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MERRY CHRISTMAS



THE GIVING TREE

Story by Bob Kearns



Christmas is a time for giving. At our November 22 meeting, Yvonne O'Neill ably assisted by Ken spoke to us about her involvement with The Giving Tree located at the Northumberland Mall. Yvonne explained that The Giving Tree was started 24 Years ago by Joanne Bailey and the CAS to provide Christmas gifts for children in foster care. Yvonne and her sister took over 2 years ago with a commitment to run the program for 5 years. Today the 1,450 program recipients aged from infants to teenagers are vetted through 18 local social agencies served by 500 volunteers and the gifts are distributed by the Salvation Army. The workload is huge starting in September ending in January but is very rewarding.



Yvonne O'Neill

Your Probuss Calendar

Dec. 13	Probuss Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Fred Thomas will play and we will sing along in the Christmas spirit.
Jan. 6	Apps & Drinks at Marilyn Dunne and Dave Strong's place – 3327 Roseberry Road, Port Hope from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Limit 40. Sign up at sign up table.
Jan. 7	Bowling at the North Shore Lanes in Cobourg at 1:30 p.m. Come out and join us in preparation for the big tournament in February! (Bryan and Georgina Rose: 905.797.3415)
Jan. 8	Euchre at the Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
Jan. 10	Probuss Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Alban Merepeza, Chiropractor with a sports speciality, who has attended many international sporting events (including Olympics).
Jan. 22	Euchre at the Ruth Clarke Centre. 1:30 p.m. (Garry Curtis: 905.885.5304)
Jan 24	Probuss Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker will be Sherry Gibson of Community Care Northumberland who will speak to us about Community Care and their services.
Jan 24	Lunch Bunch. 11.30 at Harry's Little City of Bricks, organized by Anthony Skinner and Carol Patterson. Sign up at sign up table.
Jan 29	Pub Night. 6 p.m. at The Beamish. (George Grimes: 905.8985.1594)



HOW WILL YOU KNOW IF A PROBUS MEETING HAS TO BE CANCELLED?

In the event of severe weather causing a meeting to be cancelled, the President will notify the local radio station.

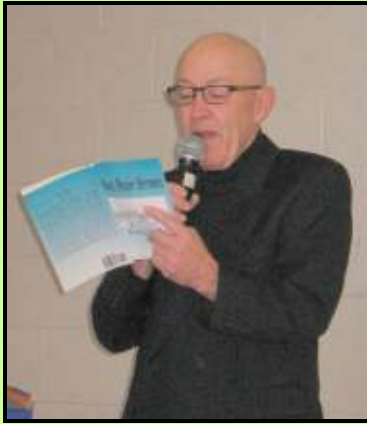
Listen to 107.9 THE BREEZE FM

Last year we were lucky and didn't have to cancel a meeting but it is best to be prepared



Old Port Hope

At our November 8 meeting, Paul Bailey, a local resident and historian, spoke to us about some events and characters who gave colour to life in Old Port Hope.



Paul Bailey

Paul entertained us with stories and readings from his book "Port Hope Heroes", which is a diary of poems and drawings about the characters in his home town. Among other things, Paul told us that the pier Port Hope was once the centre of activity for the town with cargo and passenger steamships arriving and departing regularly.

Probably the most interesting story was that Paul's great, great, great uncle was The Flying Taylor who once beat a racehorse and who could in a morning sprint to Peterborough and be back home in time for supper!

Many thanks Paul for an entertaining presentation.



CALLING ALL SNOWBIRDS

To our members who are travelling south for the winter - have a safe trip and a wonderful winter. Don't forget the rest of us in the great white north and send pictures and stories to the editor for inclusion in our winter newsletters. We would love to hear from you.



We look forward to seeing you all again in the spring.



It is the last of November already and as I sit here writing this I am wondering just where the time gone. It seems like it was only a few days ago that we were enjoying the picnic at the Irwin's farm. Some of our members are now off in the sunny south enjoying the warm Atlantic or Gulf breezes. Well winter is still a ways off (I hope). As I walked in the forest yesterday morning I marveled at the colour that is still present. The ferns on the forest floor still are such a vibrant green. The sun's rays shining through the cedars were just so beautiful - and where was my camera?

By the time you read this our Christmas party will be past. I would like to thank the committee who organized it and worked so hard to make it a fun experience. After the New Year we can look forward to a number of events and activities. I know that Dave Strong, Marilyn Dunne and their committee have a number of things in mind. Then there is the Bowling Tournament and this year the Probus Northumberland Spring Extravaganza. Thank goodness that we have the newsletter to keep us organized. Lorna has done such an excellent job with it. The extras are always fun to read and who knows, maybe one day I will actually try one of those recipes.

This year our membership is well over 130 and we are growing every month. As I have said in the meetings, welcoming a new member has to be one of the most enjoyable duties that a president can have. If you know of someone who could be a good member and would enjoy a good speaker, morning coffee and snack and lots of good camaraderie why not invite them to come to a meeting and see what we are all about.

My thanks to all of you who contribute in the myriad of ways that go towards making our club so successful and to those who have taken on the job of leading one of our interest groups. A VERY BIG THANK YOU to the members of the management committee who have worked together so well.

A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EACH AND EVERY ONE!

President Steve



A HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS PARTY



Dorothy Giddings and her team of helpers organized a wonderful Christmas Lunch Party for members at the Cobourg Lions Club on Tuesday December 4th. We all enjoyed a fabulous turkey dinner and lots of Christmas merriment. Thank you to everyone concerned for organizing such a successful event.

Pictures: Betty Curtis



Probus Royalty: President Steve Snell, Vice President Joan O'Grady and Past President Susan Gaudion



Linda & Bruce Britton getting ready to go to the Phillipines to collect Linda's "loot"



Janet Kershaw with her new paintbrush



Santa brings Mike O'Grady a lovely new coffee mug



Santa's Helpers – Roger Ingram and Dorothy Giddings

CHRISTMAS APPS & DRINKS



Photos: Eric Blaikie and Carole Elliott

Thanks to Charlie Dobbie and Gwen Logan who hosted Apps & Drinks on December 7. What a fun way to spend a dreary afternoon.



Our gracious hosts: Gwen Logan and Charlie Dobbie



Anthony Skinner and Judy & Glenn Armstrong

RAILSIDE ROVERS

A great evening was enjoyed by many of our members at the Railside on November 13. Many thanks to Frank Griffin for organizing this event.



Charlie Dobbie, Liz & Stuart Linton, Willy & Rosalie Jakobi and Gwen Logan



Reg & Maggie Colborne and Susan Gaudion

PUB NIGHT AT THE BEAMISH

Members enjoyed the last Pub Night for 2012 at the Beamish on November 27.



John & Joyce Ferguson, Kathy Wallace, Russ Mountain, George Grimes, Janet Kershaw and Bob Wallace

All members are invited to join George and the gang for the first Pub Night of 2013 on January 29

MORE FOOD AND FUN

Thank you to Lois and Verne Meadows who hosted the Apps and Drinks event at their home on November 9. The fabulous variety of food is always amazing.



Margot & Deiter Franke



New Member, Janis Dilworth



Elaine Simmons, Lois Meadows and Charlie Dobbie

LUNCH BUNCH AT THE RED RICE BUFFET

Many thanks to Bob Kearns for organizing the November Lunch Bunch event after our meeting on November 22. The delicious buffet was enjoyed by about 40 members at the great "senior" price of \$5.99!



Joan Bebee and Jan Blaikie



New Member, Cathy Finlayson with Pat Rawson



Marion Griffin, Julie Rondeau, Liz Linton, Willy Jakobi



Euchre Group Christmas Party

There wasn't a card in sight when the Euchre Group enjoyed their Christmas Lunch at the Railside on November 29th. Many thanks to Betty and Garry Curtis for organizing this lunch as well as keeping our euchre games in order.



Betty & Garry Curtis



Lucky Prize Winner – Joyce Ferguson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Congratulations to Don and Ruth Newington on their 50th Wedding Anniversary on November 24th



SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

November 8th - Suzanne Finnie won \$51.00
November 22nd - Garry Curtis won \$42.00



DECEMBER/JANUARY CREWS CATERERS

December 13

Captain: Joyce Prince
Helpers: Liz Linton
Marion Griffin
Susan Gaudion

January 10

Captain: Joyce Prince
Helpers: Marion Griffin
Carol Patterson
Anthony Skinner

January 24

Captain: Julie Rondeau
Helpers: Marcel Rondeau
Heather McKeown
Garnett Birney

GREETERS

December 13 Lorna Turner and Bob Mills

January 10 Pat and Sam Rawson

January 24 Helen Dayman and Shirley Locke

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Happy 58th Anniversary

John and Felicity King celebrated their wonderful milestone in November. Congratulations you two lovebirds!



***YOUR MANAGEMENT TEAM WISH
ALL OUR MEMBERS AND THEIR
FAMILIES A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND
HEALTHY NEW YEAR***

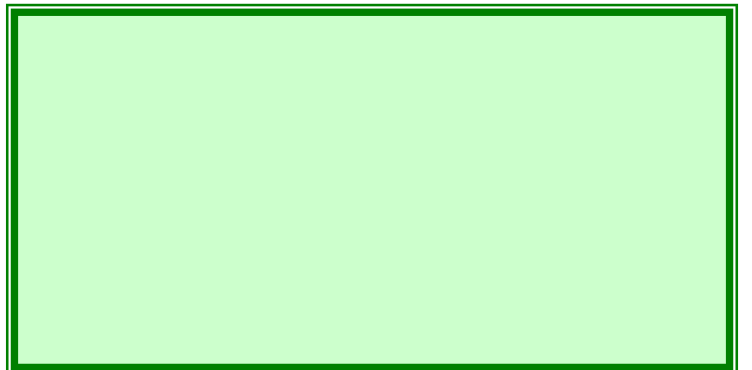


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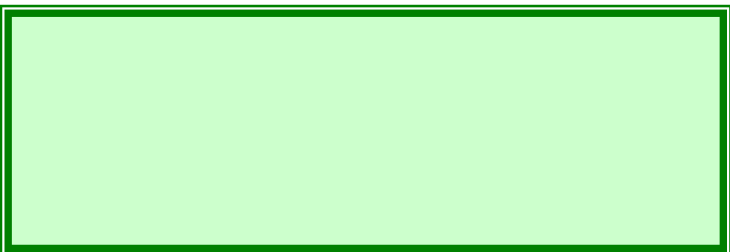
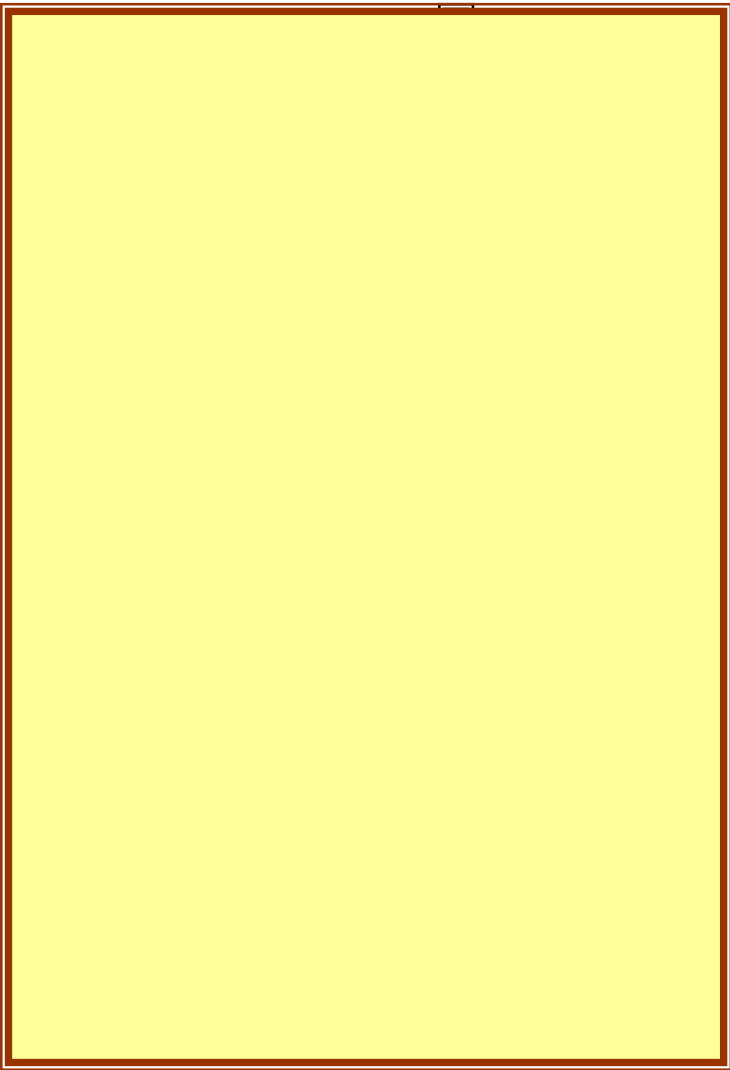
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