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Probud Club of Colborne

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PRESIDENT'S PERCH



September 28th was the Colborne Probud Club County Wine Tour Convoy through Prince Edward County. Eight cars and 26 people made the round trip to tour Huff Estates Winery (educational visit that included a tour of the facility, 3 wine samples, and advice on what to buy and how to serve); a stop at the Bird House City with their 100 houses depicting notable buildings from the County; a shopping stop at the Black River Cheese factory and boutique; lunch at the Wapoose Estates Winery; and an educational stop at the Lake on the Mountain Provincial Park (reportedly no water feeds into this lake). At that point, some headed home while others took the Glenora Ferry and then the lakeshore drive to Napanee and home. We had a wonderfully sunny day and the colours were just starting to be startling.

If you haven't paid your dues for 2012-13, please remit to Alan Cullum at the next meeting. Probud is still the

best deal in town with the best people in town. Be sure you are part of it.

For your information here are some dates and changes for future meetings.

1. Oct 17/12 Final payment for tickets and bus to Shen Yun Theatre in Toronto
2. Dec. 12/12 Christmas Luncheon Meeting
3. Jan. 9/13 Regular Meeting
4. Jan. 19/13 Shen Yun Theatre
5. Jan. 23/13 Regular Meeting
6. Apr. 17/13 Anniversary Luncheon
7. May 21/13 May Day Extravaganza, Keeler Centre
8. July 10/13 Annual Picnic.
9. Aug. /13 Regular August Meeting

Barry McQuillin

SPEAKERS CORNER

On October 3 our speaker Sylvia Cook, accompanied by her husband Steve Cavalier, made a very interesting presentation about their rammed earth home located in Castleton. Sylvia was totally passionate about building a completely eco-friendly, sustainable house. She said that since nearly 1/2 of the world's population live in dirt houses this really is not an unusual choice. The construction of this house is very much healthier than our conventional methods. There is no chance of dry rot or mold and there have been no studs smothered with insecticide. The outside walls are constructed with a centre of insulation flanked by rammed earth supported by rebar. There is also a interior wall, 20 feet high, made of rammed earth without insulation. The windows are placed to allow the sunlight to shine on this wall as well as the outside walls in order to heat the building. They do not need a furnace or air conditioner to keep the house comfortable winter and summer. People from as far away as Montreal and Kitchener have come to open house functions at their home. It has also been featured in the Globe and Mail as well as the web magazine, BEC Green.

Sylvia and Steve have formed a company, Aerecura, to promote the building of rammed earth homes.

It was decided that we as a club will set up a date to tour Sylvia and Steve's home later this fall.

Share the Wealth winner was Thelma Oulette - \$27.50

On October 17 our speaker was Daphne Simms, a retired secondary school teacher who spoke about her charity *Change for Charange*. Daphne started this charity after several trips to Nepal. She witnessed the appalling conditions suffered by the lower caste people of that area. There is very delayed development in the entire country. Half the population of the country is below the age of 21 and although education is officially free, this is really not the case. There are funding shortfalls and access to the existing schools is very limited. These schools are very primitive and over-crowded. Her guide while trekking the Anapura Circuit showed her a picture of the school in his village. It had a mud floor and few supplies. Very few teachers are properly trained and of those who are, the turn-over is alarming. Daphne felt it was important to expand access to education for the children in the lower castes. She began in the area of Dhading with the Sante Kali Primary School. It initially had 40 primary and 15 secondary students. They first improved the school building and then built a new school. It has 6 classrooms and room for 300 students. In 2009 they began a pre-primary program for kindergarten and grade one children. A bonus now is that adults - mostly women - are using the school building in the evenings to further their education.

Daphne has enlisted the help of the students from ENSS to fund raise. So far they have contributed \$8000. \$48 covers fees, uniforms, books and supplies for one child for one year.

Share the Wealth winner was Doris Noakes - \$23.50.

Sue McQuillin

COMMUNITY

1. Sun. Oct. 28, 3:00 pm Port Hope Friends of Music - Suzie Leblanc, St. Peter's Anglican Church COBOURG.
2. Wed.Oct.31, 7:30 pm Northumberland Learning Connection Lecture Series - The Role of Design in Your World. Columbus Community Centre Cobourg. Continuing on Thursday nights for 5 weeks.
3. Thurs. Nov. 1, 7:00 pm Jane Urquhart - The Spiritual, Architectural and Social Roles of the Church in the 19th Century Ontario. Castleton Town Hall. \$5.00.
4. Sat. Oct. 27, Northumberland Hills Land Trust tour of the Pelton Property. Near Peter's Woods - contact 905-372-3636 for details.
5. Sat. Nov.3, 9:00 am Rummage Sale, Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Colborne
6. Wed. Nov. 7, Art Gallery of Northumberland. Bus Trip to the McMichael Gallery - contact 905-372-0333 for details.
7. Fri November 16 (4 – 9 pm) and Sat November 17 (9 am – 4 pm): “Ice”, Salem United Church’s Annual Bazaar.
8. Sat. Dec. 1. 9:30 am, "Cookie Walk" Old St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church. More details to follow next month.

UPCOMING PROBUS DATES

1. Lug-a-Mug for Probus Meeting Coffee Time

2. Probus Membership Year dues (\$40) for 2012-2013 payable now to Alan Cullum

Wed. November 7, 2012 – Probus: Remembrance Day Observation with Club Member participation and entertainment and sing-a-long led by Mitch Cox.

Wed. November 14 - Probus: Tour of Sylvia and Steve's rammed earth home and visit to Cramahe archives.

Wed. December 12 - Probus: Christmas luncheon (Will Santa be invited this year?)

Probus Bowling Dates: November 28, 2012, January 30, 2013, February 27, 2013, and March 27, 2013.

January 19, 2013, *Shen Yun Theatre Performance* in Toronto. Barry McQuillin is coordinating this event. Tickets are sold out!

PROBUS BOWLING

The dates for the 2012-2013 season have been confirmed by Presquille Lanes, Brighton as of today. The dates are Nov. 28, 2012, Jan. 30, Feb.27, Mar.27 2013. The times and fees will be the same as last year; 10:00am-12:00 noon and \$12.00 per person, shoes included. The fee was not negotiated but offered by Presquille Lanes. Many thanks to Garry for accommodating us in this regard.

Gord McArthur

PROBUS PLEA

"Hello all Coffee and Tea Lovers. We are the convenors for your enjoyment at our Probus Meetings. We are asking for volunteers to assist us. As the statement goes, 'many hands make light work'. At the Head Table for the next few meetings there will be a sign-up form for volunteers. You will be supported by us as to the procedures (where the supplies are, time required etc.) The task is not hard and men are welcome to join the team.

Our supply of paper cups is dwindling. When they are all gone, you must bring your own! It is not part of the 'job description' to have to wash cups. As our esteemed President has stated, "no helpers, no coffee."

Heather McElroy and Carol McArthur

THE LAST WORD

Since I really don't think that any organization needs to hear both the first and last word from members of the same family I will relinquish the last word this month to Robert Frost who said, "The world is full of willing people; some willing to work, the others willing to let them." Let's be thankful for our members who are throwing their shoulders to our Probus wheel and support them. (On that note - if no one volunteers to make coffee for November 7 - there will be NONE!

Sue McQuillin

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