



THE PRO-BUZZ

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RENDEZVOUS 2008: SEPTEMBER 24 – 28 “CATCH THE WAVE” SAINT JOHN, NB

Wednesday, September 24 – beautiful day to board the Port Hope Probus Bus to above convention. Others came from Lindsay, Brighton and Trenton.

Northumberland Probus members: **Fran Marsh, Andrena Nicol, Marjorie Mayer, Margaret Curtis, Vivian Foster, and Vivian’s sister, Helene Bonnah.** We wore our Northumberland Probus hats given to us by the Club.

Bill Minion, member of Port Hope Probus, was captain of Coach Canada bus and Caroline Minion was co-captain. Hotel Ambassadeur in Beauport was our hotel for our night in Quebec City. Bill brought us back into town and let us loose near Porte St. Louis with curfew for pick-up at 10.00 p.m. by the Samuel de Champlain Monument. Our foursome, Marjorie, Margaret, Helene and I chose Café de Paris for dinner – table by open window, candlelight, wine, music and great food – magnifique! Lovely warm evening for roaming with lots of tourists about.

Thursday, September 25 – beautiful day – south shore of St. Lawrence to Trois Rivieres then on to Edmunston. On to a new highway, arriving at Hilton Hotel overlooking Saint John Harbour just as a cruise ship was heading out. Checked into hotel and convention registration desk then joined the Kitchen Party/Buffer in the Delta Hotel Ballroom

Great seafood buffet. Sat with members of Saint John Women’s Probus Club (their clubs are segregated!). Entertainment by the “Cool Chicks & The Ugly Docklings” (a group of nurses & doctors & one teacher) – great music & ditties.

Friday, September 26 – beautiful day. Attended President’s Workshop for a short while. From my notes: Probus members are professionals and ladies & gentlemen; not in competition, experiences should be complementary; Saint John Men’s Club, our hosts, experienced problems communicating with other clubs as Presidents had become Past Presidents because of date of list printing. Difficult problem keeping lists up-to-date. Lots of discussions/input about communication between clubs. No clubs in Quebec due to cost of producing all documents in two languages. Discussions on: capping numbers, aging volunteers, belonging to more than one club etc.

I left before the end of workshop as Bill was driving us to St. Andrew’s. On a recommendation we lunched at a roadside seafood place called Ossie’s – My choice of fish & potato soup was so good! Enjoyed walking about St. Andrew’s - it is a lovely town with great shops!

Back at Saint John, at 5.00 pm the town bus started ferrying us to Lily Lake Pavilion at Rockwood Park for entertainment and Lobster Supper. Menu: yummy steamed mussels, lobster, green salad and all the trimmings. We were decked out in bibs to keep us clean! Entertained by young & energetic male singer. A lovely warm evening. Met more nice people.

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Saturday, September 27 – rain ahead of “Kyle”. Bill took the bus to St. Martin’s but we opted to do all the shops in the two shopping plazas nearby as well as a wonderful refurbished old Farmers’ Market. Nice walk in the warm rain, up & down the hills of Saint John.

At 6.00 pm the Bar opened prior to the closing Gala Dinner & Dance in the Trade & Convention Centre next door to our hotel. Seating was allocated and we met a nice couple from Winnipeg. Food choice was seafood medley or roast beef. Entertainment by the Thomists, a popular big band, the Sopranos and a male crooner – music from the 40s to the present. Very large map of Canada posted on the wall showed all Probus Clubs across Canada – BC had a lot but southern Ontario was covered with stickers representing all the clubs. Nice evening.

Sunday, September 28 – rain. Crossed border at St. Stephen’s with first stop at Bangor, Maine for lunch at Timmy’s. Then New Hampshire and Vermont with many line squalls as Kyle was offshore but the mountains were painted in gorgeous fall colours made more brilliant by the rain. Town after town with lovely houses and buildings similar to era of buildings hereabouts. Checked into University Comfort Inn in South Burlington. Had to forego tour of Burlington as Bill had driven maximum allowable hours – 10 in the US. Helene and I dined at local Applebee’s Bar & Grill for a yummy Weight Watchers’ dinner – plus a beer!

Monday, September 29 – overcast. Drove northwards along Lake Champlain, cleared customs at Cornwall and rolled along home while watching a movie. We were well looked after – apples, candy, water, films, music. Friendly passengers of course, all Probiants!

Reported by: **Vivian Foster**

A FAMILY AFFAIR

There was an outstanding evening of musical entertainment held at 66 King East in Cobourg Saturday November 8th. The show, presented by Ron Templer, was "A Family Affair". The "family" is 3 grand daughters (age 17 and up) of Verna and Ron Templer. So much talent! Lauren Russell, Claire Russell and Elly McCall presented a selection of trios, duets and solos from Broadway and beyond.

The girls were well prepared to sing the large variety of songs. That preparation started when they were quite young and studied voice with Marie Anderson and La Juenesse choir in Cobourg. To this day, some voice lessons are still taken. All this practice and experience over the years helped them have the outstanding voices today that many people enjoy. (Of course, there is the possibility of music genes from Grandma Verna that have passed along as well.) No orchestra was necessary as the girls had an excellent accompanist on the piano....Doug Dewell.

Just wanted to let you know that the girls were not the only persons singing on the stage. Claire announced that one song that they wanted to sing required a bass singer....well, no one rushed up on stage to help at first, but then a young man appeared on stage, and he was a good friend of the "family". This was Brenden MacDonald's bass voice added to the harmony, which we all enjoyed. Verna and Ron just have to be so very proud of their family!!

66 King East has an entertainment room, next to their restaurant, which holds about 125 people. There will be shows there from time to time. There is a certain warmth to watch a show seated around a small round table and watch the entertainment close up as opposed to a large stage some distance away.

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CANADIAN PRIDE

On his first day in Orlando, an American was inside a church taking photographs when he noticed a golden telephone mounted on the wall with a sign that read '\$10,000 per call'. Being intrigued, he asked a priest, who was strolling by, what the telephone was used for. The priest replied that it was a direct line to Heaven and that for \$10,000 you could talk to God. The American thanked the priest and went along his way.

Next stop was in Atlanta. There, at a very large cathedral, he saw the same golden telephone with the same sign under it. He wondered if this was the same kind of telephone he saw in Orlando and he asked a nearby nun what its purpose was. She told him that it was a direct line to Heaven and that for \$10,000 he could talk to God. 'O.K., thank you,' said the American.

He then travelled to Indianapolis, Washington DC, Philadelphia, Boston and New York. In every church he saw the same golden telephone with the same '\$10,000 per call' sign under it! The American, upon leaving Vermont decided to travel up to Canada to see if Canadians had the same phone.

He arrived in Canada, and again, in the first church he entered, there was the same golden telephone, but this time the sign under it read '40 cents per call.' The American was surprised so he asked the priest about the sign. 'Father, I've travelled all over America and I've seen this same golden telephone in many churches. I'm told that it is a direct line to Heaven, but in the US the price was \$10,000 per call. Why is it so cheap here?'

The priest smiled and answered, 'You're in Canada now, son - it's a local call'.

Provided by: **Barb and George Lawrence**

FREE CROCODILE SHOES

A blond was on vacation in Australia and driving through Darwin. She desperately wanted to take home a pair of genuine crocodile shoes, but was reluctant to pay the prices the local vendors were asking. After becoming very frustrated with the "no haggle on prices" attitude of one of the storekeepers, the blonde shouted, "Well then, maybe I'll just go out and catch my own croc, so I can get a pair for free". The store man said with a sly, knowing smile, "Little lady, just go and give it a try". The blond headed out toward the river, determined to catch a crocodile.

Later in the day, the store man was driving home and spotted the same young woman standing waist deep in the murky water, shotgun in hand. Just then he spots a 3 meter croc swimming rapidly towards her. With lightening speed, she takes aim, shoots, kills the beast and hauls it up onto the slimy river bank. Lying nearby were seven more dead crocs, all lying on their backs. The store man stood and watched in silent amazement. The blond struggled and flipped the croc onto it's back. Rolling her eyes in disgust, she shouted out in frustration,

"DAMN, THIS ONE IS BAREFOOT TOO!!"

MEETING SPEAKERS

Thursday, November 13th

Jane Osmond and her husband - A travel tour through Africa.

Thursday, November 27th

Captain Jodi Jane Longley of the RCAF – Navigator on the Herculese Aircraft.

Thursday, December 11th

Christmas Party (see details below).

Provided by: Ron Templer

COMING EVENTS

Christmas Party – Thursday, December 11th – Social hour 5:00 PM – Dinner 6:00 PM

- Members \$30.00 – Guests \$35.00 - Lions Center - Organizers are Doreen and Joe Cardinal, Marie Van Dusen, and Dianne Lauder.



PUT ON YOUR BIB AND TUCKER
COME OUT AND HAVE A BALL
LOTS OF PRIZES
FUN FOR ALL



Dinner Theater – On Golden Pond – Best Western Hotel – Friday, February 6th - \$33.75

- Our own Betsey Stanley is playing Ethel Thayer – See Marg Madsen for reservations.

Provided By: **Verna Templer**

A NEW WORD

I knew that someone would author a succinct description of our federal election process this year....

"Electile Dysfunction": The inability to become aroused over any of the choices for Prime Minister put forth by any party in the 2008 election year.

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FROM HEALTH CANADA

Question: I'm from Toronto and the Stanley Cup was here recently and I had the opportunity to kiss it. Do I have to worry about being infected by listeria?

Answer: You are safe. The Stanley Cup has not been in contact with any Maple Leaf product in over 40 years.

Provided by: **Pamela Jackson**

GOLF GROUP CLOSING GOLF AND DINNER

Probus Northumberland's golf season finally ground to a halt with a bumper tournament at Cobourg Creek on Tuesday, Oct. 14. Tournament organizer Ian Rogerson reported 41 golfers tackling the course, their number swelling to 54 at dinner in the Mill Restaurant.

And despite the fears of all who expected to be rain-soaked, the sun shone throughout the afternoon's play. "That Ian Rogerson sure has some influence with the gods," said Governor Sarah Palin on her way to a Republican rally in Buffalo.

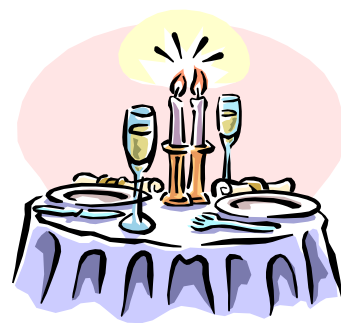
"I can see Canada from my kitchen window back home," she told Pro-Buzz. "Whenever I'm frying up mooseburgers I look out and think of you guys. So I thought I'd drop by and say something in French to ya. Auf wiedersehen."

Mr. Rogerson, elegant in black pantaloons and white gaiters and even a tie at dinner, handed out prizes donated by the Mill, Salt Creek, Shelter Valley Pines, Sommerville's and himself.

On the receiving end were; Barry Hollis for men's longest drive, Ann Gordon for women's longest drive, Michael Hanlon for men's closest-to-the-line, Lynn Wallace for women's closest-to-the-line, Fred Cooke for men's closest-to-the-pin, Lesley Waller for women's closest-to-the-pin, Pat Robertson for women's lowest score, Don Tapscott for lowest men's score, the team of Pat Robertson (captain), Geoff Coleman, Cathy Alexander and Don Tapscott for lowest score, and the team of Bill Alls (captain), Murray Waller, Joan Hanlon and Sonja Popke for highest team score.



"I must thank so many people who helped make this a success," Mr. Rogerson said. "Particularly my wife, Patricia, John Ellery and the staff at the Mill and Cobourg Creek."



Organized by: **Ian Rogerson**
Reported by: **Michael Hanlon**

HOW TO TELL THE SEX OF A FLY

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swat. 'What are you doing?' she asked. 'Hunting Flies', he responded. 'Oh. ! Killing any?', she asked. 'Yep, 3 males, 2 Females,' he replied.

Intrigued, she asked. 'How can you tell them apart?' He responded, '**3 were on a beer can, and 2 were on the phone.**'

Provided by: **Michael Hanlon**