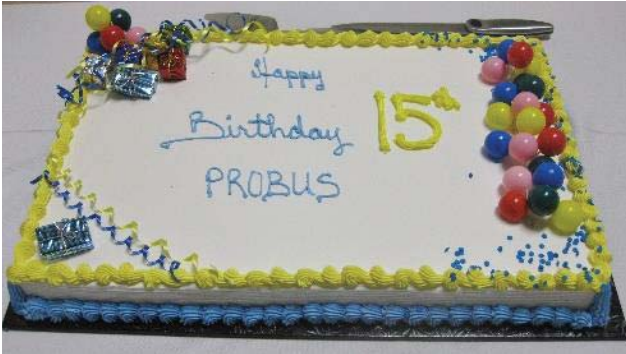




The ProBuzz

Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – June 2015

HAPPY BIRTHDAY BASH !



Over 158 members and guests shared in two delicious birthday cakes as we celebrated our 15th birthday starting with a piping hot breakfast at our May 14, 2015 meeting



Guest Speaker Bill Taggart, President of the Rotary Club of Cobourg with Harry Nash, head of our Speakers' Bureau



Best wishes from PROBUS District were delivered by District Director Harold Miller here with our President Lynn Ramsay



Original charter committee members Ron Coleman and Verna Templer have been with our club since day one.



Our very own 'glee club' sang "The PROBUS Song" accompanied by Bill Ramsay on the keyboard



Fellowship and fun well describes PROBUS in general and the events of the morning in particular. Read the full story inside.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION PACKS COBOURG LIONS CENTRE

~ by Michelle Tabor

Most 15 year-olds don't have the mayor and other dignitaries piped into their birthday party. But this was no ordinary 15-year-old birthday celebration and the fifteen year-old was no ordinary teenager. The Northumberland PROBUS Club turned 15 years old on May 23rd and a celebration fit for its loyal members and guests was held at the Cobourg Lions Centre on May 14th with more than 158 people in attendance to help with the celebrations.

Chartered May 23, 2000 the Northumberland PROBUS Club has come a long way from that first meeting held at the Dalewood Golf and Curling Club, as it was then known. At the recent celebration, members and guests were served a birthday breakfast, reminiscing of years gone by, of the trials and successes as told by those who were some of the original members 15 years ago. Ron Coleman and Verna Templer told the packed room of the first meeting presided over by the late Ron Templer. Ron Coleman was part of the original charter committee.

"In 2000, I think the only PROBUS club in Cobourg was the original – the Cobourg and District Club," explained Ron Coleman in a recent interview. Coincidentally, the Cobourg PROBUS Club celebrated its 20th anniversary on May 14th. It had enjoyed wild success since 1995 but membership was more or less closed. "Then I learned that they might be starting a second club to accommodate a growing waiting list and I was asked whether I would be interested," said Ron. As it turned out, there were more than 100 names on that waiting list.

He explained that Russ Donaldson of the Cobourg Club had been appointed facilitator for the new start-up and he called a meeting at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club in early 2000 to gauge interest and form an organizing committee. He and Stone Avery, who by then was part of PROBUS Canada management, spoke to those interested in forming another one about the value and fun to be enjoyed in PROBUS. When nominations for the organizing committee began, Ron was nominated and accepted along with a group of colleagues.

There is quite a protocol involved in starting a PROBUS club but the steps and paperwork were well laid out by PROBUS Canada. "Our job, with Russ's guidance, was to carry it out," said Ron. "Working from our list of interested people from the

first exploratory meeting, we signed up a list of 155 potential members and got their financial commitment to pay their first initiation and membership fees." The group appointed the first board of management from within their committee and finalized the paperwork, eventually receiving our Charter from PROBUS Canada.

"We were a good team. Ron Templer volunteered to be President and we were all grateful because everyone feared the top job – at least in the first year." Ron Coleman became Treasurer and Errol Markle became House Manager. Other board members included Gwen Darling with her beautiful voice and gift of music, Ella Chambers who handled door duty and membership, plus others who are still in the club to this day.

"One of our first tasks was to organize our first general meeting of members. This had to be done well or we might drop the ball before we had even begun. The group held their first meeting at Dalewood and it was an enormous success!"

Members may recall the first guest speaker, Bill Johnson, who in those days was writing a weekly column as "Mr. Bill" in the local newspaper. Bill was in demand as a speaker on topics of community interest and as the newly recruited members filled the room, the management committee uncrossed their fingers knowing that the club had been well and truly launched and would never look back.

The Lions Centre in Cobourg was packed with 158 members and guests for our 15th birthday celebration – an incredible turnout considering current membership stands at 193.

No birthday celebration would be complete without birthday cake which was served just before the executive committee and honorary guests were piped in by the legendary Bill Ruttle. Guests included Mayor Gil Brocanier who brought well wishes from the town of Cobourg and congratulated the club on its 15-year success in providing a viable need in our community. Kevin Ward, Northumberland Chamber of Commerce President and CEO, and Bill Taggart, President of the Cobourg Rotary Club also presented words of thanks and well wishes from their organizations. PROBUS District Director Harold Miller presented Northumberland PROBUS club president Lynn Ramsay with a 15-year certificate.

Bill Taggart was also the guest speaker and provided a moving description of the work he has done as legal counsel for northern Native reserves

and their struggle with their rights to hunting and fishing on those reserves. Bill demonstrated to many members that we often take much for granted and agreed that while there is a great disconnect between Native lifestyles and culture and what we have come to know and enjoy, we now have a better insight to some of the on-going legal issues that Native reserves are faced with daily.

Many thanks to Bill Ramsay who led a group of Northumberland PROBUS members in a beautiful rendition of the PROBUS official song. As well, President Lynn Ramsay thanked Jamie Doolittle for his tremendous efforts in organizing and officiating the memorable birthday celebration. Lynn was delighted by the turnout for the event.

Best wishes for many more years to come!

THE PROBUS SONG



Here are the lyrics to the official PROBUS song rendered by our in-house choir comprised of June, Heather, Carol, Diana and Diane.

*Now that our youth has long since passed
Life is less urgent, not so fast
We've time to sit and think at last
How best to serve our lives
Join us at Probus, meet with your friends
Relax and be happy as Nature intends
With such good companions your lifestyle extends
PROBUS THE CLUB FOR YOU*

*Life does not end at sixty-five
We aim to show we're still alive
We'll prove that we've not lost our drive
Or our will to serve
Join us at Probus, the time will speed by
Revive your ambitions and reach for the sky
You may not succeed but at least you can try
PROBUS THE CLUB FOR YOU*

“Good friends are like quilts. They age with you but never lose their warmth”



You may have seen this before, but we thought it was well worth repeating, as it so aptly describes the great freedom that can come with aging, and the spirit to do what you want, especially with friends you enjoy. It also embraces the fellowship and fun of being a Probian.

“Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on my computer till 4 am, or sleep until noon? If I want I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 50s and 60s and 70s. And if I wish to weep over a lost love, I will “

I will walk the beach in a swim suit stretched over a bulging body. I will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the jet set. They too will grow old.”

“I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten. And eventually I remember the important things. Sure over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one or even when someone's beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what gives us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of being imperfect”

“I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turning gray and to have my youthful laughs forever etched deep into grooves in my face. So many have never laughed and so many have died before their hair could turn silver.”

“As you get older it is easier to be positive. You care less about what people think. I don't question myself anymore for I've earned the right to be wrong”.

“So to answer the question, yes I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I've become. I'm not going to live forever, but while I am here I will not waste time lamenting over what could have been or worrying about what will be.”

“And I will eat ice cream every single day of my life if I feel like it.”

~ Author Unknown

MAY 28th MEETING

~ by Susan Vivian

“Many people do not realize that their life insurance policy, an asset owned by them, could be worth much more than the surrender value the life insurance company would pay, and something less than the full death benefit.”



Our speaker was Leonard Goodman, Canadian investment counsellor and advocate for seniors' rights. The subject of his talk and the title of his book, “Why Are Canadian Seniors Worth More Dead Than Alive”, pointed out that you can reclaim some money paid into insurance policies through “Life Settlement” by the sale to a third party of unneeded or unwanted term insurance.

Leonard has been associated with the investment and life insurance industries in Canada for over fifty years' and in his book he rips the veneer off what he considers an economic and moral injustice for an aging population. He encourages Canadians and their provincial governments (especially Ontario) to put the issue on the political agenda.

In the Canadian Life Insurance industry, life settlements are taboo in most Provinces including Ontario, and any hope of making them accessible is locked up in bureaucracy. Life settlements are readily available in some Provinces as well as in the USA and Europe, so why not here in Ontario?

He left us with a number of petition cards that can be sent to our local MPP, the Honourable Lou Rinaldi, urging that the Provincial Government to amend the Ontario Insurance Act accordingly.

All in all, an excellent presentation and Mr. Goodman certainly gave all 112 members in attendance something to think about.

If you want more information on the subject you can go to the web-site <http://hereliesyourmoney.com>

THE LUNCH BUNCH

~ Marion Boys

The Grafton Village Inn on May 28th



What a treat! About twenty of us made our way along #2 to the Inn to find comfort and cheer in our own dining room, with two friendly waitresses and a special menu. Choice of soups (the clam chowder was delicious), three entrees and a salad along with the touch that always impresses me, a loaf of freshly baked bread still warm from the oven, to start us off. All for \$12.95! Desserts were extra but lots of choices and all you wanted to indulge in. I couldn't resist the chocolate mousse cake with mango gelato.

A good time was had by all.

Father's Day Quiz

With Father's Day just around the corner, here's your chance to test your knowledge about fathers. Answers at the back – no peeking!

1. On what day is Fathers' Day celebrated?
2. Who were the “Fathers of Confederation”?
3. Who is known as the “Holy Father”?
4. Father Time is also known by what name?
5. Father Christmas originated in what country?
6. Who was first named the “Father of his Country”?
7. Who starred in the 50s TV show “Father Knows Best”?
8. Who played Father O'Malley in the film “Going My Way”?
9. What retired NFL quarterback has two sons who are currently star QBs in the NFL?
10. Father Sarducci was a regular on what popular TV show?
11. Who had the feature role in “Make Room for Daddy” on 60s TV?
12. What was the old cartoon strip “Bringing up Father” better known as?

HEADS UP RE: MEMBERSHIP!

~ Dianne & Gord Graham



This is a reminder that our year-end is July 31st so we will be looking for your membership renewal for 2015/16 anytime until the 2nd meeting in August.

The fee is unchanged at \$30 per person so please provide your cheque payable to PROBUS Club of Northumberland to Dianne or Gordon Graham.

If you are going away during the summer, we'd be pleased to accept your post-dated cheque anytime. Many thanks.

Address Change

Please note the following address change and add it to your copy of the membership list.

Agnes Hendry has moved to:

Palisades Gardens
#109-240 Chapel Street
Cobourg, K9A 0E3

Same phone number: 905-372-3253

ORILLIA GOLF GETAWAY



Because the golf outing in Orillia fell too close to our newsletter deadline, we didn't have a full report at press time. But Danny Robertson told our group at the May 28th meeting that about 60 members turned up for what turned out to be the best golf getaway ever. The weather was great, the golf was great, the food was great and the hotel accommodations were great. He didn't elaborate on the scores.

BILLY BUZZBEE WANTS TO KNOW



What disease did cured ham actually have?

Why do people say they slept like a baby when babies wet themselves and wake up every two hours?

Why do doctors leave the room while you undress? They're going to see you naked anyway.

Why is bra singular and panties plural?

If Jimmie cracks corn and no one cares, why did they write a song about him?

If corn oil is made from corn, and vegetable oil is made from vegetables, what is baby oil made from?

Why does a dog get angry when you blow in his face, but sticks his head out the window when you take him in the car?

If people evolved from the apes, why are there still apes?

Is there ever a day when mattresses are not on sale?

Why is it that no plastic bag will open on the first try?

Why do Kamikaze pilots wear helmets?

Why do they use sterilized needles for death by lethal injection?

Why do we press harder on the remote when we know the batteries are dead?

Why do people pay money to travel up tall buildings and then put more money in binoculars to look at things on the ground?

How do dead bugs get into enclosed light fixtures?

Why is it when you try to catch something that's falling off the table, you always manage to knock something else over?

Just asking!

APPIES & DRINKS AT THE FLYNN'S



The next 'Appies & Drinks' will take place at Diana & Joe Flynn's at 2655 Theatre Road South in Cobourg on June 16th from 3 to 5:30 pm.

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

CALLING ALL MUSICIANS



We may have missed some talent in the club due to many modest new members. The club owns a quality keyboard which is available when we require it for functions. But we need someone to volunteer to play it, or their guitar or drums or accordion or banjo or bugle or clarinet or fiddle or harmonica, etc.

If you play a musical instrument and would be willing to enliven the club at some events, please contact Jamie Doolittle at the club or by telephone. 905-372-6465.

Thanks.

TRIP TO NIAGARA FALLS

~ Patricia & Danny Robertson



Ten of our members recently took a trip to Niagara Falls. Many activities were enjoyed by our group which included: sightseeing, shopping, golf, gambling, cocktail hours, and good food. However the highlight of our trip was our supper up at the top of the Observation Tower. The sunset was spectacular and the view was outstanding. We could easily see Toronto across Lake Ontario. Our sincere thanks to Jan and Norm Lundbohm.



SOCIAL CALENDAR

~ Roslynne Cook

World Heritage Sunset Ceremonies: The famous, award-winning World Heritage Sunset Ceremonies feature the Fort Henry Guards' Drum, Drill Squad and Artillery Detachment presenting an interpretive story of the 1860's military music, precision drill and big-bang manoeuvres including a mock battle with state-of-the art projection elements that bring the ceremony to life.

This usually takes place at 8 pm on Wednesday evenings throughout the summer. However, on Saturday, August 15th the U.S. Marine Corp will be visiting and beginning at 7 pm the Sunset Ceremony will be very similar except, not only will the Fort Henry Guards be performing, but they will be joined by the U.S. Marines, as well.

The trip will include supper at the Fort and a tour for those who wish it. It would be a great opportunity to bring your family with you. The cost is \$95.00 which includes bus, supper, tour, and Ceremony. This is a PROBUS Northshore trip and they have allotted us eleven spaces. Cheques are payable to PROBUS Northumberland.

Dates to Remember:

Picnic in the Park - Cobourg Lawn Bowling Club, June 25th at 11 am. Bring a pot-luck dish, along with china and cutlery etc. for yourself.

Emily Carr Exhibition (AGO) – June 30th.
Departure time to be announced

Sound of Music – Stratford Festival
July 22nd. Departure time is 8:30 am at Staples in the Northumberland Mall.

Probus Northumberland BBQ Roseneath –
August 13th from 2 pm to 6 pm

Sweet Charity Shaw Festival – August 27th.
Departure time is 8:30 am at Staples in the Northumberland Mall.

Ideas for Trips and Events: Please let me know if you have any ideas for trips or events. My e-mail address is roslynne211@gmail.com. I would be very interested in hearing from you. More activities and fun events will be announced in June.

SPEAKERS' CORNER

~ Harry Nash

June 11th: Gina Gillespie,
"Afghanistan Adventures"

June 25th: Picnic in the Park

July 9th: Rory Quigley
Town of Cobourg Arborist

July 23rd: Krista Skutovitch,
Northumberland Health Centre

August 13th: Annual BBQ

August 27th: TBA

Sept 10th: TBA

Sept 24th: John Geale,
Northumberland Land Trust

LUNCH BUNCH

~ Marion Boys

June 25th
Pot Luck Picnic in the Park

July 23rd
The Oasis (on-the-patio)
31 King Street East

SINGLES CLUB

~ Louise Baraclough

Monday, June 15th
Chemong Lodge,
North of Peterborough

NEED A RIDE?



If you need a ride to a meeting or event, please call Brian or Doreen Scott at (905) 377-0103 and they will arrange to have you picked up and returned home.

