



THE PRO-BUZZ

NOVEMBER 2012

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

I am both delighted and honoured that you have chosen me to serve as your Club President for 2012-2013.

You have elected a caring and dynamic executive which, in concert with committee chairpersons, committee members, and **your help**, will ensure that we continue to be a vibrant and interesting organization. The unselfish willingness of eleven of our members to assume new duties is indicative of our strength. My thanks to all of them.



We will continue to try new things, as well as repeating many of our tried and true successes. **Please** help all of us in the coming year by volunteering your time, expertise and creative flair. If you haven't previously helped with an event, I suggest that you try it. It's fun helping out and it's very rewarding to see the enjoyment our members experience at an event that you have helped to organize.

If you have an idea for something new such as a boat cruise or Drive & Dine, or a concern about anything, please mention it to me or any member of the Executive or a Chairperson. We welcome your input!

As Probians, remember our pledge:

OUR STRENGTH IS FRIENDSHIP

OUR SUCCESS IS PARTICIPATION

Jamie Doolittle



REMEMBRANCE DAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2012



We are conducting our own Remembrance Day service today. We will be acknowledging the veterans who served in World War II and are including their stories as our tribute to them.

Geoff Coleman

Geoff enlisted in the Royal Canadian Army in Kingston in 1944. He joined the army as an infantryman, followed by being an ordinance and supply technician. Basic training was in Peterborough, followed by postings in Aldershot and Debert, Nova Scotia, Ottawa, Halifax, Egypt, Cobourg, Petawawa, Germany, Belgium and Shilo, Manitoba. His final rank was Warrant Officer and he was discharged in Shilo in 1969 after 25 years of service. His lasting memory of his time in service is the extreme poverty that children in Egypt experienced. This serves as a constant reminder of how fortunate we are in Canada. Geoff was one of the very few Canadians to receive the Coronation Medal in 1953 and the Centennial Medal in 1967.

Harold Coward

Harold enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy at H.M.C.S. York in Toronto in January, 1942. He served as an engine room mechanic on cruisers and destroyers in Esquimalt and Vancouver, British Columbia, St. John's, Newfoundland, Digby, Nova Scotia and in the Mediterranean. His final rank was Third Class Engineer and he was discharged in Charleston, South Carolina in April, 1945. His lasting memory of his time in service is the feeling of helplessness watching ships being torpedoed around him.

Ron Templer

Ron enlisted in the Royal Canadian Navy in Ottawa in 1943. He was a telegraphist special operator working high frequency directional finding equipment (radios) to locate U-Boats. His service was on H.M.C.S. Carleton in the North Atlantic. His final rank was Ordinary Seaman and his discharge was in Ottawa in 1945. His lasting memory of his time in service is being on "night watch" on a moonlit night in the North Atlantic with a convoy, while surrounded by U-Boats.

REMINDERS

If you donated food items to the Salvation Army Food Drive today, we thank you. We will continue to accept food items at our next Probus meeting on November 22nd.

While Gary and Nancy Thomas are away during the winter months, Michael's box for plastic milk bags will continue to be available at our meetings.

GOLFING NEWS

Probus Golf at the Mill

What a glorious day we had for our last scheduled Probus golf outing and dinner, held at the Cobourg Creek Golf Course and the Mill Restaurant. We had 11 teams competing for the lowest score and the winning team, coming in with a score one under par, was the foursome of Danny Robertson, Barb Lawrence, Don Tapscott and Ann Hollis. Congratulations!

Closest to the line, with great drives, were Mary O'Shea and Walter Smith. Closest to the pin were Donna Cooke and George Lawrence. Bill Alls won the putting contest after a fierce playoff with Verna Templer. Patricia Robertson won the Mulligan fund, earning \$26.00, and she probably did not need to use a Mulligan!

The golfers wish to thank Jamie Doolittle and Jim O'Shea for organizing our fun day. We also want to thank the following sponsors and especially our own Probus member, Sam Oliver, for contributing many, many prizes for our players and dinner guests.

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Mike Travis	Bitters and Grapes
Peter & Donna	Peter's Barber Shop
Mike Perry	Re/Max Lakeshore Realty
Don Rolph	T.D. Canada Trust



Submitted by Everil Alls

GOLF RUN-A-WAY IN MAY, 2013

This golf event will be held on **May 27, 28 and 29, 2013**. It will feature the following:

- 9 holes at Green Acres Golf on the 27th, after lunch;
- 18 holes at Smuggler's Glen Golf before & after lunch on the 28th;
- accomodation at the Glen House, Gananoque which includes:
 - 2 nights riverview accommodation
 - 18 holes of golf with cart & shuttle across the road
 - deluxe breakfast each morning
 - 2 dinners with choice of 3 main courses
 - all tax and service charges
 - outdoor & indoor swimming pools
 - games room
 - party room for our usual socializing
 - ATM machine



Many of you will recall your last visit to this resort when it was being renovated. Recently, Carol and I visited and reviewed the accommodation and other facilities, including the spa. The rooms are delightful and in keeping with a five star resort.

The cost for the package, including the 18 holes of golf with cart is \$342.00 per person, based on double occupancy. If golf is excluded, the price drops by \$69.00 per person.

Golf at Green Acres is extra and is not included in the Glen House package.

The resort needs to know our numbers by November 15th and payment is required by mid-April, 2013. Payment may be made now if you so desire.

Please see me today or let me know by the 14th at the latest, if you would like a room held for you.

Submitted by Jamie Doolittle

2012 GOLF GROUP

Our Golf Group activities are over for another year, and I believe that it has been one of our more successful seasons. We were able to play all of our scheduled games this year, which I believe is a first, even though we did play in the rain last June at the Shelter Valley Pines Golf Course.

There were 70 of our members signed up to play with our group. We usually had between 25 and 35 members out for each of our outings and we appreciate this support. Also, there were 22 of our members who helped organize our golf outings, and we thank them for their work on our behalf.

Our closing golf and dinner was one of our best with perfect weather, a great turnout, many winners and prizes, resulting in a very enjoyable day. Our heartfelt thanks to Jamie Doolittle and Jim O'Shea for organizing this memorable event.



I hope to see you on the golf course next May.

Submitted by Danny Robertson

MAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA

Another special Probus event to look forward to in the new year is the May Day Extravaganza. This event replaces Spring Fling of past years and is a result of the survey completed last January by our club and the other six Northumberland area clubs.

Details regarding the Extravaganza are as follows:

- Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2013
- Time: Doors open at 9am, formal proceedings start at 10am and end around 1pm
- Location: Keeler Centre in Colborne
- Cost: Not finalized, but will be around \$25.00
- There will be the usual coffee, juice & snacks, followed by lunch at 12 noon
- There will be a 'Share the Wealth' draw
- The keynote speaker is Bob Abrames, the voyageur
- We will also hear from Peter Doyle who is currently the President of Probus Canada
- There will be lots of time for socializing

We have initially been allocated 60 tickets. To date, 66 members have indicated an interest in attending. If you think you might like to attend, please let Lynn Ramsay know and she will add your name to the list. By registering with Lynn, you are not committing yourself to attending.

Submitted by Jamie Doolittle

DRIVE & DINE

It was a beautiful sunny day on October 4th as 68 eager participants gathered at the Lion's Centre for the first Probus Northumberland's Drive & Dine rally. It was a different version of our annual Car Rally as there was no optimum time to complete the drive. Therefore we could just sit back and enjoy the scenery and read about the history of the many places that we passed, from the sheet that was distributed to each driver. The route took us to Port Hope where we observed some of its historical houses. We made a brief stop at a waterfront park near the Port of Newcastle to relax, stretch our legs, and enjoy the view. Leaving the park, we made our way to Bowmanville, then headed north.

Along this route, one of the most interesting spots was an old prison camp for German Officers during World War II. Another highlight was a stop at Tyrone Mill which is Canada's oldest water-powered grist mill. Here there was plenty to see including cider and flour mills, a woodworking shop, and the second floor museum with historic tools. We also visited the gift shop/bakery where we could sample the homemade goodies and many of us took some treasures home with us.



The rest of the tour took us along a series of back roads, where the magnificent views and colours were absolutely breathtaking. We arrived at the Oddfellows Hall on Highway #28 around 5pm. Here we were treated to a delicious roast beef and turkey dinner with homemade pies for dessert.

Everyone agreed that it was a wonderful day with perfect weather. Special thanks to Barb & George Lawrence and Donna & Fred Cooke for arranging this great day.

Submitted by Nancy & Ted Jex and Lynn Wallace

KAWARTHA DOWNS

On Thursday, October 25th, our annual, and possibly our last, Casino and Race Night took place at Kawartha Downs. Sixty-eight of our members made the trek for an evening of food and fun. Quite a few happy gamblers made some money at the slots and a few won at the races.



Our handicapping competition was extremely close with our women participants showing that they were far better handicappers than the men. Lynn Wallace and Monica Hewson were tied as the 'Handicapper of the Year'. They picked 4 winners and 1 second place finish out of seven races. Well done!

Borden Taylor held the top spot for all the men competing,

with a second place finish and 18 points. Dianne Lauder finished in third place with 2 winners, 2 seconds and 1 third place finish and a total of 17 points. Evelyn Reid was a close fourth with 17 points as well. However, she only had 1 winner and 4 seconds and the player with the most winners has the edge. Eight of our members tied for 5th place with a total of 15 points. Their names will be announced at the presentation of the prize money and the 'Handicapper of the Year' trophy.

Thanks to all the members who participated in the competition. Thanks also to Brian Salley for his efforts in developing and finalizing the computer program used in the scoring and to Ted Jex for helping me distribute the tally sheets. As the organizer, I enjoyed setting up this special event. Hopefully everyone enjoyed the evening with all the excitement and good food.

Submitted by Eric Carleton

SISTER ACT

Wow! What a great way to spend a rainy day – get on a bus to go to the gorgeous Ed Mirvish Theatre in Toronto to see *Sister Act*. Halloween candy was given out and we didn't even have to perform a trick to share in the goodies. On the way home, dinner at the Mandarin in Pickering was a bonus with their usual great service, and greetings from witches, pirates, etc.

We were well entertained by *Sister Act*, a lively, glittery show with good music. Some comments from those attending:

“Funky, alive, liked the glitter, especially at the end of the show.” (Sue Lanctot)

“I felt the policeman had the best voice, and he was also young.” (Betsey Stanley)

“Enjoyable, good music.” (Bill Alls)

“Liked the theme and costumes.” (Marcie Polson)

“Good fun.” (Marilyn McMillan)

“Enjoyable, liked the music.” (Eric Carleton)

“A happy show, gave you a happy feeling.” (Dianne Lauder)

Everyone seemed to agree that it was a very enjoyable show and we were well entertained. Verna, you did it again! You arranged a great outing which we shared with our fellow Probus members.



Submitted by Marie VanDusen

THE KITCHEN WITCHES

On Thursday, November 2nd, 72 Probus members and friends attended the Dinner Theatre at the Best Western. The evening started with a delicious meal, as usual. *Kitchen Witches* is a 'rolling in the aisle funny' comedy by a local playwright, Caroline Smith of Stirling. There were amusing references to Cobourg and area businesses and personalities, and the action included the audience in the production of a live TV show.

The production was well cast with Jennie Ryan and Helen Pitt-Matthew playing the Kitchen Witches, Ian Griffiths in the role of moderator and Jessica McDougal as the stage hand.



Submitted by Marg Salley

SOCIAL NOTES

A Christmas Carol: This event, a VOS production, is being held on Friday, November 23rd at 8pm at Victoria Hall. Tickets at \$26.00 each consist of the group rate of \$23.50 plus a \$2.50 per ticket service fee. This is the Canadian Premier of a new musical version of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* (Scrooge).

Probus Christmas Party: Our annual party takes place on Thursday, December 13th at the Lion's Centre. Marilyn Warling, Barbara & Borden Taylor and Marilyn & Bob Harris are organizing an interesting evening for us. The price is \$40.00 for members and \$45.00 for guests. Purchase your ticket today.

Dinner Theatre: The next local Dinner Theatre is a bedroom farce and will be held on Friday, February 1st. Tickets will be available in January.

Peter Pan: The annual Northumberland Players' Musical will be held on Friday, March 1st at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope. Tickets will be available in February.

Submitted by Verna Templer



A wealthy older man falls in love with a very beautiful young woman in her 20s and is contemplating a proposal.

"Do you think she'll marry me if I tell her that I'm 45?" he asks his friend.

The friend replies, "Your chances are better if you tell her you're 90."

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

Nov. 23rd *A Christmas Carol*

Dec. 13th Probus Christmas Party

Feb. 1st Dinner Theatre

Mar. 1st *Peter Pan*

May 1st *Wizard of Oz* – Mirvish Theatre, Toronto

Note: Details regarding the above are provided on previous page.

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

Nov. 22nd John's Junction

Jan. 24th Casey's

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Gladys & Stan Maggs

Nov. 8th Remembrance Day Activities

Nov. 22nd Anne Burnham – Burnham Market

Jan. 10th Reg Longman – a Bernardo Child

Jan. 24th Donna Wootton – "Moon Remembered"

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