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President's Message

The New Year's letter, of course, has to be written a little ahead of time in order to get to the printer before their holiday break.

I cannot believe that I am sitting here looking at grass that is greener than it was when many of you were here for the fall barbeque!

However, in spite of the lack of snow, on December 13th many of us walked into the Best Western in Cobourg and immediately realized that the festive season was upon us.

A great big thank you to the conveners Fiona and John Graham, our wonderful and quick thinking Master of Ceremonies Blair McFadden and to Bonnie Reid and Pauline Carrick for their help in arranging such a wonderful party.

By the time you read this letter Christmas will be over for another year. I sincerely hope that you all enjoyed yourselves wherever you were. May the spirit of Christmas remain with us all throughout the year 2012.

I received a little card, via Ken Scott, from the Hythe Ladies Probud Club which is on the south coast of England. It was addressed to The Members of The Port Hope Probud Club extending to us good wishes for Christmas and the New Year. Ken and Joann had met their secretary while on a tour and discovered that all three belonged to a Probud Club even though the clubs were across the Atlantic from one another.

I do hope that you were able to fill out the questionnaire that was handed out at our last meeting. We do need input from you the membership. Remember this is your club. The Management Committee always wants to hear from you.

There had better be lots of snow in January because your president is really looking forward to a good skiing season. I am not the only member of this club who likes to enjoy skiing and the winter weather. There are others.

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PORT HOPE INITIATIVE

SANDY HOLMES

GLEN CASE

With the aid of videos this subject was presented by two expert members of the PHAI team to our Probus Club. It is fair to say that all members are aware of the ongoing plan to remediate low level radioactive waste sites and place it in safe, long term monitored storage. However, there are details that were new to some of us – I for one did not realise just how deep the “damaged” soil would be buried and how well encased and monitored. A few of the sites identified as having this contaminated soil were new to some of us

The many wide ranging questions from the floor made it is obvious that among our members, as is to be expected, there is a division of thought on the how, whys and ifs of this wide ranging plan.

An Information File which contains this entire presentation has been placed in our Archives for future reference if needed.

FRASER CARR SCAMS

Fraser gave us a brief outline of how close he and Edith had come to being caught in the “grandson in prison” scam.

Knowing Edith and Fraser it is hard to believe that they could so easily have been led astray. The crying voice on the phone sounded just like their grandson and unfortunately in this particular case they had no idea of his immediate whereabouts – lending credence to the “lawyers” story that their grandson was in jail in Montreal and desperately in need of bail money.

Fortunately for them on the way to withdraw and then deposit the funds they met up with a Police Officer whom they know and told him the story. He took them back to the Police Station and there he was quickly able to debunk the whole story.

In keeping with this I thought I should add my little story – some months back my Visa card was fraudulently used - once that was discovered I called the Bank and they did their part in cancelling all the “incorrect” charges totalling over \$5,000.00 and issued me a new card - that should have been the end of it.

However, a few months later I received a note from a Collection Agency threatening to take me to Court for non payment of my Bell Mobility account – something I have never had.

Thinking they had the wrong person I was about to throw it into the garbage when I remembered that one of the fraudulent charges on my Visa had been to Bell. I called Bell Mobility and they were able to quickly establish that the account I was being sued for had been opened by “Carl Web” on the same date as the illegal charge made to my Visa. So with a Bell account they then made many calls to a very far away home until the account went into default. Interesting to learn that this person had several cards he had illegally used in the same way.

Thankfully this was all sorted out and I will not have to be in Court to clear my name of fraud and non-payment of account.

This is the advise the Bank gave me -if your credit card has been fraudently used it's best to let the big credit agencies such as Equifax know you were a victim of fraud so that they can notify anyone extending credit to make sure the person requesting credit is bona fide. If you feel something is questionable talk to others before you act and contact the Police if you feel it's necessary.

SPRING FLING QUESTIONNAIRE

The Vice Presidents of Probus Clubs from Port Hope, Cobourg, Brighton, Colborne, Ganaraska Valley, Northshore and Northumberland have been given the task of trying to determine what the various Clubs would best like to see for this event.

Peterborough hosted the last event and while it was a very entertaining day there were a few complaints that the day was too long so that is of course something that the VPs need your in-put on.

Gary Webb will be passing out a Questionnaire asking for your input – please fill out and **return today**

WHERE WE WENT IN 2011

We have certainly been a busy Club – as the year went by we had all these opportunities to get together outside of our regular meetings. All were well attended and much enjoyed.

Here's a list to refresh your memories –

February	Best Western Dinner Theatre "Appies and Drinks" – Catharine Ramsey
March	St. Patrick's Day Pub Night – Beamish
April	Art Gallery of Ontario – David Blackwood Exhibit and Dinner
May	Spring Fling – Peterborough Canon Theatre – Billy Elliot and Dinner "Appies and Drinks" Barbara Winfield
June	Roy Thompson Hall - "Mormon Tabernacle" and Dinner Annual Picnic – Adamson Compound
July	"Appies and Drinks" Terry and Rita Bell
September	Corn Roast – Barbara Loucks farm "Appies and Drinks" Al Butler and Sue Speirs
October	Car Rally and lunch
November	Best Western Dinner Theatre
December	Christmas Lunch

All of these events had volunteers to "make it happen" so here's hoping 2012 will see many more of us stepping up and offering to help out or to host an event.

PROGRAMS – FRASER CARR AND SHIRLEY CANE

- January 3 Peter Bolton
Interesting Facts about the Cemeteries of Port Hope
- 17 Barry Walker
The New Community Radio
- February 7 Pam Tate
How Long Did It Take You To Paint This Picture?

***Am still looking for more bios which everyone seems to enjoy when read so please share yours with us.
Fraser***

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CATERING – ANNE SHIELDS

JANUARY CAPTAIN FIONA GRAHAM

- 3 John Graham, Jeannette Etter, Liz Davidson, Lorraine Darke
- 17 Nancy Ford, Dorothy Lent, Betty Reynolds, Betty DeLong

FEBRUARY CAPTAIN CATHARINE RAMSEY

- 7 Pat Buchan, Margot Agnew, Eileen Rose, Ruth Roy
- 21 Alan & Margaret McCready, Betty Collins, Carolyn Minion

MARCH CAPTAIN JANE MC CLUSKEY

- 6 Grace Lees, Joyce Lees, Eileen Rose, Ruth Roy
- 20 Joann Henderson, Jeanne Keiser, Shirley Robinson, Charmion Dennys

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GREETERS – BARBARA WINFIELD

- Jan 3 Sid and Kitty Hatch
- 17 Jack and Sheila Goering

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PLEASE NOTE:

Gary and I are heading south to Florida for the month of February – we will be gone from January 28th to March 3rd – dates are slightly flexible.

In my absence Catharine Ramsey has kindly agreed to do the March Patter – please send all your information to her

Christmas Luncheon December 13th 2011



Blair, Pauline, Bonnie and Fiona



Jane, Ken, Pat and John



Nancy, Ed, Gloria and Fred



Kitty, Sid, Erik and Una



Lynn, Barbara and Josie



Margot and Barbara



Paul, Alan, and Margaret



Fran and Isabel



Dorothy and Owen



Don, Vern, Mysie and Judy



Edith, Fraser and Dorothy



Jeanne, Sel, Anne and Jeannette