



# THE PRO-BUZZ

February 2011

## RABBIE BURNS TRIBUTE\*

At our last meeting we celebrated Robert (Rabbie) Burns Birthday.

Robert (Rabbie) Burns

Born January 25, 1759 in Alloway, Ayrshire, Scotland

Died July 21, 1796 in Dumfries, Scotland

A "Cultural Icon" in Scotland and whose birthday is celebrated throughout the world. One of his poems is called "To A Haggis" in which he describes the dish as that "Great Chieftain O' the puddin i-race"

We all had the privilege of having the "Haggis" piped into our meeting by Archie McGeachy. He then presented Burns famous "Address to a Haggis" to us in true Scottish tradition. At the end of the poem a "wee" Scotch Whisky was used in a toast.

Samples of the "Haggis" were made available to all of to try.

With any cultural celebration of people, places or events people are needed to ensure that tradition is carried on. To this I would like to say "Thank You" to Maura and Archie McGeachy for helping us to celebrate Robbie Burns.

While on the subject of Scotland and "the pipes" a brief word or two on our own piper Archie McGeachy. Archie McGeachy

Born 10th of January 1932 in Campbeltown, Argyll, Scotland. Archie was given his first set of pipes at the age of fourteen by an ex WWII Veteran who said they were played during the war.

Archie first joined the Air Training Corp. Pipe band and then joined the Clan MacRae Pipe band where he won a World Championship as a quartet player at the World Championship in Glasgow, Scotland.

He originally emigrated to the United States where he joined the Worcester Kilties Band. After moving to Ontario Archie played for the GM Pipe band in Oshawa and then joined the Toronto Transit Pipe band who competed in the summer circuit of the Ontario Highland Games.

Archie formed his own Kintyre Pipe band and played out of Ajax and competed in the same Ontario Highland Games. In 1997 Maura and Archie moved to Roseneath where he continues to this day playing the pipes for all to listen.

Thanks Archie

\* Rabbie Burns is the correct spelling before it was translated for the Americans.

Submitted by Fred Cooke



## The Price of Gas in France

A thief in Paris planned to steal some paintings from the Louvre. After careful planning, he got past security, stole the paintings and made it safely to his van. However, he was captured only 2 blocks away when his van ran out of gas. When asked how he masterminded such a crime and then made such an obvious error, he replied, "Monsieur, that is the reason I stole the paintings. I had no Monet To buy Degas To make the van Gogh."

So if you have DeGaulle, send this to someone else. I sent it to you because I figured I had nothing Toulouse.

Submitted by Pat Hawkins

### THE SPEAKERS CORNER from Anne Grant

Feb 10 Brian Bowden from Brighton telling us about llamas

Feb 24 Heather Nemec from Northumberland Waste Management

March 10 Audrey Wilson Naturalist about wild things..birds etc

March 24 Alan Mann, Fire Chief, Cobourg about fire prevention etc

April 14 Diane Lauder & singers a Spring song presentation

April 28 Rick Norlock, M.P., about government matters

### **LUNCH BRUNCH MUSINGS**

*Fifteen people of the twenty-one who had signed up for lunch on January 26th for the Buttermilk Café, enjoyed a very tasty lunch especially prepared for our Probus group.*

*As usual a separate room which accommodates 26 people, was reserved for us.*



*Our hostess and owner, Linda, was most gracious in spite of the fact that special meals ordered were wasted and regular customers turned away because of the lack of seating in view of our reservations. Lunch time is one of the busiest times at the Buttermilk Café and eventually the reserved area was filled.*

*Does anyone have a solution to the above problem? We are open to suggestions.*

*It is always a pleasure and fun experience to "break bread" with our Probus members and we shall continue to seek out more good eating places for your enjoyment.*

*Submitted by: Doris Rasmussen and Marcie Polson*

### **HINTS...IDEAS...SUGGESTIONS...**

Marie is reminding us that if any of us have any suggestions to make our club even more interesting or enjoyable to please pass the idea along to one of the Management Team.

### **Coming Events by Verna Templer**

Today, February 10<sup>th</sup>...Have fun when we exchange Valentines—Make sure you meet new friends. Our thanks to Donna Cooke & Norma Stouffer for arranging our luncheon for us.

Friday March 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00...Annie at the Capital Theatre. Seats are still available so get them today. Price \$22.00 and \$18.00 for children 12 and under. Cheques payable to The Capital Theatre. This is going to be a great show.

Wednesday April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:30...Billy Elliott at the Cannon Theatre  
Sorry, Sold Out but sign up on the cancellation sheet.

Friday April 8<sup>th</sup> is the Dinner Theatre...a Norm Foster show called Looking.  
Tickets will be available in March

Wednesday May 18<sup>th</sup> Spring Fling 2011...Tickets \$35.00 per person payable to Probus Northumberland and may be post-dated to March 1, 2011.

### **Oops**

*We have unearthed another veteran!! Thanks to Bill Ruttle for offering his story.*

#### **William Ruttle**

Enlisted on November 23, 1955 in Hamilton, Ontario. He joined The Argyle Southern Highlanders of Canada as a bagpiper. The unit were part of the militia in the James Street Armories. His service was all in Hamilton and he was discharged on April 1, 1965 with a rank of



Piper First Class. His lasting memory of the time in service is....The great time supporting his comrades when the regiment was in Niagara-on –the-Lake for ten days for training.

Texting Codes Our Kids Don't Know

ATD: At the Doctors  
BTW: Bring the Wheelchair  
BYOT: Bring your own Teeth  
CBM: Covered by Medicare  
CUATSC: See You at the Senior Centre  
DWI: Driving while Incontinent  
FWIW: Forgot where I Was  
FYI: Found your Ibuprophen  
FYG: Found your Glasses  
GGPBL: Gotta go, Pacemaker Battery Low  
GHA: Got Heartburn Again  
IMHO: Is my Hearing-Aid On?  
LMDO: Laughing my Dentures Out  
LOL: Living on Lipitor  
LWO: Lawrence Welk's On  
OMMR: On my Massage Recliner  
ROFL...CGU: Rolling on the Floor Laughing...And Can't Get Up  
TTYL: Talk to you Louder  
WAITT: Who Am I Talking To

Submitted by John Ellery

**THE SENILITY PRAYER:**

Grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked anyway,  
The good fortune to run into the ones I do,  
and the eyesight to tell the difference...

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