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Probus Club of Colborne

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Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September through June at the Keeler Centre in Colborne (unless otherwise designated by the current executive)

2012-13 Executive

President	Barry McQuillin
Vice President	Diane Dycke
Secretary	Shirley Ross
Treasurer	Alan Cullum
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Committees

Speakers	Eileen Milley
Membership	Alan Cullum
Social	Martin
Blackshaw	
Coming events	Mary Lee
Sunshine	Heather McElroy
Welcome	MJ/Bill Doherty
Bowling	Gord McArthur
Coffee	Carol McArthur Heather McElroy
Quartermaster	Al Mackie
Car Rally 2013	Doug Galt
In Touch Editor	Sue McQuillin

From the President's Perch



Greetings from Myrtle Beach,

A very special thank you to Vice President Diane Dycke, Secretary Shirley Ross, and Treasurer Alan Cullum for rallying around and making sure that the Probus Club of Colborne has lived up to its reputation of being the place that you have to be on the first and third Wednesday of every month. From all reports, the meetings in March gave you two great speakers and such colourful activities that you didn't even know that the President was missing. True signs of a solid management team and a promise of what to expect in the next year for Probus.

Now that I have let the cat out of the bag, Sue and I were missing from the March meetings. Please don't dock our pays. We are in Myrtle Beach SC walking and reading on the beach, having the odd wobbly pop on the patio (odd ones only once but old favourites more frequently), playing amazing rounds of miniature golf, visiting with some friends from Oshawa and Colborne, and just generally letting the batteries recharge. I think that I can now make it through the next few months as your President and try to maintain the high standards of excellence that my predecessors have established.

Well now, are you ready to strut your stuff on April 3rd? Bring in your hobbies, collections, and what you do to keep yourself busy in your retirement years plus help to try to educate your fellow Probians. We have a truly amazing group of members who have skills and talents galore and are willing to share on this date. We may even have a chance to vote on the member with the most unique skill or talent to stimulate you so that you may never, ever spend a day in the rest of your life bored or not challenged. For those who wish to swap or sell some of their products/produce/collections, the rest of us should bring lots of cash.

At the anniversary luncheon on April 17, prepare to have a great luncheon and a fantastic speaker. Peter Boos will regale us with funny stories about the insurance industry and we will honour the 13 members who are celebrating both the launch and 10 years service to Probus in Colborne. Friends and visitors are welcome to help us celebrate this milestone.

Well, see you next month. We will be the people with the tans. Barry

HAPPY EASTER

March 6

Our speaker was Audrey Wilson. She is a specialist in the tagging of Monarch Butterflies. She has been tagging Monarch's since 1959. She helped start the tagging program. A Monarch Butterfly will lay eggs under the leaves of our milkweed plants. It takes about four days for the eggs to hatch. The caterpillar eats the milkweed in order to grow. It will split its skin and have another skin underneath. It grows from 1/4 in. to 1 in. in 20 days. It attaches itself and starts the metamorphosis process. A Monarch Butterfly has a life span of about six weeks. There are four generations that are born here. The fourth generation has a different life: It is born in September and it is this generation that migrates to Mexico and Texas. The tagging is put close to the body of the butterfly on the wing. The Monarch Butterflies flies about 4,000 - 5,000 kilometers. A student tagged a Monarch Butterfly a few years ago and the tagged Butterfly was found 32 days later in Texas. Ontario's tagged Monarch's have been located in Mexico. Audrey could have talked longer as we were all very interested.



Helping Audrey-Eileen, Audrey, Doug, and Diane



Top o' the mornin' to you, Diane



Thelma - Irish?



Judi, Bob, and Louise in their green finery.

Share the wealth - Muriel Todd won \$28.50.

March 20

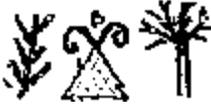
We were supposed to come to Probus in spring hats and spring clothing, BUT it was so cold and snowy that we needed warmer clothes.

We were very pleased to welcome Bob Lee back after his mishap.

(March 20 continued)

Our speaker was Vicki Catton, who designs Ukrainian Easter eggs, a tradition passed down from her parents. The Eastern Europe families made these eggs and took them to Church to be blessed. The first egg decorating tool was a chicken bone. The marrow was removed and the wax was poured inside. The correct word for these eggs is called Pysanka (pronounced PISS-N-CAW). Each egg has a story and every egg has a line on it representing soul.

The symbol we all want to remember and use (on everything) is the one for eternal youth, long life, and good

health. 

A note of wisdom from Vicki is that Ukrainian Easter is May 5th and spring will not come till then.



Vicki with one of her eggs.



Clare checking Vicki's Easter Eggs.



Suzie in her spring pastels.

Share the Wealth - Martin Blackshaw won \$25.50

**Many thanks to Louise Blackshaw who took notes for me for the last two meetings.
And just as many thanks to Bonnie Hilliard who provided the photographs for this issue.**

Probus Bowling Gang

At our final outing for the season, there were 17 enthusiastic bowlers ready to "strut their stuff". We welcomed Mary and Bob Lee back after Bob's misadventure in February. He played one full game and part of game two before submitting to fatigue. We also welcomed Bob McNutt to the gang and he appeared to really enjoy himself. The results of the day saw Muriel Todd as Top Lady with a 391 combined and a 130 average over three games and 2 strikes followed by Diane Dycke 362/121 and 2 strikes and Doris Noakes 352/117 and 2 strikes. The Top Male Bowler and first overall was Martin Noakes 434/ 144 and 5 strikes then Gord 419/140 and 5 strikes with Martin Blackshaw 412/137 and 4 strikes.

To all those members that participated in these monthly events and the Northumberland Tournament held in February, a sincere Thank You. See you next year!

Respectfully submitted
Gord McArthur

Upcoming Probus Events

April 3 - Hobby Day - please bring your hobbies and collection to share with fellow Probians.

April 17 - Anniversary Lunch - Members \$10, non-members \$15. Speaker-Peter Boos - General Insurance Adjuster and Ombudsman.

May 1 - Dan Welch - Bluebird boxes.

May 15 - Jim DeVinney – Food Safety and Quality Control.

May 21 - May Day Extravaganza - Keeler Centre - 9 am.

Community Events

April 5 and 19 - Lunch at Salem Church

April 27 - Appreciation Tea - Old St. Andrew's Church 2 - 4pm

Lectures *The Learning Connection's Spring Series – On Truth and "Truthiness"*

6 consecutive Thursday evenings at 7:30, starting March 28

First lecture - Martin Friedland on Truth in the Criminal Justice System

Columbia Community Center in Cobourg

A note from the coffee committee

Heather and I would like to express our appreciation to the 'Coffee Gang'. Diane Dycke, Eileen Milley, Sue McQuillin, Doris Noakes and Louise Blackshaw have faithfully worked to make our members and guests happy Probus mornings. There are only two dates still needing volunteers - August 21 and September 18. **Men can make coffee and tea too!!**

Carol McArthur and Heather McElroy

Probus Canada Head Office Tid Bits

Probus Canada has rewritten their bylaws to comply with the "Not for Profit" corporation changes and have sent the revised bylaws to all clubs for input and/or acceptance. This does not impact the bylaws of Colborne Probus.

Harold Miller of the Gananoque Probus Club has been elected by acclamation to the position of Director of Probus Canada, Ontario District Number One for a 3 year term.

THE LAST WORD

An old Chinese proverb states, "If we don't change the direction we are headed, we will end up where we are going."

May in Touch Deadline – April 24, 2013

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