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HARNESSING THE SUN

Story by Susan Gaudion



Thursday, June 9: Our speaker, Richard Tyssen is Community Organizer and staff support for Go Green Together. Richard has a Master in Environmental Studies degree. He is actively involved with environmental issues, particularly those around sustainable urban planning and he sits on the Planning Advisory Committee for the Town of Cobourg. Richard spoke to us about the benefits and costs of installing solar panels. He recently had solar panels installed on his roof and discussed the installation. The solar panels are estimated to have a payback of 8 to 12 years and have a life expectancy of 30 to 40 years. Homeowners can now sell electricity directly to Ontario Power under the "microFit" program supported by the Province. The panels can be purchased through his SUN project.

The solar panels allow sun energy to be converted to usable energy to power the home or business. The panels can be mounted either on a rooftop or on the ground. The inverter converts direct to alternating current and shuts down when the grid goes down. A hot water heater can be powered efficiently by solar panels. The site must be suitable for the panels and should be south facing, on a good solid roof surface and have a clear line to the sun and not shaded by trees. The Go Green Together website provides information on reducing energy consumption and has a link to SUN (Solar Unlimited Network). www.gogreentogether.ca

AROUND THE WORLD IN PICTURES

Photo by Carole Elliott

Lola Reid Allin, an award-winning photographer from Belleville, was our speaker on June 23. She is an amazing woman with a peripatetic streak that is incredible. She is a person with a deep thirst for knowledge of indigenous cultures. The attraction of these fascinating cultures eventually led her to study anthropology, psychology and genetics at the University of Waterloo.

Following a ten-year career in commercial aviation during which she piloted single & multi-engine land and floatplanes to acquire nearly 6,000 hours of flight time, she commenced an ethnographic study of the Modern Maya in 1992.

Lola relocated to Mexico in 1993, traveling extensively from her home there throughout Mesoamerica, living with four different Maya groups in their homes. She now returns regularly to Belize and Mexico to continue her photographic journal of their lifestyles. She has traveled extensively in India, Canada, Morocco, Australia, Europe, Honduras, etc.



After having enjoyed her presentation, I was reminded of another fascinating woman: explorer & writer Alexandra David-Neel who once boasted, "I could run before I could walk!" For me, this summarizes Lola very well.

For a look at her beautiful photographs, please visit her website. www.lola-photography.com

The Golf Tournament

A total of 84 participants met on Thursday, June 16 at the beautiful Port Hope Golf and Country Club for our annual golf tournament. The weather was perfect for a day on the links. Some non-golfing members attended the dinner at the Penryn Mansion following the tournament. The steak or salmon dinner, salad and desserts were much appreciated by all.



The Penryn Mansion – picture courtesy of The Port Hope Golf & Country Club website. www.porthopegolf.ca

The winners of the tournament are as follows: Bob Kearns from our club, partnered with Terry Hickey. Runners-up are: our own Dieter and Hilda Becker, with Tracey and Dan Perkins. Hugh Parker won the Closest to the Pin.

Members of the 'Team looking to improve their Game' each won a half-hour private lesson with the PH Golf Club Pro. They include Sylvia McMahon and Joan O'Grady from our club. After the game, the golfers were still talking about the "Special Putter" – one very large goalie stick used on Hole # 9!! Not easy apparently! The 50/50 (\$120.00) was won by Betty Curtis!

Many thanks to Tournament Coordinator Betty and her team including Linda Popham, Ray Williams and Gail Chadwick for a marvelous day!



Betty and the team after dinner



George Grimes won a draw prize. Here he is picking the next ticket.



Carolyn Williams and her draw prize



Members waiting for the names of the winners

The Last Lunch Bunch

On Thursday, June 23, a total of 40 members invaded the dining room at Rhino's in Bewdley! The lady proprietor said after lunch that they weren't used to having quite so many people at lunchtime. The outdoor patios were also full. The downside was the time it took for some of our members to get their food. When it did come, it was good and worth the wait... See you in Sept.!



Lunch Bunch Coordinator Maggie Colborne doing the rounds...



Ron Frizzell celebrated his 70th birthday with a cake from Rhino's while Reg Colborne looks on.



Pat Clarke Joins Our Club



It all started in the U.K. In 1968, Keith and I were married in England, and then decided to come to Canada to start our married life together. We came in 1969 and went to Ajax to live, and stayed there for over 6 years. Back then, Ajax was a very small town with just 9500 people, but look at it now. Our son Darren was born there in 1972. In 1975, we came to Port Hope, and both of us worked for Cameco Corporation for over 30 years. Our son works there, and he is also a firefighter with the Port Hope Fire Department.

Sadly, Keith passed away in 2009, but we had a very happy 41 years of marriage. My interests are: reading, traveling, sports (my favourite being tennis), and gardening.

PUB NITE

Tuesday night on June 28, 7 of us met at the Beamish Pub for Pub Nite. We managed to solve the problems of the world while have a really good dinner. We were told there was a new chef in the kitchen and it certainly made a big difference. Next Pub Nite: July 26



Joan & Mike O'Grady, Eileen Mountain, Ruth Newington, the back of Don's head (sorry Don!!) and our coordinator, George Grimes.

APPIES & DRINKS

Photos: Gwen Logan & Betty Curtis

Lynda and Bruce Britton were the hosts on Friday, June 24 for Appies & Drinks. Their beautiful home along the waterfront in Bewdley provided gorgeous views of Rice Lake. Good food, good friends, good conversation defines a perfect day in the sun for 44 of our members!



Elaine Simmons and Lyn Bradshaw on the dock



Hosts Lynda and Bruce Britton

Rovers' Night Out

On Tuesday, June 14, 16 of us had dinner at the Cat & Fiddle in Cobourg. We had a separate room all to ourselves. Service was good...so was the food depending on who you talk to. A food score of 7 out of 10? **Agree or disagree? Let your Editor know...**



Meet New Member Suzanne Finnie



I have retired as a Nurse practitioner having worked for 38 years in a Community Health Centre in Toronto. I have returned to Port Hope where I am from originally. My interests are crafts of different types and I hope to learn how to golf. I am happy to be back in Port Hope and look forward to meeting new people.

LAST EUCHRE PARTY UNTIL SEPTEMBER

By Lois Meadows, Euchre Coordinator

Photos Eric Blaikie

Our Probus Euchre Club ended the season with a delicious luncheon at the Railside Restaurant with 37 members attending.

One special feature at our last regular card game was a "Baby Contest". Members provided a baby picture of themselves and we had to match the photo with the member. A lot of fun was had by all. The winners were Lynda Britton and Lois Meadows. Our thanks to Mike and Joan O'Grady for putting this together for us. We all had a good time and look forward to resuming cards in September.



Canada's Troops Come Home

Article reproduced from Teach Kids News website- June 12, 2011

Check out this wonderful website: www.teachkidsnews.com

(Story by Nancy Miller)



Since 2005, Canadian troops have been fighting in Afghanistan against the terrorists who blew up the World Trade Centre in New York and the people who help them. Now, Canadian soldiers are ending their mission in Afghanistan.

Troops will start coming home in July, with some staying on for another three years or so—not to fight, but to train the army and police in Afghanistan so they can take care of their own people.

Canadian soldiers were first sent to Afghanistan in 2001. Their duties were not to fight. They were to make sure Canada would be safe from terrorists, to show Canadian leadership around the world, and to help Afghanistan rebuild.

They became fighting troops in 2006 when they were sent to war-torn Kandahar province in Afghanistan. Their goal was to rid the area of the Taliban terrorists once and for all.

It was the first time in many years that Canadian soldiers fought alongside other countries—Canadian troops have mostly been peacekeepers and builders in war-torn countries. In Afghanistan they have done both and have been praised by many people in Afghanistan for their work.

The troops were supposed to come home in 2009. But in 2008, a majority of the Canadian parliament voted to keep them there until December, 2011. Now the promise to bring them back will be fulfilled and our courageous troops will start coming back home to Canada.

More than 150 Canadian soldiers have died in Afghanistan.

(As of today, July 7, there are 157. Ed.)

CANADA DAY 2011

Thursday June 30th dawned bright, sunny and warm for the decorating of the wagon which was to transport Probus members in the Canada Day parade. A dozen volunteers + one dog ('Aiden', George Grimes' poodle) met at Barry Ferguson's farm to help. The weather on Canada Day itself was perfect in every way for the parade. Hundreds of families – most wearing red, even the pets! – lined Ridout/Walton Street from the top of Bramley Street, right down to Queen Street. Everyone was in a good mood and "Happy Canada Day!" greetings rang out all the way down the hill from adults and wee ones alike. There were no strangers there today, only friends. Here are some pictures!



Hard at work decorating the wagon



Rosalie Jakobi blowing up balloons.



Glenn Armstrong's beautiful 1950 Plymouth which he drove in the parade



George & 'Aiden' waiting for the signal to head out, with Steve & Garry holding up our blue Probus banner in background.



Decorated wagon and 'inmates'!



And here are Lacey & Roger Ingram surely the best-dressed couple in the parade. Très chic!



New member Pat Clarke, with June Lentir, Dorothy Giddings & Willy Jakobi in rear.



New member Kelly Holmes and her sister Stacey who was visiting Port Hope



Here's Willy, our tractor driver... Thanks for the ride Willy!



And last but not least, here is President Garry wearing his "sun-brella"??

50-50 WINNERS

June 23: (1) Larry Squire won \$40.00.
 (2) June Lentir won \$42.50.
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July/August Crews

CATERERS

Captain: Gwen Logan & Charlie Dobbie

July 14: Linda Popham
 Barb Tiffin
 Gail Chadwick

Captain: Georgina & Bryan Rose

August 11: Linda Popham
 Lois & Ron Frizzell

GREETERS

July 14 Dorothy & Cliff
 Donaghue

August 11 Barb Tiffin & Carole
 Elliott

If unavailable to attend please find a substitute.

UPCOMING EVENTS . . .

WESTBEN CONCERTS AT THE BARN

Thursday July 21

SOLD OUT!

Lorna Turner 905-446-0146.

ROVERS NIGHT OUT

Tuesday, July 12 at the Winchester Arms at 6pm.

Max: 22 people.

Ron Frizzell 905-885-4329

APPIES & DRINKS

On Friday, July 22 at Mike and Joan O'Grady's home, 50 Huffman Ave. From 3pm. Max.: 30 members. Bring garden chairs and wine glasses.

Joan O'Grady 905-885-1018

SUMMER PICNIC

Thursday, August 25 at Irwin's Farm. Same caterer as last year! (Remember the scrumptious pies??) Live entertainment!

Cost : \$7 for members and \$15 non-members.

Carolyn Williams

CAR RALLY

Thursday, Sept. 29.

Rain or shine - Roast Beef lunch

Cost: \$5 for members; \$12 non-members

Start getting your groups together now!

More information to come...

Barry McMahon/Don Newington

AGM

Thursday September 8 at Dalewood Golf Club

**WATCH THIS SPACE FOR ACTIVITIES
FOLLOWING OUR AGM!**

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

July 14: Caroline Thornton operates a successful Standardbred stable near Elizabethtown. She will be talking to us about her experiences as a horse breeder.

August 11: Dave Rosborough, Manager of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Harwood Fish Culture Station will be present to share with us the important role that this centre plays in the stocking of Ontario's lakes and rivers. He will show how the fish are reared. It is hoped that a tour of this facility can be arranged at a later date.

ONGOING EVENTS & CONTACTS

(SUMMER SCHEDULE)

PUB NITE

Join us for dinner, conversation & drinks.

Last Tuesday of the month

6:00 PM at the Beamish House

Coordinator: George Grimes 905-885-1594

APPIES & DRINKS

Bring an appetizer and your own drinks

Coordinator: Marilyn Dunne 905-786-2549

**Euchre, The Lunch Bunch & Bowling
will resume in September.**

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