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## ***President's Message***

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CATHARINE RAMSEY

**NEWSLETTER**  
CAROLYN WEBB



June is, indeed, a busy time of the year especially for those of us who have gardens and flowers to tend. Finally the fine weather is upon us.

On May 25<sup>th</sup> our Vice President's mother passed away. On behalf of all our members let me extend our sincere sympathy to Gary and Carolyn. It is never easy to lose a loved one.

For those of you who may have missed our second meeting in May, it was a busy one. There were 129 people present. The room seemed very full. That number is just short of our total membership. There was a great deal of friendly chatter as we welcomed forty four members of the Ganaraska Probud Club to join us. Our caterers did a super job of feeding everyone during the break. Both 50/50 draws were won by our visitors.

Our own Alan Rutherford shared with us his tour on the Amazon River. After his fascinating presentation we understood why Jeannette had not accompanied him! This trip is not for everyone.

The afternoon of entertainment, on May 6<sup>th</sup>, by Lynn Liddell and her family, at the Capitol Theatre was enjoyed by several Probudians. There was a full house. We are proud to have such talent in our midst. It was a great afternoon, Lynn.

Also since my last letter to you we should congratulate Barb Winfield on two counts. Firstly her team of "Mighty Majestics" at the M.S. Walk in May brought in \$10,430.00. They also won first prize for being the best dressed team there. Secondly a big thank you to Barb for hosting another spring "Appies and Drinks" at her beautiful home.

Unfortunately I shall not be here for the picnic but I am sure that you will all have a great time because you always do.

As promised in my last letter I said that I would list the positions on the Management Committee that need to be filled. They are: Vice President (preferably a woman), Treasurer, Membership, Program, Special Events and Newsletter Editor. Please do not hesitate to inquire about the required responsibilities.

I'll see you in July. In the meantime enjoy your summer.

*Barb*

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**MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>**

**BRUCE WILLIAMSON  
TEACHING IN BORNEO – MALAYSIA**



Bruce went to Borneo in 1968 as a young lad of 22 to serve with the Canadian University Services Overseas (CUSO) and taught for three years in a Government Secondary School. Teachers and 400 to 500 students shared accommodations in a building similar to a long hut.

Supported by beautiful videos Bruce gave us a very interesting talk about Borneo. With a rainfall that can be as much as 150" per year and temperatures of 30 to 35 degrees Celsius it seems natural that Borneo would have the tallest rain forest. Inside this forest lives the popular orang-utans and smallest elephant – the pygmy elephant as well as over 2,500 species of orchids and abundant wild life.

Oil, logging, tourism – especially eco-tourism - are the mainstays of the economy. Borneo has entered the 21<sup>st</sup> century with tremendous energy so there are cities with skyscrapers and many modern facilities which appeals to some yet there are those who while not resisting the 21<sup>st</sup> century find that they can live happily with a blending of old and new.

Now in retirement Bruce is an active member of the Pineridge Hiking Club and serves on the boards of Friend of Music and Port Hope United Church

**MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JOINT MEETING WITH THE GANARASKA CLUB  
AL RUTHERFURD  
MY JOURNEY UP THE AMAZON**

It seems May was the month for us to visit foreign and exotic destinations without leaving home. This week our own Al Rutherford by way of excellent video took us along on his voyage up the Amazon River. This is probably a trip many of us would like to make but more likely from the deck of a luxurious cruise liner as opposed to Al's rather small boat. Just by chance we received a mailing from Princess Cruises today - their 2013 sailing to this area besides being very expensive is almost sold out – interior rooms still available

We had the opportunity to see how the Ameri Indians live along this mighty river in several villages some distance apart - definitely the quickest and the safest way of communication is by boat.

Located on the equator temperatures range 25-30 Celsius plus very high humidity making for really uncomfortable heat for those from the cooler climates. The average annual rainfall is 120" but luckily for Al he experienced only a small amount but did feel the full effect of heat and humidity which made sleeping sometimes quite uncomfortable – more so as mosquito netting had to be used



Living so close to such a mighty river – in some cases literally on the river – fish forms a large part of the diet. As said the videos were great so we got to see the deadly piranha up close in action with another fish – dreadful. This fish is not a part of the menu for obvious reasons!

### **THINKING OF VOLUNTEERING BUT NOT SURE**

Are you thinking of volunteering for a position on the Management Committee but not sure of the duties? Then have a chat with any member of the Nominating Committee – Barbara Loucks, Gary Webb and Bill Minion – they will be pleased to give you all the information you need.

### **APPIES AND DRINKS**

#### **CATHARINE RAMSEY – APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>**

It was a lovely afternoon for hosting Appies and Drinks. There were twenty five Probians in attendance and enough food for an an army – although Catharine was put out at missing out on the cake!

Apologies to the couple who knocked on the door and got no reply – even her ever vigilant Yorkie did not hear you.

Catharine was having such a good time she forgot (how could she) to take photos. This was her second time hosting this event and if she had her way she would do so more often as she truly enjoys having Probians to her home. Thank you Catharine!!

#### **BARBARA WINFIELD – MAY 22<sup>ND</sup>**

Another great get together although much to everyone’s disappointment the weather did not meet their hopes to enjoy Barbara’s lovely property again.

During the periods of light drizzle several of us sat under the awning on the deck and did what Probians do best – talked up a storm while making trips back and forth to help themselves to more of the large spread of tempting food.

Thank you Barbara for hosting this event for the second time and you can be sure that despite the weather everyone had a wonderful time.

### **UPCOMING**

Robert and Barbara Struthers have offered to host “Appies and Drinks” in August – no firm date yet. Several others have said they are also willing to do so and dates are being discussed. It looks as if this event is definitely one that will keep on going.

This is really great as everyone truly enjoys these informal get togethers which gives us a great chance to meet other members. If you haven’t yet attended one of these please think about coming – you will likely enjoy.

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#### **MAY 15<sup>TH</sup> – JOINT MEETING WITH THE GANARASKA CLUB**

This event turned out to as successful as last years. Over 40 members attended from our “sister” club. Since many members of both Clubs know each other it was a real meet and greet event.

Al Rutherford gave his very interesting presentation on his trip along the Amazon.

A very nice lunch was provided by the Catering Committee which was really enjoyed by everyone.

Now we look forward to receiving an invitation to visit with them for another fun event.

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

- JUNE 12** ANNUAL PICNIC – ADAMSON COMPOUND  
CO-ORDINATOR – DOROTHY GILMER
- OCTOBER 3** CRUISE FROM PORT SEVERN TO THE BIG CHUTE MARINE RAILWAY  
CO-ORDINATOR – EDITH CARR
- SEPTEMBER 18** ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**PROGRAMS FRASER CARR and SHIRLEY KANE**

- JUNE 5** Terry Bell  
A Glimpse of Africa
- JULY 17** Amy McGillvary  
What the Ruth Clarke Center Offers You

**CATERING - ANNE SHIELDS**

- JUNE 5** **CAPTAIN ALAN BUTLER**  
Marion and Doug Gellatly, Pauline and Jim Graham
- JULY 17** **CAPTAIN ANNE BROWN**  
Maggie Snow, Julie Cotter, Sel Shields, Carole Payne
- AUGUST 21** **CAPTAIN BONNIE REID**  
Bryan Sherry, Joan McIntosh, Terry Bell, Jeanne Kaiser

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**IMPORTANT NOTICE RE THE ANNUAL PICNIC**

**Please bring your ticket**

**Please use just one plate for the buffet – by all means go back for seconds but use the same plate. The caterers charge us by plate count so if you use two dinner plates then we get charged extra.**

**This year we are going to have a “WHITE ELEPHANT TABLE”. We are asking you to bring an article – small preferably – that you would like to donate for sale. No decision yet on what we will do with the money received but promise it will be for some fun event for the members.**

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**SUMMER MEETING DATES TO REMEMBER**

- JUNE 12th**
- JULY 17th**
- AUGUST 21st**
- NORMAL MEETING DATES RESUME SEPTEMBER 4th**



*Appies and Drinks at Barb Winfield's on May 22*

Bill Minion with hostess Barb Winfield





*Joint Meeting with the Ganaraska Club May 15*



We begin to set-up



They arrive!



We enjoy talking.....and drinking coffee



Enjoyable talking is .....still going on!