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Probus Club of Colborne

February 2015

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PROBUS CANADA WEBSITE www.probus.org
Check us out at www.probusnorthumberland.com

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September through June at the Keeler Centre in Colborne
(unless otherwise designated by the current executive)

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From the President's Perch



I truly hope our group will be able to meet at our regular spot, with a normal temperature on February 4th. I will be unable to chair that meeting as I have a doctor's appointment. Our Vice President, Anja, will not be here. She is on holidays enjoying warm weather. You will be in good hands though. Diane Dycke has agreed to chair the meeting.

Please note that this meeting will be our Valentine's celebration, so please wear red if possible.

I would like to wish our bowling team good luck in the Northumberland PROBUS Bowling tournament coming up on Feb. 2.

I would like to remind the members, that there will be an Extravaganza on June 2nd. The guest speaker will be the Honourable Romeo A. Dallaire, Senator. Tickets will be available for sale starting at the February 21 meeting, at a cost of \$35.00 per member. To our snow birds, if you would like to reserve Extravaganza tickets please email me at: mblackshaw@cogeco.ca

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all members a Happy Valentine's Day.

Your president,
Martin Blackshaw

**HAPPY
VALENTINE'S
DAY**

January 7

Our PROBUS meeting of January 7th found the Keeler Center without any heat. It was too cool to sit upstairs without our coats, gloves and hats. The Keeler Center staff helped us setup in the hallway downstairs. It was a little warmer than upstairs.

Our speaker, Jennifer Hardy is a registered Chiropodist who has practiced for 20 years. She is currently in school to become an Osteopath and will graduate in February 2015. She has specialized training in Diabetes and Rheumatoid Arthritis. She treats anyone who can no longer take care of their own feet. Most of her clients are over 65 years old.

Jennifer told us that running shoes are the best shoes to wear. She also feels that diabetic socks lead to better circulation.

Heather McElroy thanked our speaker and presented her with our gift.



January 21

This meeting was at the Ontario Agri-Food Venture Centre. They had Tim Horton's coffee and goodies for us when we arrived. Hopefully the operation of this new facility will be up and running by the end of April.

We were taken on a tour to see the lab where they will be able to conduct food experiments and produce labels for the products. We saw where the equipment will be for the stoves and blast freezer. The two fridges are now up and working, they took us into the first one which was cold and then they opened another door and we stepped into the freezer area and it was extremely cold.

This facility will be run by volunteers and students from the University. They are hoping, in the future, to be able to open a small store so local farmers can sell their products.

They have a five year contract with the owners of the building.



Upcoming Probus Events

February 4 – Rev. Deborah Elliott of Grafton/Castleton United Church will speak about sponsoring a Syrian family, who are living in our community.

February 18 – Visit to Hoselton's Gallery – tour of the facility with Jan Holseleton, with information about its inception, and question period. Refreshments provided.

Community Events

KEELER CENTRE: Public Skating – Monday 5-6:20pm – Wednesday 4-5:20pm - Parents, Tots & Seniors – Tuesday 4-4:50pm – Wednesday 11-11:50am – Thursday 11-11:50am, 4-4:50pm

Walking any weekday

Heritage Church – Salem Lunches Dec 5. Every other Friday, \$5

- Percy & Church, Community Drop In Thursday 9-noon

DENIM & DIAMONDS II, a benefit for Heritage United Church presented by Black Dress Catering, 6:00-7:30pm, Sat Feb 14, at the Colborne Legion, 91 King St E, Colborne. Tickets \$20/person, call Donna at 905 375 8575 to reserve tickets.

AGN, Art Gallery of Northumberland, public meeting at the Art Gallery of Northumberland, Victoria Hall, Cobourg, 7pm, Jan 29, 2015.

FARCE OF NATURE, 8pm, 3 weekends from April 17, Brighton Barn Theatre.

THE RADIUM RADIO HOUR, featuring a presentation of “The Thin Man” with “Adventures of Sam Spade” at 6:30pm, Friday Feb 27, the Masonic Hall, Port Hope, 6:30pm followed by cocktails and dancing. Tickets \$35/person.

Brighton Resource Centre – check out their calendar on the events board and register by calling 613 439 8809

Sat Feb 21 - Ipad & Iphone - 10-2pm - \$80

Wed, 8 wks - Windows 8 1-3 - \$110

Other courses in Building, Safety, Music, Card Making Workshops, Money Management, Dance, Crochet, Watercolour, Pet Care and more.

Check out the Colborne Cramahe JR A HAWKS – Home games 7pm at the Keeler Centre Jan 31, Feb 7, 15 (2pm), 16 (2pm), 20, 21

The Northumberland Orchestra & Choir at the Cobourg United Church– tickets from the Victoria Hall Box Office

Storytelling – February 28, 2015, 3-5pm

Where the Rainbow Ends – May 2, 2015, 7:30-9:30pm

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Dinners: Friday, Feb 6, 5-6:30pm, **Roast Beef**, \$12/person

Friday, Feb 20, **Stuffed Roast Pork**

Always looking for members

CRAMAHE HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY - 1:30pm, Rotary Hall at the Keeler Centre, the 3rd Tues of the month. Next meeting will be Feb 17, 2015.

To have your event included in this list, please call Shirley Ross at 905 355 2156 or email me at seross118@hotmail.com

Thank you. Sr

Note from the McArthurs

Theatre Outing

We have researched ideas for Colborne Probus members to attend a theatre performance. Brighton Barn Theatre will be presenting "Farce of Nature" for three weekends starting April 17, 2015 at 8:00 pm. The following is a description of the play.

'Laughter increases by the minute in this Southern-fried farce. Spend an outrageously funny day with the Wilburn family of Mayhew Arkansas as they try to save their fishing lodge from the likes of gangsters, love-starved females, jealous husbands, ruthless corporate executives and a cranky senior citizen packing heat.'

More details will follow, but mark Friday April 24, 2015 in your event calendar. The theatre is both heated and air conditioned for your comfort.

Gord and Carol McArthur

A Plug for Exercise!

Did you make any New Year's Resolutions? We did. Maybe some of you noticed at the January 7, 2015 meeting of our club, Gord and I were passing by. We resolved to walk in safety from icy streets and in a relative comfortable temperature atmosphere. Gord finds he has more energy after walking. I call it my "weight management program," allowing me to eat an occasional rich dessert!

We do not see many Probians walking at the Keeler Centre. You are welcome to join us any weekday. For the more adventurous, there is skating for seniors at least two days per week. Try it, you might like it too.

Gord and Carol McArthur

Bowling

January 28, the "team", minus Louise and Martin Blackshaw, held our regular bowling outing in Brighton. Using the new scoring system and refurbished lanes there were some surprises and lots of... "what the heck happened?"

Our top bowler was Bob McNutt with a total of 400 over three games and 5 strikes.

Tied for second place was Muriel Todd, 383 with 1 Strike and 4 Spares, and Dave Miller, 383 with 3 Strikes and 6 Spares.

Honorable mention to Gord McArthur 362 and Carol McArthur 262.

It must be mentioned that in the second game, Carol was the overall winner scoring 128 points.

Our next outing, February 25, 2015.

(Editor's note ... I think I miss the bowling with great friends the most! We can hardly wait to see the new scoring system! Will it help our scores?)

The Last Word



Those of us from
Colborne PROBUS "South"
send greetings
to those from
Colborne PROBUS "North!"

Wish you were here!

absent, as far as this editor knows
Audrey Shewan, Anja Guignon,
and Lesley Blake

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