

Pro-Buzz

MAY 2005

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS ALL ROUND

Probus Northumberland now has three members who are 90 years of age -- all older than they've ever been before. And at our May 12 meeting, the nonagenarian trio -- Paddy McIlroy, Fred Wilson and Bill Patterson, who turned 90 on Tuesday this week -- were made Honorary Members. President Jan Shaw said they'd be the first to join our new XC Club (Roman numerals, geddit?).

Even more illustrious than the Lunch Bunch, membership in the XC Club means no longer having to pay annual dues (but its members still have to pay for their coffee and muffins).

We also celebrated our fifth birthday, with Jan Shaw and past presidents Ron Templer, Pamela Jackson, Roy Thorneycroft and Errol Markle taking a bow and cutting not one, but two cakes. And, as if all that weren't exciting enough, there was the McGeachys' ocean voyage.

WHILE WE'RE STILL IN A BIRTHDAY MOOD

To mark her 69th. last October, Julie Andrews made a special appearance at New York's RadioCity Music Hall during a benefit for AARP. Among the songs she performed was a version of My Favourite Things, with new lyrics tailored for the occasion: All together now....

*Maalox and nose drops and needles for knitting,
Walkers and hand-rails and new dental fittings,
Bundles of magazines tied up in string,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*Cadillacs and cataracts and hearing aids and glasses,
Polydent and Fixodent and false teeth in glasses,
Pacemakers, golf carts and porches with swings,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

*When the pipes leak,
When the bones creak,
When the knees go bad,
I simply remember my favourite things,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

*Hot tea and crumpets and corn pads for bunions
No spicy hot food or food cooked with onions,
Bathrobes and heat pads and hot meals they bring,
These are a few of my favourite things.*

Back pains, confused brains and no fear of sinnin',

*Thin bones and fractures and hair that is thinnin',
And we don't mention our short, shrunken frames,
When we remember our favourite things.*

*When the joints ache,
When the hips break,
When the eyes grow dim,
Then I remember the great life I've had,
And then I don't feel so bad.*

OFF TO 66 KING EAST

While we're hitting on the Lunch Bunch, take note that the Book Club, perhaps trying to show that there's more to reading than menus, is joining the feeders for lunch at the colourful cafe at 66 King St. E. after today's meeting.

WELCOME TODAY'S SPEAKER

All the way from Eddystone, somewhere north of Grafton, comes Jane Kelly, founder, publisher and editor of Watershed magazine. Jane will explain the workings of her burgeoning Shelter Fell Publications empire and reveal how she deals with that bane of all publishers, wretched ink-stained hacks.

AND ALSO WELCOME A NEW MEMBER

Say hello to Carole McDowell, of 104 Roberts Row, Cobourg K9A 5R2; (905) 377-0951.

GOLFERS TACKLE WARKWORTH

Braving the cold on Monday, May 16, 37 of our golfers teed off at Warkworth Golf Club and returned scores ranging from 40 to 56, reports Alan Wilson. The winners were Stan Maggs and Carol Lynn. The most honest golfers were Don Murray and Sonja Poppke.

SIGN ON FOR THE BIG BARBIE

Barb Rusk urges members to sign up now for the six-club barbecue at Roseneath Fairgrounds Aug. 11. Based on the size of our membership (not you, madam), we must sell 75 tickets, Barb says, but so far only 46 have been taken. Please see her today.

GET READY TO RALLY

Okay, the club car rally is still four months away, but Birdeen Kerby wants you to know that work on it "has already reached the advanced planning state". The tireless committee -- Birdeen and Don Kerby, Maura and Archie McGeachy and Agnes and Bill Stuart -- are, in fact, becoming weary just thinking about it. The rally takes place Thursday, Sept. 29.

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