



# THE PRO-BUZZ

*JANUARY 2012*  
**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

Prior to racing ahead with our dreams and hopes for 2012 or as it's being called...twenty-twelve, perhaps we should look back and remember what a busy and entertaining year we had in 2011. If you feel a tad tired this might explain it. Also a get ready to all our new members to be prepared for lots of fun and volunteering!!

Northumberland Probus welcomed our new President, George Lawrence, who presided over 2 meetings at the end of the year and one earlier when "the girls" were out west. Marie Van Dusen had presided over 17 meetings. Now with 12 months in the year and 2 meetings per month does anyone recall why we were 4 meetings short??

For those who enjoyed watching others perform there were plays, shows and exhibitions including:

The Trouble with Richard, The Elephant Man, Annie, Billy Elliott, Looking, The 25th Annual Putnam Spelling Bee, The Morman Tabernacle Choir, Kevin Fox, Hairspray, Nonsense, and a Month of Sundays.

Thank you Verna and to all the hard working social volunteers!!

*Marcie Polson, Doris Rasmussen, and Vivian Foster continued throughout the year finding economical and delightful spots for us to have a luscious lunch. Well done ladies and thanks for our visits to: The Buttermilk Café, Casey's, Swiss Chalet, The Oasis, Red Lantern, and Limestone's. Let's do it again.*



*If that wasn't enough fun we continued our dining pleasure with a Robbie Burn's Day celebration, a Valentine's luncheon, breakfast in May to celebrate our 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Picnic in the Park, games and a BBQ at Bill and Everil Alls home, and our Christmas Party.*

More important or fun things, in no particular order:  
Ski trip to Malone, N.Y., Bowling Tournament, Spring Fling, Prince Edward County Golf Trip, Canada Day Parade, The Car Rally, Horse Racing at Kawartha Downs, Remembrance Day, our December Christmas Party, and we hosted the Probus District One Regional Meeting.

We also helped out with the following:  
Parkinson's, Hospice, Transition House, Christmas Kettle Drive, Canadian Cancer Society, Clean-up week, The Giving Tree, and a food drive for the Salvation Army.

*Let us not forget the golfing venues near and dear to our former President's heart....*

*Salt Creek, Pine Ridge, Warkworth, Ash Brook, Newcastle, Shelter Valley Pines, Roxborough Glen, and Cobourg Creek.*

**A LITTLE GIRL WAS AT HER FIRST GOLF LESSON WHEN SHE ASKED AN INTERESTING QUESTION: 'IS THE WORD SPELLED P-U-T OR P-U-T-T?' SHE ASKED THE INSTRUCTOR. 'P-U-T-T IS CORRECT,' HE REPLIED. 'PUT MEANS TO PLACE A THING WHERE YOU WANT IT. PUTT MEANS MERELY A VAIN ATTEMPT TO DO THE SAME THING.'**

Thanks to Doug & Jennifer Lloyd



How well we have been entertained and how much we have learned through Anne Grant's imagination and doggedness in acquiring guest speakers for our meetings. This year we benefited from:

Ken Prue-Tourism, Northumberland County

Joanne Bonebaker-Learning Connections

Brian Bowden-Llamas

Audrey Wilson-Outdoor Education

Michael Vilneff-Cobourg fire-fighting force

Shasta Morey-Legacy Choir

Alan Wilson-Land of the Bible

Errol Markle-History of Probus

Barry Gordon-Transition Services-downsizing belongings

Lynda Kay-United Way

Diane Keast-Transition House

Mary McCaw-travelogue in East Asia/Australia

Claire Lloyd-Canadian Diplomatic Service

Ioan Agavriloai-Ontario Hydro responsibilities

Peter Briggs-Investors Group

Barbara Stephenson-Public Libraries

Sheila Purcell-Remembrance-her father's time in a POWC

Dr. Peter Herron-Chiropractic Services

*There are a couple of other things that need our recognition and they are:*

*Pat Hawkins and her greeters make us feel welcome when we attend meetings.*

*Honourary Membership granted to Millie Hill & Harold Coward.*

*Great shots by Sue Lanctot and Vickie Catton for a magnificent photo album/scrapbook.*

*Special thanks to Barb Lawrence for assuming Marg's duties during her western trip. We are still waiting to hear more details.*

*We unfortunately lost Helen McDonald this year and she is missed.*



**NOTE** If I missed an event or venue or something one of our members was involved in then I apologize. I am really looking forward to this years programs as we will try to top 2011. Jamie

*As we do not publish in December here is a 2 month recap of our very busy season:*

### REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

George Lawrence announced the start of our own service. Then, Jamie Doolittle introduced our veterans who came to the front of the room and we all observed a minute of silence at 11:00 A.M. Bill Ruttle played "Flowers of the forest" on his bagpipes. While Bill left the hall and played "Amazing Grace" in the vestibule, Verna Templer recited "In Flanders Fields". George then lead the club in the singing of "O Canada". This was followed by Jamie reading "The Final Inspection" and Bill finished our ceremony by playing "The Battle's Over".

### *Probus Christmas Party 2011*

*On December eighth, two thousand and eleven, Northumberland Probus celebrated warm friendships, seasonal joys of an excellent turkey dinner, and good wine which were accompanied by Bob and Lee's festive music. Groups of eight were seated at dining tables sparkling with candles and decorations. Eileen's hand-crocheted angels graced each table.*

*Marilyn and Pete provided musical entertainment for us at intermission. Gwen Crawford shared the joy of the day being her sixtieth wedding anniversary and the gift of sixty red roses.*

*When Mrs Claus and her three elves arrived there were smiles all around. Santa sent messages about the many letters he had received. Poinsettias and bottles of wine were speedily delivered by the elves.*

*When Bob and Lee rejoined us, Marilyn and Pete were "in the spirit" of the event and helped provide the music for the dance. Many guests stayed to dance and enjoy the music until our musicians packed up. We all appreciated Nigel in the cloakroom and hope he will come again.*

*Submitted by Nan Orser*



## SLEEPING BEAUTY

*Twenty-nine Probus members had dinner at the Beamish House in Port Hope on December 16, 2011. We had very good food prior to walking over to the Capitol Theatre where we met with a few more Probus members. We saw the beautifully decorated trees throughout the lobby before we entered the theatre.*

*The Adult Version of Sleeping Beauty resembled the pantomimes we used to take our children to, having a Hero, Villian, & Princess. There was a smattering of comedy, farce, and smut--some not subtle, some was.*

*I think we had some laughs, but looking around I did see some straight faces.*

*Thank you Verna for arranging this evening.*

*Submitted by Marilyn Wood*

FOR SALE--A ladies Probus vest plus long sleeved white Probus sweater..both sized Small..Please see Ted McDonald or call him @885-4764

## **THE LUNCH BUNCH**

*Our favourite tables by the windows were reserved for 25 of our lunch-bunchers at Casey's on the 24th of November. Most of us were seated by noon and promptly served with our choices from Casey's varied menu. It's fun to eat good food while joining in "stimulating" conversations all around us. Marcie and Doris will return as our hostesses in January 2012*

*Submitted by Vivian Foster*

*See you January 26th at The Culinary Affair, 448 D'Arcy Street, and the menu is:*

*Soup of the day: Potato & Leek*

*Garden salad: Is garden salad in a lemon poppyseed house dressing*

*One of the following with fries, or soup, or a garden salad for only \$9.99*

*Chicken Parmesan on a toasted ciabatta bun*

*Shaved beef with provolone cheese & carmelized onions on a toasted baguette*

*Reuben with steamed corned beef & sauerkraut on a toasted light rye*

*Quiche Florentine of fresh baked pastry filled with eggs, 2 cheeses & spinach & a garden salad*



*Or for \$12.99 Lasagna with a meat blend, 3 cheeses & tomato sauce, served with garlic bread & garden salad  
Beverage, taxes, & gratuity are extra*

*N.B. Marcie and Doris have asked that Vivian be acknowledged for all her help guiding "The Lunch Bunch" during their combined absences. Well done Vivian.*

*Recently the following was told to your editor..The individual disagreed with the use of the word "Snowbird" referring to people who flee south in the winter. Real grey and white snowbirds remain here all winter and do not fly south. The individual felt that the real snowbirds are those of us who remain here in winter and that those who take off for the south should be called "Sunbirds".*

### **COMING EVENTS by VERNA TEMPLER**

*January 14th, THIS SATURDAY, Shen Yun..We have 28 of our members going with 28 members of the Cobourg club. The bus(Franklin Bus Lines) will leave at 12:00 Noon from the back of the Lion's Centre.*

*The show is at 2:00 P.M. at the Sony Centre and dinner will follow at the Mandarin in Pickering.*

*Tickets will be given out on the bus.*

*January 26th, Thursday, Wear your plaids. We hope to celebrate Robbie Burns but perhaps in a modified form from past years.*

*February 3rd, Friday, at The Best Western Dinner Theatre is "Here on the Flight Path", another Norm Foster comedy.*

*Tickets available today and next meeting. \$40.00 each and cheques payable to the Best Western.*

*February 9th, Thursday, we will again be celebrating Valentine's Day.*

*Please bring a Valentine signed by you and we will hand them out at random for our "Mix-Up" to get to know one another better.*

*We would like to have our usual luncheon after our meeting but we need 4 volunteers to organize the event. This is an easy one--so rush to tell me you'll do it before someone gets in ahead of you. Everyone is expected to help with these events.*



*March 2nd, Friday, "Cabaret" at the Capitol Theatre. This is a Northumberland Players production.*

*Tickets available at the next meeting.*

*Shall we book the Beamish House...Please let me know.*

*May 2nd, Wednesday, "War Horse" at 1:30 P.M. at the Princess of Wales Theatre. Dinner at the Mandarin in Pickering.*

*There are 4 seats available @\$125.00 each and cheques are payable to Probus N Travel.*

*Please check at the desk to see that you have paid. Cheques may be post-dated until March 1, 2012.*

**HELP!!**

*Have you any ideas or suggestions for some different events or entertaining suggestions to make our meetings exciting?*

*Please write them down and give them to me or one of our Committee Members.*

*We want to keep this "The Best Club in Canada"(as reported by our delegates to the Inter-club Meeting in Vancouver).*

### **The Speaker's Corner...by Anne Grant**

*January 12<sup>th</sup> Lt Col. Andrew Cooke--Airforce Association & Military Life*

*January 26<sup>th</sup> Audrey Wilson--Butterfly Migration*

*February 9<sup>th</sup> Cathryn Zalhodne--CAA Travels*

*February 23<sup>th</sup> The Reverend Kevin Fast--Physical Fitness*

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