



# Probud Patter

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### SUGARING OFF TIME

Well, spring has arrived and the sap is running. Time to head out to the Maple Sugar Bush. This is another of our family traditions, to visit the sugar bush in March.

*Ruth Evans was greeted on St. Patrick's Day by Moose and Rose Ferguson sporting bright green wigs. To view in glorious colour, go to our web site:*

[probudnorthumberland.com](http://probudnorthumberland.com)

We have visited them in Quebec and Vermont, but mostly in Elmira, Ontario. The annual Elmira Maple Sugar Festival is a huge event.

The main street is closed off to traffic and becomes a pedestrian way lined with vendors, barbecues and pancake booths. Buses transport you out of town to the sugar bush. The Mennonites offer buggy rides and the children love racing down the streets in a horse drawn buggy.

Since we moved out here, we go to nearby Sandy Flats Sugar Bush just outside Warkworth. This is a great place to see how maple sugar is made and to have a wonderful breakfast or lunch of pancakes, sausages with real maple syrup. We enjoy a horse drawn sleigh ride through the maple bush. The sleighs are drawn by beautiful Clydsdale horses. "Hank and Jenny" are our favorites. There may be other sugar bushes closer to you. Why don't you visit one and participate in a great Canadian tradition. *Terry Bell*

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# St. Patrick's Day Fun at the Beamish House



Below: Don Kent and Vern and Judy Johnson were among those who enjoyed The Irish Descendants after dinner.



Top left: Getting into the Irish spirit were Ken Scott, Pat Buchan, Lorraine Dark, Vern Johnson and Ron Rose.

Top right: Carolyn and Bill Minion, Jeannette and Alan Rutherford, Rita Bell and Don Campbell wait for their Irish Stew. Green was the prominent colour for this fun evening.



Grace Lees and Joyce Lees enjoy a good brew among friends.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**SPRING FLING:** Wednesday, May 20, The Keeler Centre, Colborne.

### PROBUS PICNIC

Date: June 17, the Adamson's Lakeshore home.

### CORN ROAST

Date: September 8, Harold and Donna Wakelys.

**CHRISTMAS PARTY:** December 18, Best Western

## Probus Club Home Exchange

Here's a good idea to explore. Probus members now have a way of exchanging vacation homes. Properties have recently been exchanged in places such as: Paris; South Ireland; Worstershire, England; Texas; Florida; Seattle, South of France; Manhattan.

How does one receive and make offers to exchange homes? The first step is to join the exchange program. With a listing, you can exchange details and photos of your home with prospective club vacationers. Contact the Probus Club Home Exchange at:

[www.homeexchange.com](http://www.homeexchange.com) or 1-705-445-7184

## CATERING

### **April Captain: Anne Shields**

April 7, Merle Adamson, George Watson, Shirley Kane, Ian Tate

April 21, Charm Dennys, Pat Goodyear, Eileen Pickett, Tom Crooks

### **May Captain: Judy Johnson**

May 5, Verne Johnson, Margaret and Alan McCready, Maisie Vanhinsberg

May 19, Kitty Hatch, Bonnie Reid, Joann Henderson

*Please arrive at 8.30 a.m. for set up. If you are unable to help on your day, please find a replacement from the membership list. New people welcome to help out.*

**Eileen Rose, Catering Chair, 905-885-2845**



## DRIVING FOR SENIORS

*Police Officer Denis Grenon, Community Service Officer for the Port Hope Police, gave an amusing and informative talk on the driving habits of seniors. Although most of us have been driving for half a century, he told us of some changes to driving laws that affect us. "Driving is not a right, it's a privilege", he said.*

## THANKS TONY

Tony Holmes has agreed to help with Probus Patter. He has been our editor in the past, but had to stop when he suffered his stroke. He is eager to get back into the print business, but he will need a co-editor, someone to take photos and take notes at the meeting and boldly go where Tony cannot go. He is looking forward to doing all the computer aspects of putting the newsletter together. Please call Tony at 885-7372 to see how you could work together.

## St. Patrick's Day Music



*We were entertained on St. Patrick's Day by two local musicians and their children. Steafan Hannigan and Sasaki Tomkins played a variety of Irish instruments, while their son, Oshi, played the Irish Drum and their two little girls, Ella and Ayisha, danced to jigs. It was a delightful performance by a talented family.*

## BOWLING FOR FUN

Our intrepid bowlers, winners of the recent area tournament, are continuing to bowl. All members, whether beginners or experienced, are welcome to join in for recreation. Call Bob Short, 885-1420 for more information. First Monday of the month at Northshore Lanes, Northumberland Mall, at 1.30 p.m.

## PROBUS FRIENDS

*Friends are a priceless asset  
They cannot be bought or sold  
Their value is far greater  
Than a bank vault of silver and gold*

*Gold is lifeless and only glitters  
It cannot speak or see  
And in a time of sorrow  
It lacks in sympathy*

*Silver has no ears to listen  
Nor mind to understand  
It cannot bring you comfort or joy  
Or stretch out a helping hand*

*So when you are seeking solace  
On which peace of mind depends  
You won't find it in diamonds or  
pearls  
But in loving PROBUS friends.*

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### ART GALLERY OF ONTARIO

We have planned a day trip to Toronto on a Thursday in June. Cost including dinner about \$60.

Please indicate your interest in going to see the fabulous addition to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

### QUEBEC CITY

**3 days, July 15, 16, 17, 2009**

This trip was requested by the folks who went to St. John, NB and wanted to spend more time in this historic city. Bill's plans include two night's hotel accommodation and bus transportation, but no meals.

Cost: Approximately \$250 per person double occupancy, not including meals. Please indicate your interest soon for this interesting trip.

### AGAWA CANYON

**September 22, 23, 24, 25, 2009**

This lovely trip includes 3 nights hotel accommodation (two nights in Sault Ste Marie and one night in Franconmuth MI on the return trip), transportation to the train by bus, train ride through the spectacular fall colours of the Agawa Canyon with breakfast and lunch on board. There are also museums in the Sault we could visit.

Cost for this special trip is \$430 per person double occupancy.

### Special Events Coordinators

**Bill and Carolyn Minion**

**905-342-3264**

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### TORONTO ALL STAR BIG BAND

MAY 23, 2009

CAPITOL ARTS THEATRE, PORT HOPE

AN ANNUAL CROWD PLEASER

40 seats reserved for our club

Purchase tickets from Bonnie Walker

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### ADDITIONS TO MEMBERSHIP LIST

Bill Stauble, 905-885-8811, 65 Thomas Street,  
Port Hope, L1A 3H5

Ed Ford, same information as Nancy Ford



## Programs

### **April 7: Community Health Centre**

Jane Spencer, Nurse Practitioner, and Pam MacDougall, Health Promoter, will fill us in on the programs and latest news from the Port Hope Community Health Centre.

### **April 21: Pat Sinott, A Slice of Port Hope History**

Pat will relate some of her family's local history, featuring Cavan Street, the dairy, and vanished industries.

### **May 5: Community Care Access Services**

Sherry McKeen, Community Outreach and Education officer for Community Care Access Services will explain what service this agency offers and how they are different from others with similar names.

### **May 19: To be announced.**

**Sue Speirs, Program Chair: 885-8604**

### CAR RALLY

No, this is not an announcement of a car rally. This is a possibility of a car rally. We could have one in the fall IF A GROUP OF PEOPLE WOULD TAKE THIS ON AS A FUN PROJECT.

Take a look around your table today and talk about it. See if you can come up with any people or ideas to get this event off the ground.

Get the Probus feeling! Get involved!  
See Terry Bell or Pauline Carrick.