



Probus Patter

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I could not find Lynn's picture but I did find her chair

Message from Vice President Lynn

As I sit here in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina I am trying to think of what to say to you in Port Hope as you are experiencing a blustery, wintery day. If it makes you feel any better it is 48 degrees (F) here - a cold 48 degrees (F). Looking out at the ocean makes me shiver.

We are entering into February in a few days. I look at February as I looked at the last month of pregnancy - IS IT EVER GOING TO END? It is the shortest month but for some seems like the longest. I remember so well when I would visit my Mom (Doris) and my stepfather (Andy) he would have the seed catalogue out in February and be making his order for spring. I would say "Andy, isn't it a little early?" and his reply, "it will be here before you know it". So, I say to you, "spring will be here before you know it."

Having said that - don't forget to enjoy those days when the sun begins to have some warmth to it - when daylight lasts a little longer each day and _____ I leave the third one blank for you to fill....what gives you joy in February?

Lynn

On January 15th this poem was read to the Members by Owen Lent in remembrance of Donna Wakely

THE WORLD IS MINE

Today, upon a bus; I saw a very beautiful Woman

and wished I were as beautiful.

When suddenly she rose to leave,

I saw her hobble down the aisle.

She had one leg and used a crutch.

But as she passed, she passed a smile.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine,

I have two legs; the world is mine.

I stopped to buy some candy,

The lad who sold it had such charm

I talked with him, he seemed so glad.

If I were late, it'd do no harm.

And as I left, he said to me,

"I thank you, you've been so kind.

It's nice to talk with folks like you.

You see," he said, "I'm blind."

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two eyes; the world is mine

Later while walking down the street,

I saw a child I knew,

He stood and watched the others play,

but he did not know what to do.

I stopped a moment and I said,

Why don't you join them dear?"

He looked ahead without a word,

I forgot, he could not hear.

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine.

I have two ears; the world is mine.

With feet to take me where I'd go,

With eyes to see the sunset's glow,

With ears to hear what I'd know,

Oh, God, forgive me when I whine'

I've been blessed indeed, the world is mine

ROMEO's Christmas Lunch

Every Thursday, a group of gents from Port Hope and

Cobourg, who call themselves the ROMEO's, get to-

gether for lunch at the Beamish Pub in Port Hope.

Once a year, they liven things up by bringing their

"better halves" along for their Christmas Lunch! On

Dec 6th, SNAP was there to catch the fun.

Ken Scott claims to be one of those ROMEO'S!

Congratulations

News headlines from September 2012

Rick Norland, MP Northumberland-Quinte West presented Residents with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal.

(OUR VERY OWN BARB) Barb Winfield was one of those recipients. Our congratulations to Barb.

The list of Barb's achievements is long.

The one mentioned at this ceremony was:

"Barb was at the helm of the annual Access for All awareness day to show municipal officials how life is experienced by a disabled person. In recent years the event has drawn enthusiastic participation of high school students. With Barb's input into the subcommittee on transportation, Port Hope now has two fully accessible buses.'

(Article Northumberland Today)



Effective January 30 2013

Pauline Carrick,

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Email and Telephone No change



Owen Lent has been collecting stories/jokes for a very long time, however he says if any Member has a story/joke to share give him a call "So that he can keep on collecting and pulling someone's leg."



In order to conform to the Auditor's advice to have two people involved in collecting the cash from Members when paying their dues at each meeting, we are recruiting a volunteer to take on this position.

The requirement involves coming to the meeting about 8-30 am to assist the Treasurer. If you are interested please call: Robert Struthers (905 800 0969)

On January 15th. Dr. Kim Patton, Chiropractor, spoke to the meeting about her visit to Haiti in January 2012, following the devastation still existing after the earthquake two years earlier. The visit included 15 volunteers and was coordinated through Bethseda United Church. Kim's contribution was to provide chiropractic and healing to orphanage children who suffered injuries from the disaster. Kim's talk highlighted the challenges and difficulties of Haiti's Recovery.'

There is a link on Kim's web site to her blog which tells more stories about the orphanage and the children she worked with during her stay.

SPECIAL EVENTS Fun and More Fun

1. APPS & DRINKS. Thurs. 7th Feb. 4 -- 6pm. Host: Catharine Ramsey. 33 South Street Port Hope. (Opposite main doors Port Hope United Church)
2. WIZARD of OZ. Wed. 13th. March 2pm \$115 Mandarin supper included. Take a child along. Northshore trip.
3. St Patrick's Day Party, Beamish House John Street, Monday March 18, More details to follow
3. CANADIAN TENORS Thurs. 4th. April 8pm \$125 approx. No meal. Northshore trip.
4. NEW. PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TOUR. Wed. 26th June from 9am. Lakeshore Tours coach and escort. Visit: Lavender farm; distillery; Huff Estates Winery, lunch included; Black River Cheese House; Lake on the Mountain. \$88 plus \$4 optional cancellation insurance

See a brochure on the bulletin board.

SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE AT THE EVENTS TABLE

QUESTIONS? Ask Anne or Sel. Shields

To lend if needed

Our Probus Club owns about 2 dozen wine glasses; these can be loaned out to anyone for an event. Contact either Catharine Ramsey or Barb Louks

Probus Club Catering February 19 Captain Catharine Ramsey

Betty Reynolds, Liz Davidson, Shirley Kane, George Watson

March 5 Captain Barbara Moorcroft

Grace Lees, Joyce Lees, Dorothy Lent, Ruth Roy

Greeters/Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield

February 19 Barb Hawthorn, Diane Conduit

PRORAMS:

February 19: Our own Keith Pickett, with his barbershop group.

March 5 and 19 plans to be confirmed.

Newsletter items;

We would welcome ideas or suggestions from members as to what you would like to read in the Patter, this would depend on available space.

It is not possible to include all articles which are of particular interest to just some members however we could list the source of the article if you thought others might be interested.

General Recruitment in Probus Clubs

The management team have had some discussion about membership in our club and a general

Trend in the variance in the numbers in various clubs.

Get your thinking caps on ready for the February 19 meeting, Lynn will be talking about this, and

Asking for your input - ideas, suggestions etc.