



PROBUS PATTERN

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President's Message

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I hope you enjoyed the Christmas / New Year holiday period with your family and friends.

Since my last message in November, I've had the privilege of representing the Club in the laying of a wreath at the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day. The service was well attended and I did see several of our members there. This is the first time I am aware of our club participating in this service and I hope it becomes a tradition.

I received several positive comments about our Christmas Luncheon this year in relation to the change of venue and the quality of the lunch. Many thanks to Dorothy Gilmer, Doreen Rossi, Barbara Struthers and Liz Davidson for organizing the event. Additional thanks to Liz for acting as MC; she did a bang up job. The arrival of Santa Claus and his bag of gifts was also a hit!

Will the fun never stop! Anne and Sel Shields will have sign-up sheets at the January 15 and February 5 meetings for the following events:

Appies and Drinks---Thursday, February 7

Catharine Ramsey has kindly offered her lovely home, The Grange, 33 South Street for this event.

The Wizard of Oz---2 p.m. Wednesday, March 13, Ed Mirvish Theatre (Canon)

\$115 includes supper at the Mandarin. Can take a child.

This is a Northshore Probus trip.

The Canadian Tenors---8 p.m. Thursday, April 4, Roy Thomson Hall

Approximately \$125 does not include supper.

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ST.PATRICK'S DAY. After organizing several successful parties, Terry Bell is stepping aside.

MANY THANKS, TERRY, for the great times. We need a person or persons to organize this event for March. Please contact Anne or Sel Shields if you will help to continue the tradition.

Please keep in mind the MAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA, May 21, 2013---9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Keynote Speaker will be voyager Bob Abrames, a witty and masterful storyteller who lives off the grid. Cost \$25, includes lunch. Sign-up sheets will be available closer to the event.

Carolyn and I will not be able to attend the next two meetings. VP Lynne will conduct them.

Gary

Looking Back and Moving Forward

Twenty-twelve was an active year for our Probus membership with a variety of speakers at our meetings, trips to the theatre, golf tournaments, theatre, appies and drinks, car rallies, picnics and more. Are there other groups that are offshoots of our Probus Club? As I reviewed previous editions of the Patter, I wondered about the Poker Club, the Euchre Club, etc. News from such groups may be of interest to others, especially if you are interested in recruiting. Speaking of recruiting, this may be good time to think about new members for Probus. In October 2010, our then President brought our declining membership to our attention in his newsletter. There may be others that are "experiencing" Port Hope this winter and may welcome an invitation to attend our social club. For enticements, review the opportunities in Gary's Message or Keep the Date/Programs.



November 6th, Master Corporal Rick Bensch gave an emotional talk about his experiences in the Canadian Forces in which he has served for 23 years. Trained as a communications technician, Rick is currently based at CFB Trenton where he is an instructor training flight crews on complicated communication/radar systems of the Hercules transport aircraft. During his service, he has come into contact with many veterans of the Middle East theatres of operations, the trauma of which many of our troops have experienced. Rick indicated he will donate his honorarium to Seeing Eye Dogs.

Photographed on the above left are Noel Martin, Gord Woods (guest of Ken Scott), Jack Goering, Charlie Weaver and Ken Scott. and the speaker for the day, Rick Bensch

November 20, Anne and Paul Burnham gave a fascinating talk about modern day farming and the operations of their business. These include crop production, horse stables, extensive solar panel installations, and of course, Burnham's Family Farm Market where the sale of their own produce and bakery items is paired with community events intended to educate primarily younger folk about food production and conservation.

Keep the Date / Programs

January 15 Our speaker for January 15th is Kim Patton, a Port Hope chiropractor who visited Haiti following the devastating earthquake there.

Probus goes to the Movies! Ken Prue, new owner of the Northumberland Mall Movie Theatre, has made changes to provide movie buffs with a quality movie experience. He will be offering special matinees for Probus members (and friends). The first such offering is on **January 24th** at 2 p.m. with a screening of *Anna Karenina*. The theatre will not be open to the general public; Special Probus price for the movie is \$6. Ken also now owns the Cinema Cafe. You are welcome to purchase a beverage or other goodies and take them into the theatre. See you at the movies on **January 24th, 2:00 p.m!**

February 5 - Christopher Terry--'Aviation Heritage'

February 7, Thursday Appies and Drinks, Catharine Ramsey's

February 19 - Our own, Keith Pickett, with his barbershop group

April 16 - Architectural Conservancy Group - Port Hope update

June 4 - Ossie Tee --'Birds of Northumberland County'

Probus Catering, Coordinator Judy Johnson

January Captain Jeanne Keiser January 15

Betty DeLong
Marg Dillon
Murray Dillon
Bryan Sherry

February Captain Catherine Ramsay February 5

Diane Conduit
Jim Graham
Pauline Graham
Carol Payne

February 19

Betty Reynolds
Liz Davidson
Shirley Kane
George Watson

Greeters / Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield

January 15

Marg Dillon

Murray Dillon

February 5

Sel Shields

Anne Shields

February 19

Barb Hawthorn

Diane Conduit