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It is November already. It seems that only a few days ago we were feeling the high summer temperatures.

Our club was represented on September 30th at a meeting of the Club Presidents/Executives Probus District 1 West. This was held at the Cobourg Lions Club. Forty five members from fourteen clubs were there. Your President, Vice President and Past President attended.

There was a report given on Rendezvous 2011 which was held in Vancouver. There were 124 full registrations. This included 12 from an Australian Probus Club. Factors contributing to a lower attendance than expected were the high cost of travel and hotel accommodation.

Other items on the agenda were Spring Fling, Liability Insurance. There was a lively round table discussion between the different clubs. This group meets only once a year.

A great big thank you to all those who made our car rally such a success. Once again the weather co-operated. These events would not happen if it were not for members volunteering to help. Although the sun did not shine, the warm day was wonderful. The rain held off until we got home. The room was a buzz about why a certain driver took a wrong turn etc. and there were a few digs about lead feet.

Perhaps those of you who were not there this year will consider riding along next year. It is a good time to get to know new people and have some fun. Even old friends get to know one another much better while chasing around the countryside looking for clues.

If we have anyone who is interested in scrapbooking or just organizing pictures and information for the archives, help would be most welcome. Carolyn Webb is doing a marvellous job as editor of the Patter and has some pictures. Our club is no longer new and it is fun to look back and remember. We shall try, in the near future, to get the archives out for your viewing.

In closing let me say how proud we all are of our member, Ken MacPherson who was awarded the Admirals Medal for having written and collaborated on several books contributing to our maritime heritage. Congratulations Ken.

BARB

SPEAKERS CORNER

OCTOBER 4 – PAUL BAILEY - LITTLE KNOWN TALES OF PORT HOPE



A retired marketing executive, Paul proved to be a very energetic speaker. He has recently published "Port Hope Heroes" which is a diary in poems and drawings about the characters in his home town.

We learnt that in the early days the Pier was the center of activity for Port Hope with cargo and passenger steamships regularly arriving and that business in those days was carried on in real cut throat manner – if your competition was doing better than you then there were ways to equalise the playing field.

Most intriguing to all of us was learning that Paul's great, great, great uncle was The Flying Tailor who once beat a race horse and who could in a morning sprint to Peterborough and be back home in time for supper. To all of us who now make this drive the how and the why is really mind boggling. History records this feat as factual making this a truly amazing man

OCTOBER 18 – GEORGE WATSON - FISHING GETAWAY AT KODIAK ISLAND

George is a member of our Probus Club so needed no introduction. He began his presentation with a beautiful video of Kodiak Island. It is very remote being about 4,000 miles north of us and the scenery is breath taking.

Next we saw a video of George, his son David and a friend on their personal getaway to the area. Fishing is on the Aya Kulik River and we got a clear view of George and his party, dressed for full protection from the cold and rain, setting off on a small fishing boat. Kodiak bear stroll around in great numbers and spend time fishing and bathing. While the Lodge claims that there has never been an injury David on the first day was very surprised to find one almost face to face with him - both were very startled and took off in opposite directions. Day two – not so startled anymore!

Accommodations are rustic but the fresh food was superb.



WELCOME NEW MEMBER - SHIRLEY ROBBINS



Joann Henderson introduces Shirley Robbins

Shirley has five children – 10 grands and 9 great grands. After being a housewife and mother and following a bout with cancer she decided to make a change in her life.

She began by working as a librarian at the Vanier Center in Brampton and went to Ryerson on a part time basis studying to be a library technician. She completed these studies at Sheridan College.

She was accepted by the Canadian military to be a school librarian in Germany and while there travelled through Europe extensively.

Now retired Shirley moved to Port Hope two years ago with her two cats and a vast collection of books. Maybe we can entice Shirley to restart our Probus library?

List of Catering Volunteers 2011

Margot Agnew
 May Anderson
 Terry Bell
 Pat Buchan
 Fran Campbell
 Edith Carr
 Pauline Carrick
 Betty Collins
 Julie Cotter
 Lorraine Darke
 Liz Davidson
 Betty DeLong
 Charmion Dennys
 Marg & Murray Dillon
 Marguerite Doritty
 Ruth Evans
 Jeannette Etter
 Rose Ferguson
 Nancy Ford
 Lucy Frew
 Doug & Marion Gellatly
 Sheila Goering
 Pat Goodyear
 Jim & Pauline Graham
 Kitty Hatch
 Joann Henderson
 Lois Hueston
 Ruby Hunter
 Vern Johnson
 Jeanne Keiser
 Shirley Kane
 Don Kent
 Grace Lees
 Joyce Lees

Margaret & Alan McCready
 David & Sharon McElroy
 Joan McIntosh
 Barbara & Sam McReelis
 Carolyn Minion
 Bob Moorcroft
 Una Norenus
 Carole Payne
 Betty Reynolds
 Shirley Robbins
 Shirley Robinson
 Eileen Rose
 Doreen Rossi
 Ruth Roy
 Gloria & Fred Schumacher
 Bryan Sherry
 Sel Shields
 Helen & Paul Smith
 Maggie Snow
 Sue Speirs
 Marg Tait
 Mysie Vanhinsberg
 George Watson
 Elizabeth Weaver

Please be at the hall at 8:30 am. If unable to attend, please arrange for a substitute from the list of volunteers and give the name to your captain. Make sure that the alternative is not already scheduled for the month.

Catering Captains 2011 – 12

September	Rita Bell	March	Jane McCluskey
October	Dorothy Gilmer	April	Barbara Moorcroft
November	Elaine Simpson	May	Judy Johnson
December	Pauline Carrick	June	Alan Butler
January	Fiona Graham	July	Anne Brown
February	Catharine Ramsey	August	Bonnie Reid

PROGRAMS – FRASER CARR AND SHIRLEY KANE

- November 1 MWO Cindy Leonard – National Veterans Week Speakers Program
Recognition of our Club's Veterans
- November 15 Jay Scotland – Weather Analyst - CBC
"We Always Get our Weather Right –Sometimes"
- December 6 Sandy Holmes
"Update on Waste Disposal"
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CATERING – ANNE SHIELDS

NOVEMBER CAPTAIN ELAINE SIMPSON

- 1 May Anderson, Doreen Rossi, Elizabeth Weaver, Lucy Frew
- 15 Mysie Vanhinsberg, Ruby Hunter, Helen and Paul Smith

DECEMBER CAPTAIN PAULINE CARRICK

- 6 Sel Shields, Julie Cotter, Edith Carr, Rose Ferguson

JANUARY CAPTAIN FIONA GRAHAM

- 3 Marg and Murray Dillon, Liz Davidson, Lorraine Darke
- 17 Nancy Ford, Maggie Snow, Betty Reynolds, Betty Delong
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GREETERS - BARBARA WINFIELD

- November 1 Pauline and Jim Graham
- 15 Eileen and Ron Rose
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EXCELLENT ATTENDANCE - JOHN BUCHAN – MEMBERSHIP CHAIR

92% of our members attended six or more of our nineteen meetings last year – August 1, 2010 to July 31, 2011.
The 8% who did not attend six or more meetings were overwhelmingly suffering health problems

Our By Laws state that the goal is to have all members attend at least 25% of general meetings. We are as close to this goal as we can get.

Congratulations to all members on this excellent record.

Please note that on the Membership List Barbara Hawthorn's email address should have "@” instead of “&”

CHRISTMAS PARTY

DECEMBER 13

TICKETS \$35

LOVELY FOOD – GREAT MUSIC – GOOD FRIENDS

BEST WESTERN – COBOURG

BAR OPENS 11.30



Car Rally 2011

1st Place



Edith & Fraser

Carolyn & Gary

2nd Place



Peggy & Noel

Rose & "Moose"

The Turkey Winners



Dorothy & Owen

Sid & Kitty



The Turkey is at home. Where?

Car Rally 2011

