



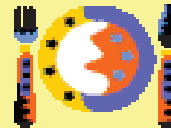
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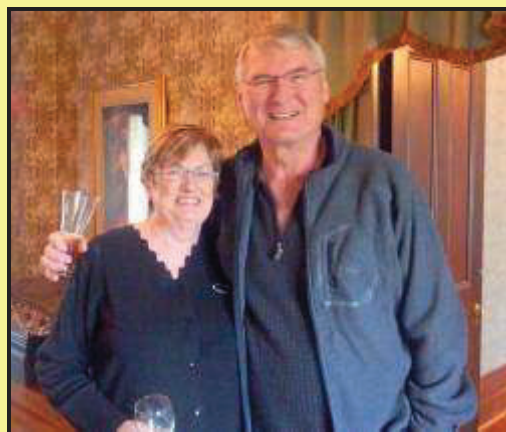
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ROVERS' NIGHT OUT

Thank you to Sam Rawson for organizing a sold-out event with a delicious dinner at the lovely Penryn Mansion on Tuesday April 17th.



Joan Bebee and Jan Blaikie



Pat and Sam Rawson



Steve Snell, Joan O'Grady and Betsy Wright



Bruce Banfield and Jean Noble



Dorothy Spicer, Patricia Clarke, Leo Spicer, June Lentir and Dorothy Giddings



Carolyn and Ray Williams

"All the world's a stage ..."

Our April 12th speaker was Lois Richardson, the head props mistress at Port Hope's Capitol Theatre.



Lois told us that she has really been an artist since she first picked up a crayon at age 2. After graduating from the Ontario College of Art, specializing in industrial design, she spent a lot of years doing technical drafting. Lois moved to Port Hope in 1982 and worked with the Northumberland Players. In 1999 she was hired by the Capitol Theatre to do the set for *Forever Plaid* and has been the head props mistress for the theatre ever since. Lois works closely with the director, technical director, choreographer, stage manager and costume designers. She explained how each show has different challenges and that the safety of the actors and crew is the main concern. It became obvious during the presentation that, even though Lois works very long hours and makes a lot of the props herself, she really loves what she does. Her next challenge is building an airplane out of Styrofoam with a working propeller for the upcoming production of *"Billy Bishop Goes to War"*. I'm sure it will be wonderful and I can't wait to see it.



Lois being thanked by Lorna Turner

HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW

Many thanks to Frank Griffin for this article

Spring is one of my favorite times of the year. The sap is running (from the trees, not me) and after the maple syrup is over it's gardening season. You have to be cautious when gardening in the spring to ensure that you know what plants will take the cooler weather and which should wait until the mid to latter part of May!

VEGETABLES

This year I planted my peas and lettuce on the second day of April and they have already germinated (April 25). I was afraid that the cold weather would affect the small plants – but it did not; they are doing fine! Beets, Radishes, Spinach and Swiss chard can also be planted just as soon as the ground can be worked – they too can stand the cold. Potatoes should be planted 6 to 8 inches deep and should be treated with Garden Lime to prevent them from rotting. Although I have a few in ground now (April 25th), it is probably better to wait until the first part of May – and then stagger the planting every week or so until the end of May so that you can have a steady supply throughout the year. Beans, carrots, squash, cucumbers and tomatoes are warm weather plants and are best planted around the May 24th weekend (carrots can be planted a little sooner). Even at that time, tomatoes in particular should be covered if there is a frost warning as they cannot take the cold nights.

FLOWERS

As most of you will be aware, perennials can take the cold weather as they remain in the ground all year round. Annuals on the other hand must be treated with care as many are sensitive to the cool weather. Impatiens are popular annuals, however should be planted only when the weather has warmed up (usually during the first part of June). Petunias and geraniums are also plants that need the warm weather.

Gardening is a great way to keep in shape, and it certainly gives me a lot of satisfaction when I see the results. We are eating fresh asparagus (April 25th) and Marion has already made a rhubarb pie. It won't be long before we will have our first salad from the lettuce we planted.

Have a good gardening season!

EUCHRE GROUP

Our very popular Euchre Group wraps up this season on June 5th. Many thanks to Lois Meadows and her whistle for keeping us all in order and to Joan Bebee for organizing the coffee. The new season will start again in September.



Ray Williams, Larry Squire, Shirley Harrison and Dorothy Spicer



Steve Snell, Elaine Simmons, Garry Curtis and Joan Bebee



Bob Kearns, Frank Henderson and Wilson Gaudion



"Odd men out" Verne Meadows and Mike O'Grady playing cribbage

THE CANADIAN FIRE FIGHTERS MUSEUM

At our April 26th meeting we had the pleasure of welcoming Ken Burgin to speak to us about the Canadian Fire Fighters Museum which is right here in Port Hope. This national museum was opened in 1984 and has a wonderful collection of artefacts that tell the story of the vital role that fire fighters have played in the lives of communities across Canada.



Ken Burgin being thanked by Sam Rawson

After our meeting, we were able to visit the Museum on Mill Street and see fire trucks from every era, photos of fire fighting history as well as fire fighting paraphernalia of all kinds, including Canada's largest collection of fire hydrants. The museum is presently looking for a new home.



Old-style fire hydrants



A vintage fire truck from the early 1900's

APPS & DRINKS IN ELIZABETHVILLE

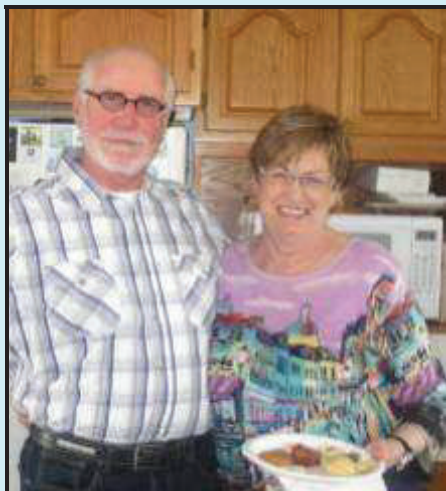
Bryan and Georgina Rose hosted the Apps and Drinks event on April 30th at their wonderful home in Elizabethtown. A large group of members enjoyed a lovely afternoon sampling the large assortment of appetizers and beverages.



Eileen Mountain and Carolyn Williams



Ken O'Neill and Sam Rawson



Russ Mountain and Pat Rawson



Henrietta Mills and Janet Kershaw



Dave Strong and Garry Curtis

INTERESTING TRIVIA

I wonder if these are the answers to some of Ray's questions?

- Women blink nearly twice as much as men.
- Winston Churchill was born in a ladies room during a dance.
- Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite.
- An ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain.
- A snail can sleep for 3 years (I think some MP's do as well!)
- A shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
- A goldfish has a memory span of 3 seconds (sounds familiar!)
- A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.
- "Typewriter" is the only word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard.
- There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious".
- Dreamt is the only word in the English language that ends in the letters "mt".
- No words in the English language rhyme with any of the following words: month, orange, silver or purple.
- "Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand.
- "Lollipop" is the longest word typed with the right hand.

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNER

April 12. Carol Patterson won \$53.00.
April 26. Gwen Logan won \$62.50.



MAY/JUNE CREWS

CATERERS

May 10
Captains Eileen & Russ Mountain
Helpers Elsie & Brian Board
June Lentir
Dorothy Giddings

May 24
Captains Willy & Rosalie Jakobi
Helpers Pat Clarke
Steve Snell

June 14
Captain Gwen Logan/Charlie Dobbie
Helpers Julie & Marcel Rondeau
Linda Popham

June 28
Captains Betsy & John Wright
Helpers Margot Franke
Linda Popham
Lorna Turner

GREETERS

May 10 Julie & Marcel Rondeau

May 24 Gwen Logan & Charlie Dobbie

June 14 Shirley Harrison and Gayl Squire

June 28 Ruth & Don Newington

HELP WANTED

**Kitchen Help and Greeters needed
for July through to October.**

Please sign up with Joan Bebee at next meeting.

GARDENING THOUGHTS



- The philosopher who said that work well done never needs doing over never weeded a garden.
- If a man is alone in the garden and speaks, and there is no woman to hear him, is he still wrong?
- Knee: a device for finding rocks in your garden.
- When all the chores are done, the avid gardener invents new ones.
- I once read about the dangers of gardening, so I quit reading for two weeks.

The Lunch Bunch

After visiting the Firefighter's Museum, the Lunch Bunch gathered at the Carlyle for food & merriment.



Julie & Marcel Rondeau, Marilyn Dunne & Dave Strong



Carol Patterson, Anthony Skinner and Lacey & Roger Ingram

UPCOMING SPEAKERS



May 10. We will be playing Trivial Pursuit, organized by Ray Williams. Remember how much fun it was at the AGM?

May 24. Bob Wallace will speak to us about a Rotary trip to India for a polio national immunization day.



June 14. AECL. Sandy Holmes, Public Info. Rep. from the Port Hope Area Initiative Mgmt Office will address the current update on local activities.

June 28. Pete Fisher will speak about his Highway of Heroes book.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

BE SURE TO MARK ALL THESE DATES ON YOUR
CALENDAR AND WATCH FOR SIGN-UP INFORMATION

KAWARTHA DOWNS HARNESS RACING

May 10. Doors open at 6 p.m. Buffet at 6:30 p.m. and post time for first race is 7 p.m.

PORT HOPE PROBUS CLUB

Tues., May 15. Port Hope Probus Club meeting at 9.30 a.m. at the Port Hope Lions Club. Limit: 50. \$2 meeting fee payable at sign-up.

APPIES & DRINKS

May 30 from 2 till 5 at Lorna Turner's house. 350 Lakebreeze Drive, Unit 3, Newcastle. Bring glasses. This event is full. Parking is limited so car pooling would be a good idea.

PARKWOOD ESTATE, OSHAWA

May 31. This lovely house was once the home of R.S. McLaughlin, the founder of General Motors. House and garden tour – cost \$8.48 to be paid in advance to Carolyn Williams. Lunch will be available at the Tea Room for \$19 including tax/tip. Choice between quiche or a wrap with salad, pastry and beverage. Directions available at May 24 meeting.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

June 21. 9 holes at Cobourg Creek Golf Course. 1 p.m. shotgun start. Probus members only, limited to 36. \$47 includes golf, dinner (choice of steak, chicken or vegetarian) at The Mill with tax and gratuities. Limited number of carts available for additional \$10. Sign up with Ray Williams.

4TH LINE THEATRE

July 26 at 6 p.m. "Queen Marie" a musical comedy based on the extraordinary life of Cobourg-born Marie Dressler, one of the greatest comediennes of her generation, the toast of Vaudeville and one of Hollywood's best loved stars. Approximate cost \$27.50. Sign up with Julie Rondeau.

SUMMER PICNIC

August 23 at Irwin's Farm. More information to come.



ONGOING EVENTS

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: Marilynn Dunne 905-786-2549

EUCHRE

Every 2ND Tuesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Ruth Clarke Senior Centre, 81 Mill Street. **LAST EUCHRE FOR THIS SEASON JUNE 5TH.** Euchre will restart in September
Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

LUNCH BUNCH

After the last meeting of the month.
Coordinator: Maggie Colborne 905-885-1722

BOWLING

1ST Monday of the month at 1:30 p.m. at Northumberland Mall Bowling Alley. **LAST BOWLING FOR THIS SEASON: MONDAY MAY 7.** Bowling will restart on Monday September 10.
Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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