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## LEST WE FORGET

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

### A STORY FOR REMEMBRANCE DAY

*By Lorna Turner*

To commemorate Remembrance Day, I would like to share a special war story with you.

My parents were true cockneys, in other words they were both born within the sound of the Bow Bells in London. When WWII began they were living in the east end of London. Dad was an insurance agent and Mum was managing a grocery shop. When the war broke out, Dad joined the RAF and went off to war leaving Mum to look after the shop as well as take care of two young daughters.

When the blitz of London started Mum and my two older sisters were evacuated to the safety of the British countryside along with thousands of other Londoners. When my Mum and sisters boarded the train in London with their gas masks and very few personal possessions, they had no idea where they were going. For security reasons, all station signs as well as signposts were removed during war time but my mother, being a very astute lady, soon figured out they were going west and she counted the number of stations along the way until they were told to get off the train. They subsequently ended up being billeted at a farm in the middle of nowhere with a very inhospitable farmer's wife (but that's another story). Because she was not allowed to tell my Dad in her letters of their location, Mum just told him that they had gone west and got off the train after so many stations. When Dad had his next leave, he took his bike on a train heading west out of London counting the number of stations before getting off. He started to ride his bike down a country lane, having absolutely no idea where he was, when who should be

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walking towards him but my Mum and two sisters who just happened to be out for a walk! You can only imagine the tears of joy at that reunion!



**Mum & Dad and my 2 sisters around the time of this story**

After the war my parents and sisters did not return to London but settled in a small seaside town in the west of England not too far from the farm where Mum and my sisters were originally taken. I was born two months before the war ended followed by my younger sister three years later. Growing up I heard many war stories from my parents and older sisters but the one told here is one of my favourites.

As I pause for the two minutes' silence each Remembrance Day, I am eternally thankful that my Dad returned safely and we had a happy family life. But I also remember the many thousands who were not so lucky and what misery and devastation was caused to those families. Sadly, even today, families are being torn apart by war as we have witnessed all too often along our Highway of Heroes.

## WELCOME A NEW MEMBER



**Gary Chadwick**

I am the husband of Gail Chadwick, an existing member of Probus. I was born in East York and moved to Durham Region in 1973. I was there until six years ago when Gail and I moved to lovely Port Hope. We certainly have never regretted that decision. I worked for five different car carrying companies as a dispatcher until May of this year when I was laid off for the first time in 38 years. I am now eagerly waiting for December 1st when I will officially retire. Gail and I have 4 children and 8 grandchildren between us including 13 year old Nathaniel who lives with us permanently. I love to golf, bowl, play cards and read during my spare time and am looking forward to meeting more people through the activities Probus has to offer.

After rave reviews at the Apps and Drinks event on October 21<sup>st</sup>, Lois Frizzell would like to share this recipe.

### **Apple Dip/Dessert**

1 package Philadelphia Cream Cheese (softened)  
1 tub Margetti or Grenache Caramel Sauce  
Skor Bits  
Green Apples (3 or 4 depending on size of apples)

On bottom of a 9 x 9 dish spread Cream Cheese  
Then spread with a layer of caramel sauce  
Top with Skor bits  
Refrigerate until needed

Cut apples in eighths or whatever size slices you prefer. Soak in 7 UP to keep from going brown.

Dip apples in sauce and enjoy!

This is *really* yummy.

## Good Advice and Safety Tips

At our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting, we enjoyed a very informative presentation by Constable Joanne Kortman of the Port Hope Police Service.



**Reg Colborne thanking Constable Kortman for her presentation**

Even though most of the things Joanne spoke about are common sense, it was good to get reminders. She told us to beware of door-to-door sales people and to investigate a company before giving them any money.

With so much technology in our world now, identity theft is becoming a growing concern. It is therefore important to protect our credit cards and bank cards and to check our statements carefully. An interesting point which came up was about hotel room key cards. As these cards are programmed with all of a guest's information on check in, it is important to never hand the card back in when checking out as your information could fall into the wrong hands. Personally I have never had a hotel ask me for the card on check out. Take the card home with you and destroy it.

Joanne then spoke to us about investment fraud and the importance of obtaining the advice of a trustworthy financial adviser before investing.

Joanne also talked about issues surrounding elder abuse. At the end of her presentation, Constable Kortman gave us all a tip sheet to remind us of the things she had covered.

## *Thought for the Day*

*We make a living by what we get, we make a life by what we give.*

*Winston Churchill*

# PHOTO GALLERY



## Rovers Night Out at Harry's Little City of Bricks October 11<sup>th</sup>



**Steve Snell and Kathy Wallace**



**Garry & Betty Curtis. Tom McMahon getting cozy with the waitress**



**Garry Curtis being expertly served the first cup of coffee by Dave Strong at our October 13<sup>th</sup> meeting.  
Hope you got a big tip Dave !**

## October 21<sup>st</sup> Appies & Drinks

Vern & Lois Meadows hosted this event which was attended by over 40 members. As always there was a grand array of appetizers, desserts & beverages spread over two tables! A great time was had by everyone enjoying all the refreshments as well as lots and lots of conversation.



**Eunice Hogg and our hostess, Lois Meadows**



**Our host, Vern Meadows and Bob Mills**



**Bev & Jim Welsh**



# HALLOWEEN HAUNTS

There were some strange sights at our October 27<sup>th</sup> meeting. ....



Garry Curtis



Ray Williams



Cliff Donaghue



Lois Frizzell



Garry Curtis, Michele Duval-Lane, Eileen Mountain and Ken O'Neill  
(Is that your costume Ken? Very Scarey!!!)



Marilynn Dunne



Helen Dayman



Grand Parade



Gwen Logan and Charlie Dobbie



Larry Squire



Brian & Elsie Board



John & Joyce Ferguson

And the Winners are:  
**Brian Board and Joyce Ferguson**  
(above with their spouses)



## **LUNCH BUNCH AT THE LIMESTONE BAR & GRILL ON OCTOBER 27**



**Joan & Mike O'Grady and Sylvia & Tom McMahon**



**Larry & Gayl Squire and Bruce Britton**



**Dorothy & Cliff Donaghue**

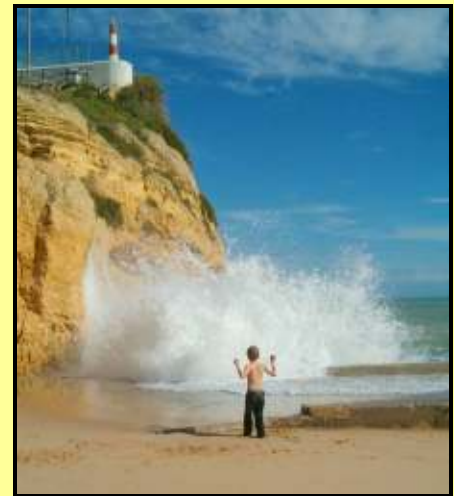


**Carole Elliott and Dorothy & Leo Spicer**

## **TRIPPING AROUND PORTUGAL**

On October 27<sup>th</sup> two of our members, Eileen Mountain and Steve Snell, gave us a great presentation accompanied by wonderful pictures of their travels in Portugal.

Steve spoke about the south of Portugal, an area he has visited five times. As well as sharing some personal anecdotes about his travels, Steve showed us the apartment/hotel where he stays, inside and out, along with cafés and restaurants where he ate. One restaurant belonged to someone who has a brother in Port Hope! Steve also talked about side trips to Seville in Spain and Gibraltar. We enjoyed his lovely pictures of beaches, scenery, cliffs and churches.



**One of the many fabulous pictures of Portugal**

Eileen's presentation was totally different as she and her husband, Russ, spent two and a half months in a tiny village in the mountains in the north of the country. They were given directions on how to get there and as they proceeded up the mountain, the road got narrower and narrower until it became a cobblestone path. The locals were fascinated by Hannah, their 98lb. golden lab. The sheep thought she was a sheep and kept wondering why she was going the other way from where they were headed. It sounded as if there was more livestock than people on the roads leading to and from the village.

Eileen had lots of pictures of beautiful scenery, small churches atop mountains as well as the market with its wonderful array of fresh foods. They were invited to eat with a local family and they had to learn some Portuguese words as hardly anyone spoke English.

## *PUB NIGHT AT THE BEAMISH ON OCTOBER 25*



John Ferguson, Ruth Newington, Joyce Ferguson and Willy & Rosalie Jakobi sharing a laugh



Eileen Mountain, Lois & Ron Frizzell and "Birthday Boy" Russ Mountain – Happy Birthday Russ !!

### **Mini Pecan Muffins**

**(makes 24)**

*Susan Gaudion is sharing this recipe with us.  
The muffins are a favourite at the Euchre Group*

Preheat oven to 350.

1 cup brown sugar

½ cup flour

1 cup finely chopped pecans (or pecan meal)

Combine above ingredients and set aside.

2/3 cup melted butter

2 eggs

Allow butter to cool slightly and beat in eggs.

Add wet ingredients to dry and combine.

Grease and flour mini muffin pans (I use Pam for Baking). Don't use paper liners.

Bake at 350 for 18-20 minutes.

Turn out of pans while warm - otherwise they solidify in the pans!

## **USE IT OR LOSE IT**

Can you answer the following riddles?

1. I am taken from a mine and shut up in a wooden case from which I am never released and yet I am used by almost everybody. What am I?
2. A large truck is crossing a bridge 1 mile long. The bridge can only hold 14000 lbs, which is the exact weight of the truck. The truck makes it half way across the bridge and stops. A bird lands on the truck. Does the bridge collapse?
3. A woman was horrified to find a fly in her tea. The waiter took her cup and went into the kitchen and returned with a fresh cup of tea. She shouted, "You brought me the same tea!" How did she know?
4. For some I go fast, for others I'm slow. To most people, I'm an obsession relying on me is a well practiced lesson. What am I?
5. Which triangle has a bigger area:  
1. A triangle with sides measuring 300, 400, and 500. 2. A triangle with sides measuring 300, 400, and 700.
6. I am thin, tall and I cannot walk but I have a tilted head. What am I?!
7. I have no legs or arms but I still eat with a fork everyday, What am I?
8. Which clock works best, the one that loses a minute a day, or the one that doesn't work at all?
9. The marathon man timed himself and found out that if he wore a bright white outfit he ran 20 miles in 80 minutes, but when he wore a dark outfit, he ran 20 miles in one hour and twenty minutes. What does this mean for his next race?

\*\*\* ANSWERS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD \*\*\*



## THE ENGLISH PLURAL ACCORDING TO GEORGE CARLIN

We'll begin with a box, and the plural is boxes,  
But the plural of ox becomes oxen, not oxes.  
One fowl is a goose, but two are called geese,  
Yet the plural of moose should never be meese.  
You may find a lone mouse or a nest full of mice,  
Yet the plural of house is houses, not hice.

If the plural of man is always called men,  
Why shouldn't the plural of pan be called pen?  
If I speak of my foot and show you my feet,  
And I give you a boot, would a pair be called beet?  
If one is a tooth and a whole set are teeth,  
Why shouldn't the plural of booth be called beeth?

Then one may be that, and there would be those,  
Yet hat in the plural would never be hose,  
And the plural of cat is cats, not cose.  
We speak of a brother and also of brethren,  
But though we say mother, we never say methren.  
Then the masculine pronouns are he, his and him,  
But imagine the feminine: she, shis and shim!

Let's face it – *English* is a crazy language.  
There is no egg in eggplant or ham in hamburger;  
Neither apple nor pine in pineapple.  
*English* muffins weren't invented in England.

We take *English* for granted, but if we explore its paradoxes,  
We find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square,  
And a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.  
And why is it that writers write, but fingers don't fing,  
Grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught?  
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend?  
If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them,  
What do you call it?

We ship by truck but send cargo by ship ..  
We have noses that run and feet that smell  
We park in a driveway and drive on a parkway.  
And how can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same,  
While a wise man and a wise guy are opposites?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language  
In which your house can burn up as it burns down,  
In which you fill in a form by filling it out,  
And in which an alarm goes off by going on.  
And in closing .....

If Father is Pop, how come Mother's not Mop????

*No wonder English is such a difficult language to learn !!*

## SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS

October 13 Lois Meadows won \$49.50  
October 27 Georgina Rose won \$52.00

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## Nov/Dec Crews CATERERS

### November 10

Captain Steve Snell  
Helpers Dorothy Giddings  
Pat Clarke  
June Lentir

### November 24

Captain Joyce Prince  
Helpers Frank Henderson  
George Grimes  
Anita Cotter  
Gwen Logan

### December 8

Captain Betsy Wright  
Helpers John Wright  
Lorna Turner  
Elaine Simmons

## GREETERS

November 10 Linda Goldie and  
Hugh Parker

November 24 Julie & Marcel Rondeau

December 8 Michele Duval-Lane &  
Ken O'Neill

## KEEP SMILING by 'Maxine'



It's scary when you start making the same noises as your coffee maker!

If it got dark any earlier, we wouldn't have to get up at all!

Wrinkled was not one of those things I wanted to be when I grew up.

Don't forget to turn your clock back. I'm going to turn my back to when I was 20.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## APPIES & DRINKS

**Friday November 18** at Sheila and Jim Scherer's home. 59 Jiggins Court from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Max 40.

**Wednesday December 7** at Gail and Gary Chadwick's home. 54 Baxter Place from 1:30 to 4:30.

**Thursday December 15**

## **CHRISTMAS LUNCH.**

Cobourg Lions Club at 12 noon.  
Buffet turkey lunch served at 12.30.  
Sign up at next meeting when the cost will be confirmed.



## UPCOMING SPEAKERS

### November 10:

Wilmer (Will) Gagnon, a Port Hope resident since 1988. Will was a Lance Corporal in the Canadian Forestry Corps stationed in Scotland.

### November 24:

Patricia Sinnott, a fifth generation Port Hoper who retired from a career as a hospital pharmacist. Pat would like to share the origins of the Sinnott Port Hope Dairy and the Seymour Substation over the past 100 years.

### December 8:

We will be entertained by a group of singers performing Christmas songs as well as other tunes.



## ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS!!

*For those of you who are lucky enough to head south for the winter, remember the rest of us in the frozen white north and send me a snowbird report now and then for the newsletter to let us know what's happening in warmer climes.*



# ONGOING EVENTS & contacts

## 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

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday from 1.30 p.m. to 3.30 p.m. at Ruth Clarke Senior Centre, 81 Mill Street  
Coordinator: Lois Meadows 905-885-6715

## LUNCH BUNCH

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

## BOWLING

1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 1 p.m. at Northumberland Mall Bowling Alley.  
Coordinators: Georgina & Bryan Rose 905-797-3415

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