



THE PRO-BUZZ

MAY 2013

A Message From Your President

I thought it might be appropriate to let you know how much I am enjoying the opportunity of serving as your president this year. It is both a pleasure and an honour.

The management team you elected have proven to be a talented and diverse group who never cease to amaze me with their drive and dedication to making this the best Probus club anywhere. I thank them for their support.

What great fun with our many trips to sporting, cultural, and social events both locally and some distance afield. At the same time, your contributions to organizations such as the Salvation Army, the Help Centre, and the Canadian Cancer Society are recognized and admired.

These are some of our past successes, which we have endeavoured to continue, while introducing some new activities into the club. These new initiatives include, in no particular order: displaying a Canadian flag and singing 'O Canada' at each meeting, joining the Chamber of Commerce, establishing a Single Diners Club as well as 'Appies and Drinks', updating our bylaws, supporting our local hospital through our annual 'Coffee Morning' and welcoming new members (16 to date).

We will continue to try new things to keep our club vibrant, fun and interesting. Please let me or any member of the Management Team know if you would like us to look into trying something new or exciting in the future. We also need you to continue volunteering to help, whether you are a 13-year veteran or a member for one month. We appreciate your help, drive, and experience. Remember, if we go to the same well too often, it will eventually run dry.

Our Strength is Friendship...Our Success is Participation.

Jamie Doolittle



AN IMMODEST PROPOSAL

NIAGARA FALLS – They came here last month for the fun and the thrill of the gaming tables, but for at least a couple of hours, it was all business – Probus business.

Eight Probus Northumbrians who thundered along Highway 401 and down the Queen Elizabeth Way to this wide-open border town (“Whatever Happens in Niagara Falls Stays in Niagara Falls”), selflessly eschewed the slots and the baccarat table to tackle an embarrassing gap in Cobourg’s social fabric. Realizing they had a quorum, six of them (the Flynns were over in the United States buying pasta sauce) convened a Special Extraordinary Session of our club’s Political and Governmental Affairs Committee in a meeting room at the Holiday Inn By The Falls.

On the agenda: the Town of Cobourg’s Master Plan for its public parks system. Nowhere in the plan, Past President Hanlon pointed out, is there any provision for a clothing-optional beach area. Members present shared his outrage and came to unanimous agreement that president Doolittle should approach the other two Probus Clubs in Cobourg to form a united front at Council to demand that this shortcoming be overcome.

On their return to Canada later for dinner, the Flynns, despite being a few drinks below the par that had been set earlier, eagerly flung their support behind the proposal. “Now it’s up to Jamie,” Past President Hollis said. “I could wear my fish-net thong bikini,” said Not-a-Past President Joe Flynn, causing two ladies at a nearby table to pale and push their unfinished plates aside (though a strapping waiter gave Joe what can only be described as a melting glance).

Apart from that, everyone seemed to behave. No one was arrested. Dinner was enjoyed at the Holiday Inn the first night and atop the Skylon Tower the second. The McGeachys went butterfly-hunting. The Hollises and Hanlons played golf, after a fashion. The Flynns visited Niagara-on-the-Lake, then met with cousins for lunch when they returned to the Falls.

And the casino is still in business.

Submitted by Michael Hanlon

LUNCH BUNCH

On April 25th, 2013, following the Probus meeting, 20 members met at The Mill for lunch where we were able to make our selection from their new summer menu. From all reports, everyone enjoyed their lunch with the crab cakes receiving high praise. Gauging from the level of chatter, there was a great deal of socializing taking place as we were enjoying our meal.

Thank you Marilyn (sorry you could not join us), Marcie and Doris for making the arrangements for the lunch bunch. Another great choice of venue.

Submitted by Doris Rasmussen

NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS CLUB GOLF ACTIVITES

Now that spring has arrived, several golf outings have been arranged and golf will be a featured activity in our Pro-Buzz newsletter until the fall. Besides the regularly scheduled games outlined below, there is a three day golf run-away coming up on May 27–29th at the Glen House Resort in Gananoque. If you have signed up for this golf event, please meet with Jamie, Fred, Marie and Jean after the meeting today to discuss menus and tee times.

UPCOMING GOLF EVENTS

DATE	ORGANIZERS	GOLF CLUB
Monday, May 13	Norma & Ralph Stoffers	Salt Creek
Monday, June 17	Everil & Bill Alls	Shelter Valley Pines
Tuesday, July 2	Ann & Barry Hollis	Salt Creek
Monday, July 15	Verna Templer Nancy & Gary Thomas	Ash Brook
Monday, July 29	Barb & George Lawrence	Stonehenge



Andy Rooney, a man who has the gift of saying so much with so few words, shares the following ‘Rooney’isms...

I’ve learned... That being kind is more important than being right.

I’ve learned... That it’s those small daily happenings that make life so spectacular.

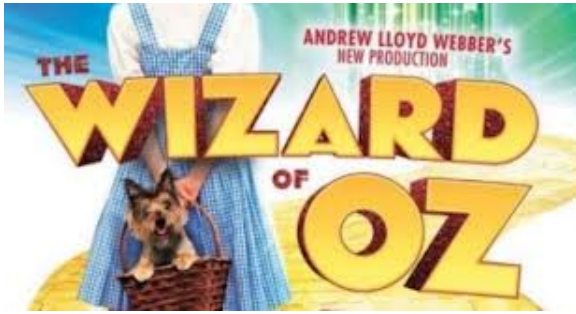
I’ve learned... That under everyone’s hard shell is someone who wants to be appreciated and loved.

I’ve learned... That a smile is an inexpensive way to improve your looks.

I’ve learned... That when your newly born grandchild holds your little finger in his little fist, you’re hooked for life.

I’ve learned... That just one person saying to me, ‘You’ve made my day’ makes my day.

WIZARD OF OZ SHOW



A full bus of Northumberland Probus members and guests left from the Lion's Centre for the Ed Mirvish Theater on Wednesday, May 1st. We had one of our favourite bus drivers, Ron, and Verna greeted us with a short rendition of "Oh What a Beautiful Morning".

The journey was uneventful, which is just the way we like it. We arrived early at our destination but because of road construction, we drove all around the theatre for about 30 minutes before we could get off the bus and enter the theatre.

We had perfect seats, and the show was fabulous, which was rewarded with a standing ovation.

We left the theatre and spent the next hour and a half riding the bus, in typical Toronto rush hour traffic, to Pickering, where we enjoyed a good dinner at the Mandarin Restaurant.

We arrived back at Cobourg safe and sound, thanks to our capable bus driver, Ron. We owe considerable thanks to our organizers, Verna Templer and Jan Lundbohm. We all look forward to our next excursion to a show in Toronto.

Submitted by Patricia Robertson

Appies & Drinks

The first 'Appies & Drinks' took place April 24th at Bill & Lynn Ramsay's. About eighteen people arrived with quite a variety of appetizers at around 4pm. Bill played the piano with Marilyn and Verna singing out. By the sound of the noise, all had a good time.

The next 'Appies & Drinks' event will take place at Shirley Erskin's at 23 Jarvis Street, Port Hope on May 15th starting at 2pm. Shirley can accommodate up to twenty people so if you're interested, please sign up at the break.



For those interested in attending or hosting 'Appies & Drinks' outings, the guidelines are as follows: Guests bring an appetizer, glass and beverage of their choice (except for coffee, tea and water which will be supplied by the host). Hosts also provide napkins, plates, details for the outing and a map, if necessary.

MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT

“A NEW MUSICAL LOVINGLY RIPPED OFF FROM THE MOTION PICTURE MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL” - this from the show's program and “SPAMALOT IS INSPIRED LUNACY WITH MUSIC”, from Cecilia Naismith's revue.

Seventeen Northumberland Probus members attended this amusing and entertaining musical. I knew that many of these actors were great singers but I was amazed how well they all did the dance routines. We were “Welcomed to Camelot” by a big Las Vegas-style sign; the action started in Finland - by mistake! Then to Britain & King Arthur, to France, to a Broadway show, to Las Vegas with its 'round table' (roulette wheel style). A big container of 'Spam' was carried in, a curling stone was swept across the stage at one point and a kiltie with drum had lost her way (from the Cobourg Kiltie Band concert?) The action was non-stop. The projected background scenery was fantastic as were the many costumes. There were 19 performers plus the orchestra.



The Holy Grail was found in the hands of a member of the audience – she handled her turn on stage with a very demure/startled look. Singing with the Company “Always Look on the Bright Side of Life” was a great way to end this happy evening.

You missed a good one if you didn't make it to Victoria Hall on the 26th.

Submitted by Vivian Foster

May 29th Coffee Morning:



As you know, our club is supporting the Northumberland Hospital's fundraising event today and again at our next meeting. Donations of \$20 or more will receive a receipt for income tax purposes, if you provide your name and mailing address. Please make cheques payable to NHH Foundation. We will also gladly accept pocket change. Give freely, folks. This supports your local hospital.

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

- May 13th Singles' Club – Matterhorn Restaurant at 12 noon
May 15th Appies & Drinks – see previous page for details
May 21st May Day Extravaganza – Keeler Centre in Colborne*
June (date TBD) Trip to Prince Edward County – stay tuned for details

* please remember your tickets and wear your Probus name tag

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marilyn, Marcie & Doris

- May 23rd Red Lantern
June 27th Picnic in the Park
July 25th The Oasis

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Gladys & Stan Maggs

- May 9th Dan Bulger – Climbing Mount Kilimanjaro
May 23rd Antonio Sarmiento – Park Theatre
June 13th Kevin Narrawa – Business Development Officer – Town of Cobourg

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