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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S PEN

Once again, we are approaching the end of the old year and the beginning of a new one. December is a time of thinking of events and experiences in the past year and possibly of making resolutions for the new one.

One of the things I have been reflecting on is the great Christmas Lunch we had. I would like to thank Anja Guignon and Elsie Cullum for organizing such an enjoyable event and Ferne Dobson for arranging the very entertaining story teller. Thanks also to all of you who came for the lunch and helped to make it such a success. In addition to the gift exchange and the carol singing (including outstanding acting skills), you made generous donations to the Colborne Food Drive. Adrian Dubois delivered four large boxes of food items to the Legion on your behalf.

Speaking of Adrian reminds me that we failed to include the Set-Up Committee in the list of committees in the November issue of In Touch. As most of you know, the "Committee" is Adrian Dubois with Martin Blackshaw as back-up. Thanks Adrian and Martin for all your hard work.

Everyone who works to make Probuss a success is a volunteer. At this time of year, it is important to recognize the significance of volunteerism throughout our community. Many of our members are active in our local churches, service clubs (including Rotary and the new Lions Club) as well as in organizations such as Community Care, Big Sisters/Big Brothers, the Legion and others. All are vital in making our community a better place to live.

Best wishes for the New Year and we look forward to seeing you at our next meeting in January (Wednesday the 5th) or when you get back from the south.

SAVE THE DATE!

Probuss members worldwide are invited to attend the 2011 National Conference and to holiday in Vancouver, British Columbia, the "World in a City." The conference dates are September 13 – 15, 2011.

Vancouver is the port city where visitors can enjoy all the local attractions such as Grouse Mountain, Stanley Park, Capilano Suspension Bridge, VanDusen Botanical Gardens, Whistler, or whale watching. Other activities available include departure on a cruise to Alaska or a train through the Rocky Mountains to Banff, a ferry ride to Vancouver Island or motor to a wine tour in the Okanagan Valley. Enjoy the fellowship of Probians from across Canada and abroad during three days of rewarding presentations, fine food, and premium accommodation all at a reasonable cost at the Sheraton Vancouver Wall Centre hotel located in the midst of Vancouver's cosmopolitan downtown and entertainment mecca.

Put **PROBUS RENDEZVOUS 2011** on your calendar and visit the website at www.probusrendezvous.com regularly for the latest program and entertainment information.

Malcolm Metcalfe, Marketing Chair, Rendezvous 2011

2010 – 2011 PROBUS CLUB EXECUTIVE

Committees: (Addition and apologies to Adrian)

Set Up	Adrian Dubois
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SPEAKERS CORNER

What a great Christmas Party! Ed Greenwood read his 2010 Christmas Story. Grizzly saved the stranded family's Christmas with his tank sleigh and unusual gifts. Talk about an old new-fashioned Christmas! Ed certainly kept the Probians interested. He has lived in Colborne for 28 years, having left the bustle of North York. An electronic game designer before it became popular, Ed has written 184 books which have been published in over 50 countries. Recently he has been chair of the Cramahe Library Board.

Donna Rusaw, our caterer for the luncheon, prepared Tortierre as the entre – a true Canadian Christmas meal. Thank you to Anja, Elsie, Judi and Ferne for a great party.

PROBUS BOWLING

Our next bowling date will be January 26, 2011. Sign up sheets will be available at both January meetings.

Gord McArthur

THEATRE

1. Northumberland Players. *The Trouble with Richard* will be a dinner theatre held at the Best Western in Cobourg Jan 21 - 23, 28 – 30 and Feb 4 – 6 2011. Call 905-372-2210.

2. 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. **Willis College for Adults.** Here are the dates and topics for upcoming classes. Please contact Nancy Bruce, Cobourg Campus (in the lower level of Northumberland Mall) as soon as possible to express your interest and reserve a spot. The courses are very reasonably priced. Nancy can be reached at 905-372-8978 (or Fax: 905-372-5189).

January 10 1-4 Intro to Computers
January 12 and 25 1-4 Email for Adults
January 12 and 26th 1-4 Emailing Photos for Adults
January 21 and 27 1-4 Internet & Skype for Adults

2. **Winter Walking at the Keeler Centre** has resumed 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

UPCOMING DATES

Wed Jan 5/11 – Probus Lenna Broatch will enlighten us with a personal profile and history.

Wed Jan 19/11 – Probus James Thomas will speak on “Inductive Lighting”.

Wed Jan 26/11 – 2nd Bowling date.

Wed Feb 2/11 – Probus: Daryl Strogryn, Director of World Outreach, Youth for Christ/Youth Unlimited – Canada.

Wed Feb 16/11 – Probus Sherry Pringle, author of ‘All the Ships Men’, will speak on the HMCS Athabasca.

Wed Feb 23/11 – 3rd Bowling date.

Wed March 2/11 – Probus Janine MacLeod, Nature Educator and Outreach Coordinator, will speak of the Alderville First Nation Black Oak Savannah.

Wed March 23/11 – last Bowling date.

Wed April 6/11 – Probus Sid Atkinson will speak on “Dairy Farming 101 – nutrition and business”.

Wed May 18/11 – Spring Fling at the Evinrude Centre in Peterborough; entertainment by Linda Cash (The Philadelphia Cream Cheese Lady) and The Leahy Family. More details later.

Wed June 15/11 – Probus Rick Stronks, Ministry of Natural Resources, will speak on the topic ‘Bears’

THE LAST WORD

Many Happy Returns (Toronto Star, December 24, 2005)

'Tis the dawn after Christmas, and your search of the house
Hasn't turned up Pop's gift, that dreadful pink blouse;
Wrapping paper is strewn all over the floor,

And dirty dishes abound from the evening before;
Unreadable booklets cover every chair,
With instructions for using new gadgets with care;
A digital camera, an iPod, and HDTV,
New software for making a family tree,
When suddenly you hear the radio blast,
“The Boxing Day begins are selling so fast.”
Away to the door do you fly like a flash,
Grabbing your purse and a little spare cash.
But the driveway is buried so deep in new snow,
That even your monster SUV doesn't show,
When what to your wondering eyes should appear,
But a taxi that roars to the curb in first gear,
With a PhD driver, so smart and so quick,
That you instantly know he drives like St Nick.
Waving cash in the air, you tell him to hit it,
To which he replies: “If *you* pay the ticket.”
“To Bloor Street!” you shout, “To the Bay, Birks and Holt's!”
Knowing full well he thinks you a dolt!
To the fine shops he takes you! Right to the door!
You rush away! Dash away! Into the store!
It's chaos, it's mayhem, but you take delight,
In the stampede of people grabbing all that's in sight.
Through perfume you fly, through lingerie too,
Past handbags and jeans in all shades of blue.
And then in a twinkling, you see what your after,
The coat is still there, you burst out in laughter.
You seize it, and sprint for the nearest – by cash,
The sales person watches you bob, weave and dash,
She gushes with compliments as you hand her your card
Which she puts through a reader all punished and scarred,
Then she turns with a grimace, her mouth in a pout,
“So sorry,” she says. “Your card is maxed out!”
(With apologies to Clement Moore, Visa and MasterCard)

Happy New Year everyone.

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