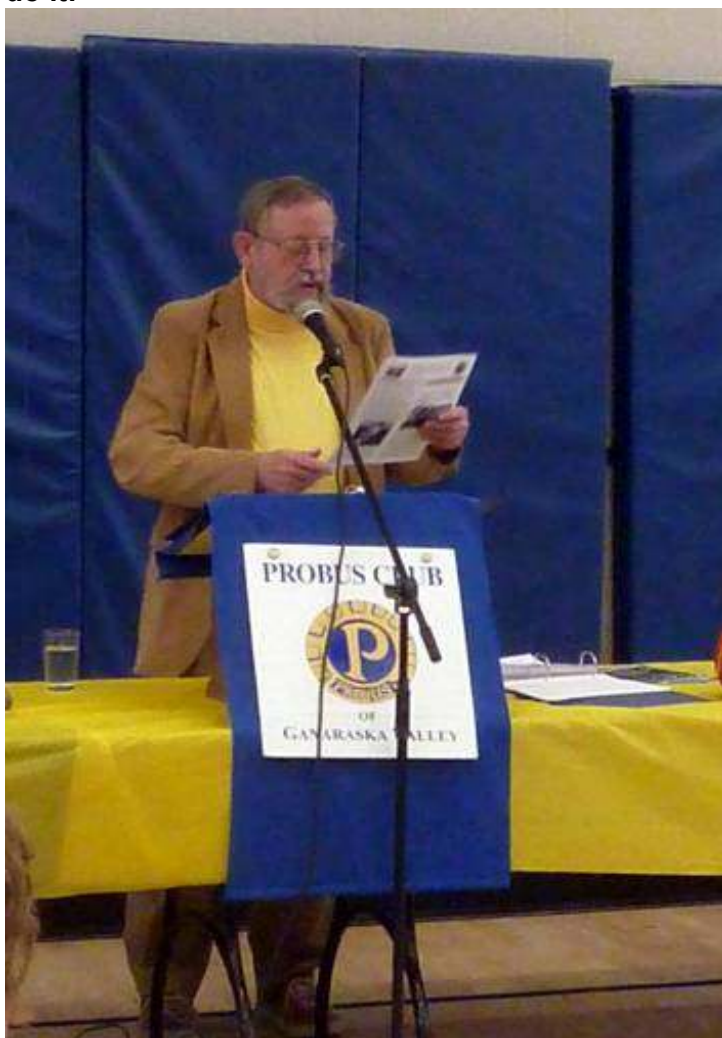




## CONSUMERISM AT ITS WILDEST

Story by Lyn Bradshaw Photo by Eric Blaikie

Our guest on October 28<sup>th</sup> was a return favourite. Author Pat Bryan worked in advertising for many years. One of the agencies where he worked had General Motors as its chief client. Pat regaled us with stories about his job and emphasized that the shenanigans and antics that are depicted in the popular television program “Mad Men” are not far off the mark from what took place in real life. In a ‘dog eat dog’ environment especially amongst car companies, stress and competition played a huge role in whether a campaign ran or was tossed by the client – very often at the last minute. It was a tough job, but someone had to do it!



Pat Bryan, our guest speaker

## Appies & Drinks: How-To Tips for the Host & Guests

By Marilynn Dunne

As the new Coordinator of ‘Appies and Drinks’, I want to make sure everyone is aware of what ‘Appies & Drinks’ consists of!

The ‘Host’ provides the venue, sets the time and the number of guests appropriate to the size of their house. They provide coffee, tea and water, along with mugs, cups and glasses. However some guests will bring their own glassware.

Guests bring a portion of their choice, along with a glass, as well as an appetizer with enough for the size of the group. Plan to have a good time AND take home your glasses and leftovers!

I am looking for volunteers to host ‘Appies and Drinks’ for this next year. Steve Snell, our former coordinator, found that every two months was a good time frame, but I’m always willing to advertise extra sessions. You don’t have to have a ‘model home’ to be the host, or try to have everyone in our Probud group at the same time. *You determine the number, the day and time.* We have had some daytime events as well as evening ones. They have all been successful, and a lot of fun.

As December is so busy for everyone, we’re now looking for venues in the New Year, from January to whenever-- complete with host and house! Any takers?

Please contact me by phone or email. 905 786-2549 or [marilynndunne@yahoo.ca](mailto:marilynndunne@yahoo.ca)

\*\*\*\*\* \*\*

**QUESTION: What is the name of the iconic Canadian veteran on our \$10 bill?**  
*See page 3 for the answer and his story. Ed.*

# Getting to know you, getting to know all about you.....

Photos by Betty Curtis

On Tuesday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, fifty of our members were invited to the Port Hope Probus Club meeting which took place at the Lion's Centre. There were approximately 140 members in attendance. Of the total, 50 members were from our own club.

The guest speaker was Margaret Reynolds, widow of Canadian veteran Ron Reynolds. She spoke eloquently of the memorials held in France every 5 years commemorating the Raid at Dieppe. She related stories of her husband as a POW and as a wounded soldier whose nightmares of the war never went away...

Margaret spoke of many gatherings held in France and of the French & British who have never forgotten the Canadian soldiers who fought valiantly on their shores. Every year on August 19<sup>th</sup>, the French have a parade honoring our dead soldiers and shouts of "Vive les Canadiens!" ring out along the way. There is a hillside which is covered in red and white flowers in the shape of our maple leaf making it a touching tribute.

Margaret also told us of going over to Dieppe with her family and grandchildren to disperse her husband's ashes on the beach. Ron had shown his grandchildren the exact spot where he came ashore so they knew where to disperse his ashes. It was an emotion-filled time for the family but it was also a good time, for Ron was finally resting where he wanted to be.

The widows who live to tell the stories of their soldier husbands are the keepers of the past. As a result, they will not be forgotten.  
Thank you Margaret.



Margaret Reynolds, the Guest Speaker



Bill Minion, President of the Port Hope Probus Club and Garry Curtis, our own President. The event was organized by Dorothy Giddings and Steve Snell and was well attended and enjoyed by our members.



Our members Dave Strong and Cliff Donaghue (3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from left) along with some veterans from the Port Hope Probus Club.



**Doug Pettigrew & Barbara Loucks**



**Barbara Winfield & Maggie Money**



**Our members Jim and Bev Welsh**



**Bryan Sherry, Charles Weaver, Harold Wakely**

## **THE VETERAN ON OUR TEN DOLLAR BILL**

If you look at the back right-hand side of a Canadian \$10 bill, you will see an old veteran standing at attention near the Ottawa war memorial. His name is Robert Metcalfe and he died in Ottawa in 2005 at the age of 90.

That he managed to live to that age is rather remarkable, given what happened in the Second World War. Born in England, he was one of the 400,000 members of the British Expeditionary Force sent to the mainland where they found themselves facing the new German warfare technique - the Blitzkrieg. He was treating a wounded comrade when he was hit in the legs by shrapnel.

En route to hospital, his ambulance came under fire from a German tank, which then miraculously ceased fire. Evacuated from Dunkirk on HMS Grenade, two of the sister ships with them were sunk. Recovered, he was sent to allied campaigns in North Africa and Italy. En route his ship was chased by the German battleship Bismarck. In North Africa he served under General Montgomery against the Desert Fox, Rommel.

Sent into the Italian campaign, he met his future wife, a lieutenant and physiotherapist in a Canadian hospital. They were married in the morning by the mayor of the Italian town, and again in the afternoon by a British padre.

After the war they settled in Chatham where he went into politics and became the warden (chairman) of the county and on his retirement he and his wife moved to Ottawa. At the age of 80 he wrote a book about his experiences.

One day out of the blue he received a call from a government official asking him to go downtown for a photo op. He wasn't told what the photo was for or why they chose him. 'He had no idea he would be on the bill,' his daughter said. *And now you know the story of the old veteran on the \$10 bill.*



# PUB NITE

## Tuesday, October 26

*Comments emailed by Lyn Bradshaw to Eileen M. who forgot Pub Nite!!! So did your Editor...  
Photo by Dave Strong*

“It started out with 2 people - Gwen and Charlie, then Dave and I arrived and the four of us got our drinks and settled down to a quiet evening. Just as we were about to order, Marilyn Dunne and Dave Strong arrived and we thought great - a nice ‘6ome’ for dinner! Then lo and behold, John Ferguson strolled in - the table got bigger still, now we were 7.

Five minutes later the Newington's got blown in and as we all began to eat, Kathy and Bob Wallace staggered in after coming all the way from Buffalo!! We all joked about the emails that you usually send about Pub Night, and toasted (frequently) George's mother who was turning 95 in California. George may have been in California but he was with us in ‘spirit’!

A good time and lots of laughs were had by all.”

*The motley crew included from left to right, clockwise around the table:*



Don Newington, Ruth Newington, Gwen Logan, Dave Bradshaw's arm (!), Lyn Bradshaw, Charlie Dobbie, Marilyn Dunne, John Ferguson, Kathy and Bob Wallace. Dave Strong was taking the picture.

## EUCHRE PLAYERS

*Photos by Steve Snell*

On October 26, 24 members met at the Ruth Clarke Center to play cards and enjoy each other's company.



Marion Griffin, Lynda Britton, Helen Dayman facing Marion



Ray Williams, Lois Meadows, Bruce Britton & Sam Rawson

## The Lunch Bunch

*Photos by Eric Blaikie*

The Lunch bunch met at the Rail Side for lunch on Thursday, October 28. Maggie Colborne said when contacted earlier today, “We had a great turnout---34! We'll have to look for bigger places soon!”



The O'Gradys, the Jollimores, the Griffins and other members



John & Joyce Ferguson & Bob & Henrietta Mills

# 50/50 WINNER

Oct 28: Felicity King won \$50.50!



Felicity having just picked up her winnings!!

## NOV/DEC CREWS

### CATERERS

Captain: Joan Bebee

Nov 25: Marion Griffin  
Jan & Eric Blaikie

Captain: Ken O'Neill  
Dec. 9: Lacey & Roger Ingram  
George Grimes

### GREETERS

Nov 25: Lois Meadows  
George Grimes

Dec. 9: Meredith & John Boughen

If unavailable please find a substitute.

### APPLICATIONS WANTED

The Editor of 'Ganaraska Currents', our Club newsletter, is in need of an Assistant Editor.

Job Description: Reporting Club events, working with the Communications Committee who supply photography and note-taking at our monthly meetings. You will eventually take over as editor.

Requirements: You must be a self-starter, organized, computer literate or willing to learn, and love dealing with people. Training will be provided.

Contact the Editor for more information.  
[mdlane@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdlane@cogeco.ca)

### THE AMAZING 5-MINUTE CHOCOLATE CAKE

(In a mug & in the microwave)

- 4 tblsp flour
- 4 " sugar
- 2 " cocoa
- 1 egg
- 3 tblsp milk
- 3 " oil
- 3 " choc. chips (optional)
- Small splash vanilla
- A microwave safe mug

- Add dry ingredients to mug and mix well. Add egg and mix thoroughly.
- Pour in milk and oil and mix well.
- Add choc. chips and vanilla and mix again.
- Cook in microwave for 3 minutes. The cake will rise over the top of the mug, but don't be alarmed!
- Allow to cool a little, and tip out onto a plate if desired.
- This can serve 2---if you insist! Nice with a bit of vanilla ice cream. *Ed.*

### PET CORNER for

### November/December

Here are 2 of Carole Elliott's beloved pets: Rudi the dog and Magi, one of 4 cats who have found a loving home at Carole's. Send your pics in NOW!!



The Pet Corner needs more pet photos. We still have 8 or 9 months to go before we can have our calendar! Help please!!! Send in your photos to the Editor asap!

[mdlane@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdlane@cogeco.ca)

# UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

## CHRISTMAS LUNCH

**Wednesday, Dec. 8** at Dalewood Golf & Curling Club. Meet at 12 noon. Buffet lunch at 1pm. Entertainment. The cost of tickets will be confirmed at the next meeting.

**Carolyn & Ray Williams 905-885-4309**

*Please make sure you have a ticket for all catered events.*

## LUNCH BUNCH

**On Thursday, Nov 25**, the next Lunch Bunch will meet after our meeting at 12:30pm. The venue will be announced shortly.

**The Lunch Bunch will not be meeting in December. It will resume in the New Year.**

**Maggie Colborne**

## TERRACOTTA WARRIORS

**On Nov. 17**, this joint outing with the Port Hope Probus Club will be leaving by bus from the Phillips Rd. parking across from Arby's at **12 noon.**

**Carolyn Williams**

## APPIES & DRINKS

**On Sunday, Nov 21** at Gwen Logan and Charlie Dobbie's home in Cobourg. From 3 to 6pm. Can accommodate 20 people. Sign up with **Marilynn Dunne.**

## Speakers for November and December:

**November 25:** **Donna Wooton**, retired teacher, author, dance instructor and intrepid traveler, will speak about the Adventure Canada trip to the Northwest Passage.

**December 9:** **The Welcome Buskers** will join us to help celebrate the season. Come prepared to clap, tap, & sing-along to the music of the festive season!

.....

## **GANARASKA CURRENTS**

[http://www.probusnorthumberland.com/ganaraska\\_news.htm](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com/ganaraska_news.htm)

EDITOR : Michèle Duval Lane

Tel : 905-885-2969

[mdlane@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdlane@cogeco.ca)

# ONGOING EVENTS . . .

## PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.

Last Tuesday of the month

6:30 PM at the Beamish House

**Coordinator: Eileen Mountain 705-632-0575**

## APPIES & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks

**New Coordinator: Marilynn Dunne 905-786-2549**

## EUCHRE

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues. at Ruth Clarke Ctr.

**Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715**

## LUNCH BUNCH

After the last meeting of the month at 12:30pm at various restaurants.

**Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722**

## BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1pm at Northumberland Mall Bowling Alley

**Coordinator: Ken O'Neill 905-885-4872**

## CHESS CLUB

Meet at Port Hope Library every Thursday at 6:45pm.

All levels welcome. Beginners too!

**Coordinator: David Broughton 905-885-1870**

## **CONTACT INFORMATION Ganaraska Valley Probus Club Executive 2010 – 2011**

**President – Garry Curtis**

905-885-5304 [g.curtis@sympatico.ca](mailto:g.curtis@sympatico.ca)

**Vice President – Susan Gaudion**

905-797-9696 [wands@eagle.ca](mailto:wands@eagle.ca)

**Secretary – Linda Goldie**

905-885-1564 [hugh.linda@sympatico.ca](mailto:hugh.linda@sympatico.ca)

**Treasurer – Leo Spicer**

905-885-2389 No Email

**Assistant Treasurer – Hugh Parker**

905-885-1564 [hugh.linda@sympatico.ca](mailto:hugh.linda@sympatico.ca)

**Membership – Garnett Birney**

905-377-8878 [grandpab@nexicom.net](mailto:grandpab@nexicom.net)

**Meeting Arrangements – Ken O'Neill**

905-885-4872 [oneillky@sympatico.ca](mailto:oneillky@sympatico.ca)

**Program – Steve Snell**

905-885-9929 [stephen.snell2@sympatico.ca](mailto:stephen.snell2@sympatico.ca)

**Special Events – Carolyn Williams**

905-885-4309 [carolyn.joan@gmail.com](mailto:carolyn.joan@gmail.com)

**Assistant Special Events – Marilynn Dunne**

905-786-2549 [marilynndunne@yahoo.ca](mailto:marilynndunne@yahoo.ca)

**Communications – Michele Duval Lane**

905-885 2969 [mdlane@cogeco.ca](mailto:mdlane@cogeco.ca)

**Assistant Communications – to be announced**