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Rain, rain and more rain, we have sure had our share although not enough to cause massive flooding that is going on in other parts of our country and the US. At least the long weekend was not too bad and I hope you all enjoyed the holiday and weather. After being behind about 2 weeks this spring I am trusting we will have a great summer. Any bets?

Spring fling has come and gone and was very entertaining this year. The Leahy family were absolutely fantastic. Four children ages 4, 6, 7 and 9 all performed with dancing and fiddle playing. The two girls, age 4 and 9, sang a duet and it was a delight to see the older girl covering for and helping the 4 year old when she forgot some words.

Somehow the event got expanded to an all-day affair. Time to bring it back to an event that's over at 1 or 2 PM. I'll raise it at the next council meeting. Thanks to the Peterborough and Lakefield clubs for all their hard work.

Our picnic is next on our agenda at the Adamson's and thanks to Dorothy Gilmer for stepping forward and volunteering to organize this event. Dorothy was a lead on the Christmas lunch committee as well so she is really doing more than her share. Great job Dorothy!

Before we know it will be time for our corn roast, we need volunteers to organize that event. Anyone? Please contact either myself or Barb Loucks.

The new Management Team is starting to shape up thanks to the work of Barb. At the time that I am writing this we still need a **vice-president** and **special events chair**. Tradition is that we alternate male and female presidents so we need a male to step forward.

For special events we are thinking that a committee might work best as that way the responsibility is not only on one person. With this setup the burden would not be so bad. Carolyn and I will serve on the committee if needed. We can also move back to joining in on Golliger's trips which would involve much less work. Would you be willing to serve on a special events committee as part of a team? Please think about it, it is actually kind of fun to organize a trip.

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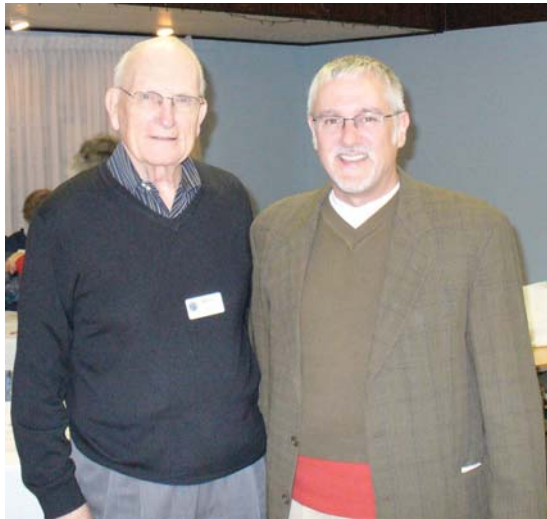
Many people have commented to the Management Team that we don't know each other very well, especially new members. We all, including me, tend to always sit at the same table and with the same people each meeting. How can we expect new members to feel included? We are creatures of habit and familiarity? I think Fraser Carr's idea of a discussion meeting where we move around a bit and share some of our backgrounds would be an excellent mixer. Let Fraser know what you think. Of course we could also get in the habit of moving to a new table each meeting

Bill Minion

SPEAKERS CORNER

MAY 3

LEE CASWELL



Doug Gellatly and Lee Caswell

Lee Caswell has been an Antique Dealer in Port Hope for the past 25 years. He is Past President of the Antique Dealers Association and is the co-owner of Antiques on Queen.

Lee gave us a very interesting talk on all that went on behind the scenes in producing the very popular series "Antique Road Show". This came into being when the CBC asked the Canadian Antique Dealers Assoc. to come up with a concept similar to the show in the United Kingdom.

In 2006 new management at the CBC decided to end the show which at that time was second in popularity only to Hockey Night in Canada

Among Lee's many restorations is a Georgian-Victorian cottage in "Englishtown" in uptown Port Hope – the gardens of this home will be included in the Garden Tour on July 9.

MAY 17

LT. COLONEL THOMAS P. DUNNE, CD

Lt. Colonel Dunne, a pilot, has commanded several Air Force Units, including 424 Squadron, one of the busiest Search and Rescue squadrons in the country. Most recently he served as Commanding Officer of Camp Mirage, overseeing its closure in November 2010.

Born in the United States he joined the Canadian Forces, attended the Royal Military College in 1987 and graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Engineering.



Ron Rose and Lt. Colonel Dunne

Located just outside Dubai, the main purpose of Camp Mirage was to support our troops in Afghanistan but as well to assist with home visits, departures and returns of troops and co-ordinate visits from dignitaries and entertainers.

Given just 30 days to close the operations at Camp Mirage we learnt first hand just how huge an undertaking this was. Canada was the chief supplier of food to all the other countries represented at Camp Mirage and contributed greatly to the countless daily operations of the Camp. Colonel Dunne felt a deep responsibility to leave behind an infrastructure that would make it easier for another country to step up to fill the void which such an abrupt departure would leave. He certainly did that in a most commendable way.

Lt. Col Dunne is currently employed at the Canadian Forces. Aerospace Warfare Center in the Doctrine Development Branch

CHANGES COMING TO THE PATTERN

Starting in the Fall plans are for a section “SPOTLIGHT” which will feature a different member each month. I will be asking each person to give me a short “resume” of themselves – such as where born – how long in Port Hope – previous jobs – family and so on. I think this is a good way for us to get to know each other better. Gary will take a photo of each to accompany the write up.

Please help by giving me your resume when you have a chance as this will greatly assist in getting this project up and going. If you have a photo that you would like me to use that would also be of great help. Members featured will appear in no particular order.

Another addition I would like to make is to have photos given to me which can be of family/friends/landscape/pets – anything you think you would like to share with others and attach a short explanation – these will be included when there is space

WE SAY GOODBYE

Ralph and Beverley Mathieson are resigning as they are moving to Pickering to be nearer to family. We hope they will visit from time to time. If you wish to contact them please talk to Fiona Graham

CLUB FEES

These are due on August 1st – please give John Buchan your cheque for \$40 per person and if you wish you can post date for August 1st.

EUCHRE AND POKER CLUBS

Both are going strong. These are really fun evenings. At the Euchre group get togethers the laughs are non stop although play is fairly competitive. Both clubs play once per month hosted in rotation at each member's home.

For Euchre speak to Gary or Carolyn Webb

For Poker contact Rose Ferguson or Shirley Kane

TRIP TO BILLY ELLIOTT MAY 4

Submitted by Barbara Moorcroft

Leaving Port Hope at 11.30 the bus arrived in good time at the Canon Theatre. The show was a sell out with many school classes in attendance as well.

The role of Billy is played by several boys and in the show on May 4 was played by a 13 year old who is enrolled full time at Canada's National Ballet School.

The show was most enjoyable and with dinner at the Mandarin made for a great day.

Thanks to Carolyn for another great trip!

SPRING FLING

28 of our members attended this event and it would be safe to say all enjoyed the day. The morning speaker, James Raffan, has many of us convinced that a trip to the Canoe Museum would be a worthwhile undertaking – be sure to join in a guided tour to best understand the exhibits.

The Leahy clan was as usual a real treat and a tremendous crowd pleaser. The Jubilation Choir proved to be most enjoyable. It was a very long day but all in all a very enjoyable one.

SPECIAL EVENTS – CAROLYN MINION

**MONDAY JUNE 27
MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR**

Depart Port Hope @ 12.00 from Phillips Street Parking Lot
Concert at Roy Thomson Hall @2.00 PM
Dinner – Frankie Tomatto’s @ 5.30 PM
Home – 8.00 PM
Please bring a lunch to eat on the bus.

4TH LINE THEATRE – CAVAN BLAZERS

So far 9 people have signed the interest sheet. We need 12 in order to get a \$2 reduction on the ticket price. If we do get a few more I am planning on getting tickets for Tuesday, August 23. The Lion’s Club of Millbrook hold a BBQ at the farm that evening from 4 – 5.30 for those interested in dinner before the performance. Price of the ticket for this would be \$28 per person.

RAILWAY CHILDREN

20 people have signed the interest sheet at the last meeting so a definite possibility for September

APPIES AND DRINKS – MAY 31

Thanks to Barb Winfield for hosting this on May 31 – I am sure everyone had a great time getting to better know our fellow Probians

PROGRAMS – FRASER CARR

- July 19th - Kelly Morgan–Mackenzie from “Sound Hearing Solutions”
Providing hearing aids to children in China
 - August 16 Tannice Goddard
“The Benefits of Yoga for All Ages
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CATERING - ANNE SHIELDS

JULY CAPTAIN JEANETTE ETTER
19 Elaine Simpson, Dorothy Lent, Julie Cotter, Carole Payne

AUGUST CAPTAIN BONNIE REID
16 Bryan Sherry, Joan McIntosh, Terry Bell, Pauline Carrick

GREETERS – BARB WINFIELD

June 7 Gloria and Fred Schumacher

JUNE 14TH - ANNUAL PICNIC – DOROTHY GILMER CONVENER

ADAMSON COMPOUND – PORT BRITAIN

**\$15 PER PERSON – INCLUDES CATERED DINNER AND SNACKS
BRING YOUR CHAIR AND DRINK OF CHOICE**

Approximately 50 of our members joined the Ganaraska Club for this event - a most enjoyable get together. Thanks to Gary Webb, Margaret Money and Michele Duval Lane of the Ganaraska Club for these photos



APPIES AND DRINKS MAY 31 AT BARBARA WINFIELD'S – BEAUTIFUL WEATHER – GREAT FOOD - A WONDERFUL TIME – THANKS SO MUCH BARB!

