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Probud Club of Colborne

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PRESIDENT'S PERCH

On a beautiful Sunday Nov 11, a large gathering paid tribute to our Veterans. Many Colborne Probud members were in attendance and our V.P. Diane Dycke laid the Remembrance Wreath on behalf of our club.

Our only meeting for December is slated for the 5th (yes, that is the revised correct date) and will be our annual Christmas luncheon. Martin Blackshaw is steering this towards a great activity and apparently Santa Clause has either forgotten or forgiven the assault on his character last year and plans to be in attendance. No gifts please but donations to the local Christmas food hamper campaign will be greatly appreciated by those less fortunate than we are.

Please mark your calendars for Jan 9th and 23rd as our next regular meetings and Jan 19th as our trip to the Shen Yun Theatre (providing you purchased tickets).

Remember to keep smiling and drive carefully...it's not only cars that can be recalled by their maker.

From all the Executive and Committee Members, have a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and wonderful New Year.

Barry McQuillin

SPEAKER'S CORNER

For our meeting on November 7 rather than a speaker we held our own version of a Remembrance Day Ceremony. Seven members spoke about their individual childhood impressions of the war years and how they were affected. Between each anecdote we sang "war inspired" songs led by Mitchell Cox on his electronic keyboard. Adrien Dubois set up a marvelous display of war memorabilia for our viewing pleasure.

Besides being an accomplished musician, Mitchell Cox and his wife are the new owners of the Purdy Mill in Castleton. The mill is 170 years old and was operational up until 1968. Mitchell shared some of his dreams (and headaches) for the restoration of the mill. We will all be watching the site with interest.



We also had an opportunity to view The Queen's Jubilee Medal awarded to Doug Galt. Congratulations Doug!



Share the Wealth winner was Judi Eakin - \$21.00.

On November 21st, after a very brief meeting at the Keeler Centre we formed a convoy to travel to view the home of Johanna and Henry Wiersman on Timlin Road north of Cold Springs. This is a house built by Henry himself and constructed of straw bales and adobe bricks. Their house is a very unique shape and illustrates Peter's carpentry skills. It is a "work in progress" with much of the interior remaining to be completed. Since this is such a different approach to today's house construction it is being closely watched and monitored by Queens University and Sir Sanford Fleming Community College. In the future Henry hopes to build and market "Granny flat modules". After viewing the house, Henry took us on a tour of his property to see where the adobe bricks are made and also some of his other creative structures.



Share the Wealth winner was Gord McArthur- \$15.00.

Sue McQuillin

COMMUNITY

1. Sat. Dec. 1. 9:30 am, Come to Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Colborne to buy home-made Christmas goodies at a "Cookie Walk. While you are there vote for your favourite piece of art created by the children of Colborne Public School.

2. Friday lunches continue at Salem United Church on December 14, 2012 and January 11 and 25, 2013.

UPCOMING PROBUS DATES

Lug-a-Mug for Probus Meeting Coffee Time

Wed. December 5 - Probus: Christmas luncheon (Will Santa be invited this year?)

Probus Bowling Dates: November 28, 2012, January 30, 2013, February 27, 2013, and March 27, 2013.

Wed. January 9 and Wed. January 23, 2013 Regular Probus meetings.

January 19, 2013, Shen Yun Theatre Performance in Toronto. Tickets are sold out!

PROBUS BOWLING

The dates for the 2012-2013 season have been confirmed by Presquille Lanes, Brighton as of today. The dates are Nov. 28, 2012, Jan. 30, Feb.27, Mar.27 2013. The times and fees will be the same as last year; 10:00am-12:00 noon and \$12.00 per person, shoes included. The fee was not negotiated but offered by Presquille Lanes. Many thanks to Garry for accommodating us in this regard.

Gord McArthur

PROBUS PLEA

"Hello all Coffee and Tea Lovers. We are the conveners for your enjoyment at our Probus Meetings. We are asking for volunteers to assist us. As the statement goes, 'many hands make light work'. At the Head Table for the next few meetings there will be a sign-up form for volunteers. You will be supported by us as to the procedures (where the supplies are, time required etc.) The task is not hard and men are welcome to join the team.

Our supply of paper cups is dwindling. When they are all gone, you must bring your own! It is not part of the 'job description' to have to wash cups. As our esteemed President has stated, "no helpers, no coffee."

Heather McElroy and Carol McArthur

THE LAST WORD

This month's last word comes from Will Rogers who said, "If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging."

Sue McQuillin

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