or 2 for \$10.
8. **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.

9. **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.

UPCOMING DATES

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

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

Wed Oct 12 – Annual Car Rally for the FART Award!

Wed Oct 19 – Probus Ivy Succé will speak about the “Bernardo Children”.

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

THE LAST WORD

Fall has arrived. The days are definitely shorter and nights are cooler. Did you have a great summer? The weather certainly cooperated. My friend in Winnipeg, you know ‘the mosquito capitol of Canada’, said there were none! Apparently the dry summer provided no breeding areas. Did any of you get to enjoy the bug-free province?

As the Colborne Probus Club year starts, consider volunteering for one of the two vacant positions – Special Club Events or Coffee. If no one steps forward to fill these positions, there will not be refreshments at each meeting. That is the first thing many of you enjoy about our club – the coffee and chat time. Next, we are at risk of no Christmas Party, Anniversary Celebration in April and Summer Picnic. Anja Guignon and Elsie Cullum planned these parties for two years. Now it is time for new ideas. Let any of the Executive know your interest. Guidance is available to help you.

Finally, our Club is wonderful. As Judi said in her inaugural President’s Pen, we are small, friendly and mighty. We are also a caring group. To that end, Heather McElroy needs your help. If you know of a Club member who would be cheered by a happy ‘Thinking of You’ card, or ‘Get Well’ greeting, please let her know – 905-355-3709. Personally, I can confirm she chooses the best cards! But she cannot function if she doesn’t know.

Carol McArthur, Editor

905-355-2665 or email: mcarthur.198@sympatico.ca

November 2011 Issue Deadline –October 24/11