



# The Beacon



## Newsletter of the Brighton Probud Club

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## President's Message



### GRANDMA'S APRON

The principal use of Grandma's apron was to protect the dress underneath because she only had a few and because it was easier to wash aprons than dresses and aprons required less material. But along with that, it served as a potholder for removing hot pans from the oven.

It was wonderful for drying children's tears, and on occasion was even used for cleaning out dirty ears.

From the chicken coop, the apron was used for carrying eggs, fussy chicks, and sometimes half-hatched eggs to be finished in the warming oven.

When company came, those aprons were ideal hiding places for shy kids.

And when the weather was cold, Grandma wrapped it around her arms.

Those big old aprons wiped many a perspiring brow, bent over the hot wood stove. Chips and kindling wood were brought into the kitchen in that apron.

From the garden, it carried all sorts of vegetables. After the peas had been shelled, it carried out the hulls.

In the autumn, the apron was used to bring in apples that had fallen from the trees.

When unexpected company drove up the road, it was surprising how much furniture that old apron could dust in a matter of seconds.

When dinner was ready, Grandma walked out onto the porch, waved her apron, and the men folk knew it was time to come in from the fields to dinner.

It will be a long time before someone invents something that will replace that 'old-time apron' that served so many purposes.

Grandma used to set her hot baked apple pies on the windowsill to cool. Her granddaughters set theirs on the windowsill to thaw.

The Govt. would go crazy now trying to figure out how many germs were on that apron.

I don't think I ever caught anything from an apron- but love...

**Jean**

PS: Do you think our kids know what an "apron" is?

## PROBUS SOCIAL NEWS

**Sunday, June 9, 2013.** Military Tattoo in Hamilton. The 32-seater bus is now full! Meals not included. **Note – bus leaves the parking lot behind the Legion at 8:00am.**

**Wednesday, July 10, 2013.** Annual picnic to be held at Pine Ridge Golf Course. Games and golf at 1:00pm with with supper to follow at 5:00pm. Interest sheet available.

**Sunday, August 11, 2013.** Lunch at noon followed by “Hollywood Sings” – hit songs from the movies we all know and love - at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope. Cost \$51 per person. 40 tickets have been prebooked. Sign up will begin in June

**Thursday, September 5, 2013.** Boat cruise in Kingston with a possible visit to Fort Henry for supper and the sunset ceremony. More details to follow.

**Friday, September 27, 2013.** We have 100 tickets for the Michael Tremblay Show at the Best Western in Cobourg. A minimum of 25 people are needed for a meal to be served. Cost for theatre \$32; theatre plus lunch \$57 (a minimum of 30 needed). There will NOT be a bus. More information to follow.

**October 2013.** Car Rally. The route has been planned – we will advise date later.

**Wednesday, October 9, 2013 – Oktoberfest!** This event will be in conjunction with our regular meeting. Enjoy sausage, oompah music, and much more! Further details later.

**November 1 and 29, 2013.** Back by popular demand – Loyalist luncheons!

**Friday, December 6, 2013.** Christmas dinner at Timber Ridge Golf & Country Club, with a live band - *Reasons*.

## PROGRAM

**TODAY - Wednesday, May 22, 2013.**

The Movie Years in Trenton – Peggy Dymond Leavey will talk to us about the “stars” and movies made in Trenton in the 1917-1934’s.

**Wednesday, June 12, 2013.** Anne Rayner talks about her book Clara’s Rib, the true story of her sister with TB.

**Wednesday, June 26, 2013.** Brett Crawford of Research Castings International in Trenton where they “build” dinosaurs.

## INTEREST GROUPS

### **Bid Euchre**

New Members welcome  
Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday 1:30pm  
Anglican Church Hall  
*Linda Barker* 613-827-0819  
*Diane Frye* 905-355-2307

### **Chapter One Book Club**

1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month 10:00am  
*Lin Barker* 613-475-6142

**Scrabble Club** Scrabble will resume after the golf season!

**Single Diners** (New members welcome. Must be single and a member of the Probus Club.) Please contact *Helen Anthony* 613-475-1304 or *Marion McIlveen* 613-475-2202 if you are interested in joining the group for a social time and a meal.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Linda Jenson  
Carol Lefont  
Mary Lou Parkinson

## EARLY REMINDER

**An early reminder that your Probus membership will expire at the end of August!**

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

If you have a community event that you wish to be announced at Probus meetings, please contact Rose ahead of time at 475-2665.

**Wednesday, May 22, 2013**

**The Apple Route Grannies, Brighton**  
Annual Bridge/Euchre Card Party & Lunch  
Trinity St. Andrews Church Hall  
12noon – 3:30pm \$15 each  
Find a 4-some!

**Friday, May 24, 2013-05-17**

**Royal Canadian Legion**  
Pub night with a schnitzel dinner 6-7pm  
\$12  
DJ Frank Blanchet

**Saturday, May 25, 2013**

**Royal Canadian Legion**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Silent Auction  
noon-6pm  
Something for everyone!  
Meat draw and 50/50 draw

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**

**Brighton By the Bay Garage Sale**  
8am – noon

**Saturday & Sunday, June 1 & 2, 2013**  
**Doors Open Northumberland - over 25**  
**cultural and heritage venues**

In Brighton check out Brighton Inn, Memory Junction, Proctor House and Trinity-St. Andrews Church

For information on other locations, days and times, check out

<http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/northumberland>

**Saturday, June 1, 2013**

**Presqu'ile Point Lighthouse Preservation Society**

Fundraiser Gala evening 6:30-9:30pm King Edward Community Centre \$50 plus Silent Auction, etc.

**The following is reprinted from the Beacon of June 2003.**

Did you know?

Someone once told me that Membership in every organization is made up of 4 kinds of bones.

There are *wishbones* who spend their time wishing someone else would do the work. There are *jawbones* who do all the talking but very little else.

Next are the *knucklebones* who knock everything anyone tries to do.

Finally, there are the *backbones* who get under the load and do the work.

## HELP WANTED – BACKBONES!

We are looking for a **Secretary** for our general meetings and management meetings. This is a job that could be shared with another member. For further information, please contact our current Secretary, Mike Pearson, at 475-4242 or Mary Waddell at 475-9003.

The Program Committee is also looking for more volunteers to bring new and fresh ideas. Men are also welcome! Please contact Pat Brearley 475-0631 or Sheila Waters 475-2357.

Two more people needed sometime during the winter when the folks who look after the 50/50 draw go south. See Mary Waddell please.

