



# PROBUS PATTERN

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## ***President's Message***

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**SPECIAL EVENTS**  
CAROLYN MINION

**NEWSLETTER**  
CAROLYN WEBB

Groundhog Day, February 2<sup>nd</sup> and the groundhog didn't see his shadow anywhere in the east. Spring is to be here soon, except someone forgot to remind the weatherman. Really cold weather, then a short mild reprieve and plunged back into cold again. So we are praying for an early spring. It can come anytime now. At least the sun is hanging around longer and is a little warmer.

The high winds last Friday night the 18<sup>th</sup> wreaked havoc and did a fair bit of damage around the area. I trust that everyone is OK. My airplane went for a flip on its back after a tie down rope broke in those winds and is a write off. Having owned it for 23 years it was sad to see it go like that.

On the good news side, we are remaining a healthy and vibrant club. Carolyn's planned outings are doing very well and "appies and cocktails" looks like a hit as we have a good sign up. By that time you read this it will have taken place and I'm sure we will have had a good time.

St. Patrick's Day at the Beamish is also a hit and should be a great gathering. Terry Bell has a good idea for entertaining ourselves as well as celebrating and I am looking forward to the event.

New members are being inducted in the next couple of meetings and I'm sure we will welcome them warmly as our club always does. We continue to hold our numbers but still have room for more to bring us back to the 150 mark. The Brighton club is up to 225 members. That's quite an achievement for a small town and we congratulate them. They average around 130 to a meeting but they have tremendous depth to draw on.

Speaking of depth to draw on, it is time to start thinking of new members for the management team. We need a Secretary, Special Events Chair, and a Vice-President. According to our tradition of female altering with male Presidents we would like to have a male Vice-President this time. As we become an older club it gets harder to attract people to sit on the management team. Most have already served and feel they have done their part. For those that have not been on the team, including new members, it is time to step up and for those that have already served maybe it's time to consider doing a term again.

Thanks to Catharine for chairing the last meeting allowing Carolyn and I to have a short holiday. It is amazing how one still needs to get a way for a holiday even when you are retired!

### **Probus Patter**

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*Bill Minion*

## SPEAKERS' CORNER

FEBRUARY 1, 2011

DONNA WOOTEN

"INTO THE NORTHWEST PASSAGE"

Donna's trip begins with a flight to Greenland and she brought along amazing videos to show the beauty and diversity of Greenland and vastness of the entire areas explored while on board the "Clipper Adventurer".

This is a small but comfortable ship with the capacity for 123 passengers and crew of approximately 70.

Whilst meals on board were of the highest quality they also had a chance while on shore excursions to sample the cuisine of the locals – some of which would not go well in more "cultured" society such as eating raw seal. They of course saw many wild animals and were particularly thrilled to see musk ox as these are rarely sighted by tourist. We came to realise that there was always much to do, a vast area to explore and a lot to be learnt on this voyage.

Near the end of the trip the "Clipper Adventurer" ran aground and after days of unsuccessful attempts to free her passengers were transferred to Kugluktuk and flown home.



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MEMBER PAT BUCHAN AND DR. MEREPEZA

FEBRUARY 15, 2011



DR. ALBAN MEREZEPEZA B.A. (HONS)., DC  
PREPARING ATHELETES FOR THE OLYMPICS

Dr. Merezepa studied Psychology for four years at Trent University and then did a further four year course at the Canadian Memorial Chiropractic College.

Following that he went on for earn his International Chiropractic Sports Science Diploma which qualified him to work with international athletes. Besides his innate ability for this field of work it is very helpful that he is also fluent in Italian, Spanish and Albanian

Through his eyes we were taken on a very interesting and sometimes amusing visit behind the scenes of several Olympic Villages and other large sport venues. It was really interesting to learn exactly what a chiropractor can do to keep these athletes in top condition. He has earned a sterling reputation and is regarded somewhat as a "Magic Doctor" as he has helped many athletes who had injuries to continue on to compete and in some cases win medals.

He currently volunteers as chiropractor for sports teams in Port Hope and also volunteers in Albania, his country of birth, to help children in orphanages suffering from scoliosis – this has now been broadened to include all children with this affliction.

He left us with a promise to return with one of his star athletes and that is a visit we all definitely look forward to.

**APRIL 28, 2011  
GANARASKA VALLEY CLUB**

We are invited to join our sister club for their meeting on this date. Starting at 9.30 A.M. and held at the Town Park Recreation Center.

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**MAY 18, 2011 - SPRING FLING  
GARY WEBB**

**AN ADDITION TO THE PROGRAM:** The Canadian Canoe Museum has generously agreed to provide a free ticket to each person attending the Spring Fling. The Museum will be open until 5.00 P.M on May 18. Tickets will be valid until September 1, 2011

**There are 14 tickets left and I will be at the front desk today to take more registrations and payment.  
Please remember full payment (\$35) must be made by the very latest March 15.**

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**SPECIAL EVENTS – CAROLYN MINION**

**APRIL 27      AGO – DAVID BLACKWOOD’S “NEWFOUNDLAND”**  
Leave Port Hope at 12.00 – Phillips St. parking lot  
Return home approximately 8.00 PM  
Cost \$57 – includes AGO ticket/transportation/dinner at the Hot House

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**MAY 4            BILLY ELLIOTT – CANON THEATRE**  
Leave Port Hope 11.30 – return approximately 8.00 PM  
Cost \$130 – includes theatre ticket/transportation/dinner at the Mandarin

ALL TICKET HAVE BEEN SPOKEN FOR – AM TRYING TO GET MORE AND TAKING NAMES FOR A WAITING LIST

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**JUNE 27        MORMON TABERNACLE CHOIR – ROY THOMSON HALL**  
Leave Port Hope 12.00 – return approximately 8.00 PM  
Cost \$135 – includes ticket/transportation/dinner at Frankie Tomattos

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE BUT I HAVE INVITED THE GANARASKA CLUB TO JOIN US SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE INTERESTED.

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***I WILL BE HAPPY TO TAKE PAYMENT FOR ANY OF THE EVENTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS ALL DEPOSITS FOR TICKETS ARE ON BILL’S CREDIT CARD.***

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**A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS**

Murray and Margaret Dillon

Jeanne Keiser

Lynn Lidell

**PROGRAMS – FRASER CARR AND SHIRLEY KANE**

MARCH 1 PHIL BOYKO – ARTISAN WORKING IN WOOD  
MARCH 15 TED DEVONSHIRE & FRIENDS – BARBERSHOP HARMONY TODAY  
APRIL 5 ROBIN LONG – A HISTORICAL TRIP DOWN WALTON STREET  
APRIL 19 CONST.GERRY MARINO. COMMUNITY RELATIONSHIP PHPD  
“SCAMS AND FRAUDS AGAINST SENIORS”

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**CATERING – ANNE SHIELDS**

**MARCH CAPTAIN JANE MCCLUSKEY**

1 GRACE LEES, JOYCE LEES, MARGUERITE DORITTY, RUBY HUNTER  
15 JOANN HENDERSON, DOREEN ROSSI, MAGGIE SNOW, ANNE BROWN

**APRIL CAPTAIN BARBARA MOORCROFT**

5 MAY ANDERSON, BOB MOORCROFT, GEORGE WATSON, FRAN CAMPBELL  
19 PAT GOODYEAR, SUE SPEIRS, SHIRLEY ROBINSON, BETTY DELONG

**MAY CAPTAIN ALAN BUTLER**

3 SEL SHIELDS, DOUG & MARION GELLATLY, JANE MC CLUSKEY  
17 BETTY COLLINS, LOIS HUESTON, JIM & PAULINE GRAHAM

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**GREETERS – BARBARA WINFIELD**

MARCH 1 JACK AND SHEILA GOERING  
MARCH 15 BOB AND BARBARA MOORCROFT

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION – MARCH 16 – BEAMISH HOUSE**

***\$20 – includes tip and one free drink of your choice***

**5.00 - HAPPY HOUR**

**6.00 - IRISH DINNER**

**7.00 - IRISH MUSIC SING ALONG**

