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Probud Club of Colborne

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## **PRESIDENT'S PEN**

Thank you for the honour to serve as your President of Colborne Probud Club for 2012-13. This is such a great club where everybody knows each other and gets along well with everyone. We have a very unique club and many thanks to our founders who set our path along this way.

A great deal of thanks also goes to several of the members who are retiring from active service after many years of devotion and duty. Adrian Dubois has been our Quartermaster for years; Joan Musselman our Coffee Coordinator from our inception; Louise Blackshaw as our Secretary; Carol McArthur as our "In Touch" Editor for the last 3 years; and Bonnie Hilliard from Speaker Co-chair for 2 years. Judi Eakins has retired from President and is to be thanked for her leadership over this past year. These folks have worked tirelessly in the background so the club just seemed to function on its own and things just happened.

Several have stepped forward to make certain that we have a smoothly functioning club for another year. Please check the complete list of all these wonderful people who have held up their hand to guide our club for another year. Thank you! Thank you!

At our AGM on 9/19, our capable Treasurer and wizard with a calculator presented the financial review of the Club. Thanks Alan for a job well done.

There are a few dates to add to your calendar that may affect many of you.

1. Sept 28/12 Probud Club County Car Convoy to Wine County
2. Oct 17/12 Final payment for tickets and bus to Shen Yun Theatre in Toronto
3. Jan. 19/13 Shen Yun Theatre
4. May 21/13 May Day Extravaganza, Keeler Centre

Our next speaker on Oct 3 will be Sylvia Cook from Castleton who has built a one of a kind home in Ontario. Come out to be surprised and educated.

Yours in Probud,

*BarryMcQuillin*

## **PAST PRESIDENT'S PEN**

I want to tell you what an honour it has been to be your president for the past year. This club is one of the nicest groups of people it's been my privilege to know. It is friendly and makes new people feel welcome. There is very little discord among the members. Members jump in to do a job that needs to be done. I especially want to thank Joan Musselman for stepping in and making coffee. I also want to thank Clare Musselman for taking on the Christmas party and making it a fun time for us. Alan Cullum is a real 'beggar for punishment'. Thank you for your excellent financial report and for continuing to be our treasurer. Thank you to Louise Blackshaw for the wonderful job she has done as our secretary. I'm sure you'll be a great help to Martin in planning the events for 2012/13. I especially want to thank Barry McQuillin for 'stepping up to the plate' while I had my knee surgery. Everything was running smoothly when I returned. I know that I am leaving this club in very capable hands. So, thank you for the honour of being your President.

*Judi Eakins*

## **SPEAKERS CORNER**

Our speaker, Lana Taylor, demonstrated both her professional and personal sides by her attendance at both September meetings. Lana is Chief Executive Officer of ONTrack Media and Entertainment Inc. The company provides closed circuit television production services to Ontario's horse racing industry. On September 5, she presented many Ontarian's concerns regarding the termination of the SARP (Slots At Racetracks Program) by March 2013. It has been in existence since 1998. There are 17 tracks in Ontario. All have 'slots' which distribute 10% of their revenue to the horse racing industry and 10% to the local community. Lana explained the difference between standard bred horses (home based) and thoroughbreds (only at large tracks). Unfortunately the short timeline for closing the slots does not match the three year time needed to raise a horse to racing stage. Lana prophesizes that by 2013 there may only be 6 tracks remaining open.

Lana returned September 19 to talk passionately about her 'hobby'. She and her husband Gordon Mills operate 'Peonies From the Field' from their farm in Morganston. They have over 200 varieties of herbaceous and itoh (intersectional) peonies which they market each fall through their website. They welcome visitors to their fields in June. Lana showed pictures of her favourite 15 varieties. Advice was given on planting and propagating peonies. Lana and Gordon believe peonies are amongst the easiest perennials to grow and their enthusiasm was contagious. Check out their website at [www.PeoniesFromTheField.com](http://www.PeoniesFromTheField.com).

After Lana's talk, our Annual Meeting proceeded. Clare Musselman presented the Executive roster for 2012/13. Barry McQuillin welcomed his support team.

**Colborne Probus club Executive:**

President	Barry McQuillin
Vice President	Diane Dycke
Past President	Judi Eakins
Secretary	Shirley Ross
Treasurer	Alan Cullum

**Committees:**

In Touch	Sue McQuillin
Speakers	Eileen Milley
Membership	Alan Cullum
Social Events	Martin Blackshaw (Christmas, Anniversary, Picnic)
Upcoming Events	Mary Lee
Sunshine Cards	Heather McElroy
Welcome/Share	Bill & MJ Doherty
Bowling	Gord McArthur
Coffee coordinators	Carol McArthur/Heather McElroy
Quartermaster	Al Mackie
Car Rally 2013	Doug Galt

*Carol McArthur*

**THEATRE**

1. **September 28 – October 14, 2012, *Acedemia Nuts*** at the Brighton Barn Theatre; information 613-475-2144.

**COMMUNITY**

1. **Sun September 30:** Colborne Legion Branch 187 hosts author Gil McElroy from 2 – 4 pm to review his book “*Cold Comfort: Growing Up Cold War*”.

2. **Tue October 16: Cramahe Horticultural Society;** 7 pm at the Keeler Centre; speaker is Paul Watson on *Honey Bees*.

3. **Wed October 17: Salem United Church's Fall Supper;** 5 & 6:30 pm, \$12 (tickets available from Muriel Todd).

4. **Thur October 18: Big Sister's Stew Off:** Colborne Legion Branch 187, 11:30 am – 1 pm; undetermined charge at time of publication.

5. **Fri October 19 and November 2: Salem United Church Soup Lunches** resume 11:30 am – 1 pm; \$6 each or \$10 per couple.

6. **Sat October 20: Colborne Lions' Foods of Northumberland Dinner and Comedy Show** at the Keeler Centre; doors open at 5:30 pm, dinner at 6:30 pm followed by entertainment provided by the Agony Chorus Showband. Tickets \$25/person.

7. **Sun October 21: Shout Sisters in Concert** Old St Andrews Presbyterian Church, Colborne; performance at 7 pm; tickets \$15; contact Sue McQuillin.

8. **Fri November 16 (4 – 9 pm) and Sat November 17 (9 am – 4 pm): "Ice"**, Salem United Church's Annual Bazaar.

### **UPCOMING PROBUS DATES**

**1. Lug-a-Mug for Probus Meeting Coffee Time**

**2. Probus Membership Year dues (\$40) for 2012-2013 payable now to Alan Cullum**

**Fri September 28, 2012 – Probus Car Tour:** Wine tour through Prince Edward County.

**Wed October 3, 2012 – Probus:** speaker is Sylvia Cook on the construction of her SIPE (earth) house.

**Fri October 12, 2012 - Northumberland Probus Executive Meeting.**

**Wed October 17, 2012 – Probus:** speaker is Daphne Simms on "Change for Change, India".

**Wed November 3, 2012 – Probus:** Speaker TBA.

**Probus Bowling starts November 2012 and January, February and March, 2013.** Dates to be confirmed before next issue of In Touch.

**January 19, 2013, Shen Yun Theatre Performance** in Toronto. Barry McQuillin is coordinating this event. Tickets are sold out! This is just a reminder for those going to pay \$120 each by October 17.

### **THE LAST WORD**

This really is my last word! Gord would add, at least today. Preparing the In Touch has been rewarding (so many people read it!) and, I must admit, challenging at times (trying to get 'content'). However, there is bad news here. You are stuck with me making coffee. This is not an easy task for a 'tea granny'. Please be kind but honest in your comments. I am a great believer in constructive criticism. Thankfully Heather McElroy has offered to help coordinate. Feel free to volunteer to help make coffee too. It really is not hard.

Welcome to the new Editor, Sue McQuillin. Her contact information follows.

**Carol McArthur, Editor**

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