



THE PRO-BUZZ

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PROBUS 2010 VALENTINE'S DAY LUNCHEON

February 11th was a bright and sunny winter day for the Valentine's Day Luncheon, which was held after our regular meeting at the Lion's Centre. The hall was decorated with glitter for the occasion and love songs could be heard throughout the meal. Jamie led us off by saying grace, which he delivered in Latin. Good job, Jamie! All 104 members and guests enjoyed a lasagna lunch and strawberry shortcake for dessert. The centrepieces were given away to one lucky member at each table. The 2010 Valentine's Day Luncheon hosts, Diana and Joe Flynn and Carol and Jamie Doolittle, wish to thank everyone for attending and making the day so enjoyable. We especially had fun making up the 104 bags of candy cinnamon hearts, which incidentally, were evenly measured on a weigh scale. Helping to organize the event was a great opportunity for us to get to know each other better, and to meet other members and guests of Northumberland Probus. Thank you.

Submitted by Diana Flynn

The day after his wife disappeared in a kayaking accident in the Bay Of Fundy, Nova Scotia, a man answered his door to find two grim-faced Mounties. "We know it's late, sir, but we have some information about your wife," said one of the Mounties.

"Tell me! Did you find her!?" the husband shouted.

The Mounties looked at each other. One said, "We have some bad news, some good news, and some really great news. Which do you want to hear first?"



Fearing the worst, the ashen husband said "Give me the bad news first."

The second Mountie said, "I'm sorry to tell you, sir, but this morning we found your wife's body in the bay."

"Oh my God!" exclaimed the husband.

Swallowing hard, he asked, "What's the good news?"

The Mountie continued, "When we pulled her up, she had 6 twenty-five pound snow crabs and 12 good-size lobsters clinging to her."

Stunned, the husband demanded, "If that's the good news, what's the great news???"

The Mountie answered, "We're gonna pull her up again tomorrow...."

THE SPEAKERS CORNER.

March 11th

Kim Lauder speaking on Habitat for Humanity

March 25th

Paul VanLaren, C.E.O. of Sabic Innovative Plastics, describing his business.

April 8th

Kyle Barber discussing the Y.M.C.A.

April 22nd

Lawrence McArdle, retired Wing Commander from R.A.F. who flew mosquitos in W.W.II

Submitted by Ron Templer



LUNCH BUNCH MUSINGS

On February 11th, instead of our usual Lunch Bunch outing, we had a Valentine party after the Probus meeting.

Congratulations to Carol and Jamie Doolittle and Diana and Joe Flynn who hosted the event with such great panache. The tables were decorated beautifully and the meal was delicious. Needless to say, the Valentine party was a great success and enjoyed by all who attended.

Our next Lunch Bunch on March 25th will be at Casey's Bar and Grill and not at Dalewood Golf and Curling Club as stated in the January Newsletter. Due to uncertain weather conditions we plan to go to Dalewood in the spring when we can enjoy the beautiful landscape while having our lunch.

Submitted by Doris Rasmussen and Marcie Polson

**Ontario Judge makes unprecedented ruling
Another case of truth being stranger than fiction...**

TORONTO , ONTARIO (CP) -

A seven-year-old Toronto , Ontario boy was at the center of a Toronto city courtroom drama yesterday when he challenged a court ruling over who should have custody of him.

The boy has a history of being beaten by his parents & the judge initially awarded custody to his aunt, in keeping with child custody law & regulations requiring that family unity be maintained to the degree possible.

The boy surprised the court when he proclaimed that his aunt beat him more than his parents & he adamantly refused to live with her. When the judge then suggested that he live with his grandparents, the boy alleged they had also beat him.

After considering the remainder of the immediate family & learning that domestic violence was apparently a way of life among them, the judge took the unprecedented step of allowing the boy to propose who should have custody of him.

After two recesses to check legal references & confer with child welfare officials, the judge granted temporary custody to the Toronto Maple Leafs, whom the boy firmly believes are not capable of beating anyone.

Submitted by Doug & Jennifer Lloyd



Probus Bowling Tournament

Feb. 15, 2010

One hundred seventeen intrepid sportspersons convened at the Northshore Lanes to test their skills and tolerance for frustration. One hundred forty met for lunch following. It would seem that at least on Mondays, there are nearly 20% of the Probus population who have more good sense than those of us who think we can bowl. ☺

The really good news is that our club did not lose and gain the rights to the Royal toilet seat. The bad news is that we didn't win.

The order of finish is as follows:

- #1. Ganaraska
- #2 Northumberland
- #3 Port Hope
- #4 Northshore
- #5 Cobourg... winners of the coveted seat.

A number of Northumberland bowlers did distinguish themselves including:

High team:

- 1 Ted McDonald - Ann Hollis
- 2 Alan Levitt - Norm Lundbohm

High triple – Ladies

- 2 Winnie Gerrow

High triple – Men

- 3 Barry Hollis

High single – Ladies

- 4 Ann Hollis

As well, winners of the hidden score were Maura McGeachy and George Lawrence.

Only two prizes eluded your worthy representatives.

High single – Men, Ken O'Neal, Ganaraska

Most honest- Chris Graham, Cobourg

Next year's tournament will be hosted by this club.

Respectfully submitted

Barry Hollis

Three old guys are out walking.

First one says, "Windy, isn't it?"

Second one says, "No, it's Thursday!"

Third one says, "So am I. Let's go get a beer..."



COMING EVENTS

April 8th Sandy Flats with Probus Quinte, pancakes & sausages \$10.00 or add beans & tea biscuits for \$14.00.

April 23rd Fiddler on the Roof put on by the Victoria Opera Society. 7:30 P.M. with seats costing \$18.00.

April 30th Dinner Theatre featuring "Long Weekend". Tickets will be on sale the second meeting in March and the first meeting in April.

May 6th at The Best Western hosted by Cobourg Probus is Bob Abrames, The Voyageur. We are invited and \$4.00 includes coffee & muffins.

May 26th Spring Fling in Belleville. Our allotment of 52 tickets has been filled. There is a wait list for those who would like to go.

Submitted by Verna Templer

SKI TRIP TO TITUS MOUNTAIN, MALONE, N.Y.

Eight Probus members traveled to Malone for 3 days of skiing, relaxing, and shopping from February 15-17, 2010. The weather was warm but mostly cloudy so the snow conditions were very good and the roads were bare. The shoppers had no trouble getting around. The only thing missing was the bright orange ski jacket that was left behind in Port Hope.

At the Robertson hosted pre-dinner get together the shoppers showed off their purchases and the skiers relaxed their tired legs before heading out to eat.

Thanks Danny and Pat for arranging the trip and hosting the get-togethers. We are all plus 1 looking forward to next year with maybe some new recruits.

Submitted by Ted Jex

DJ(age 4) stepped onto the bathroom scale and asked "How much do I cost?"

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