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**Probus Club of Colborne**

**April 2014**

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PROBUS CANADA WEBSITE [www.probus.org](http://www.probus.org)

Check us out at [www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com) or call 905-344-1340

**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)**

## 2013-14 Executive

President	Diane Dycke
Vice President	Martin Blackshaw
Secretary	Shirley Ross
Treasurer	Alan Cullum
Past President	Barry McQuillin

### Committees

Membership	Alan Cullum
Greeters	Bob & Louise McNutt
Entertainment	Martin & Louise Blackshaw , Diane Dycke
Speakers Chair	Eileen Milley
Sunshine	Kris Rahn
Setup	Al Mackie
Bowling	Gord McArthur
Community events	Carol McArthur
Liaison	Dorothy McKinney
Newsletter	Sue McQuillin



### From the President's Perch

Let us celebrate. Today is the first day of spring! It is not too warm but patches of grass are popping up from under all that ice and snow.

I would like to thank Gord McArthur for organizing our bowling again this year. The weather wasn't always co-operative and our numbers sometimes low but for those who participated a good time was had by all.

Our club has been cordially invited to the **2014 Spring Fling**, hosted by the Ottawa-Rideau Valley PROBUS Club to be held May 27, 2014 at the Orchard View Conference Centre in Greely. For those interested in attending, the flyer with all the pertinent details will be available at our next meeting April 2, 2014.

In the last PROBUS newsletter the following request was made by the president of PROBUS Canada: "For promotional and recognition reasons, and just plain pride in our organization, the Board of Directors respectfully requests that from now on any reference to our organization in any written or printed form that our name be capitalized."

Diane

# HAPPY EASTER

## March 5

Our speaker was Stan Isherwood who spoke about the Cobourg Museum Foundation.

The first settlers arrived here in 1798. The building that now houses the Cobourg Museum is thought to be a garrison building built in 1812-1813, but this cannot be confirmed.

In 2012 when the Museum opened they showed pictures and articles from about 175 years ago when Cobourg became a town.

In 2013 they focused on Transportation History. A model train running the length of the property was constructed to represent the Rice Lake run.

In 2014 they will be doing the Military History of the area. They are open from May to October.



Stan Isherwood

We also celebrated St Patrick's Day! Who would have thought our PROBUS club had so many Irishmen?



Bob and Louise McNutt



Carol McArthur, Judi Eakins, Velma Robinson



Happy birthday Martin Blackshaw! (Seen here with family, son-in-law Martin, wife Doris, and daughter Louise.)

## March 19

Dan Buchanan returned to speak to us about the sinking of the famous HMS Speedy. The Speedy was built in 1798 at Kingston as a British Gunboat.

It was built of green pine because the builders did not have time to cure the wood in those days and the ships were expected to last only 6 years. The HMS Speedy left York (now Toronto) on Oct. 7, 1804 with 22 important passengers who were going to a court case in the Newcastle District (currently Presqu'ile Provincial Park). A winter storm on Lake Ontario sank the HMS Speedy and all 22 on board. After this incident it was decided that Newcastle District was not a safe place to have a court house! Isa Burnham donated land in 1805 for a court house in Amherst which today is Cobourg.

The site of the HMS Speedy may have been found by Ed Burt. He is 99.99% certain that the articles on the lake bottom are those of the HMS Speedy but the laws will not allow him to touch anything.



President Diane with Dan Buchanan

## Upcoming PROBUS Events

**Wed. April 2** - Regular meeting – speaker – Ewa Berdnarczuk – 7 Natural Wonders of the Lower Trent Conservation Authority (*editor's note – I want to be there to hear this name spoken!*)

**Wed. April 16** - Regular meeting – Anniversary Luncheon – Cost \$5.00. **The luncheon Committee needs to know by April 11 if you will be attending!**

**Wed. April 23** – Bowling, 10:00 am, Presqu'ile Lanes, Brighton

## Community Events

**CCN Colborne Office:** needs volunteers for office work (answering phone calls, making safety phone calls, booking transportation) or Friendly Visiting; call 905-355-2989

**Tue March 25:** Ontario Waterway Cruises presentation at Best Western in Cobourg at 9:30 am.

**Fri March 28:** Heritage United Church, Salem: Soup Lunch 11:30 – 1 pm; \$5 per lunch payable at the door. **Last date for 2014 is April 11!**

**Sat March 29:** Northumberland Diabetes Expo at Cobourg Lions Centre 10 am – 4 pm.

**Tue April 10 and Thur April 12:** start of a second series of free classes for Falls Prevention for at risk seniors led by a physiotherapist; preregistration for the 12 week course with Community Care Northumberland, Colborne office 905-355-2989.

**Sat April 19:** Float Your Fanny Down the Ganny, Port Hope. Watch local papers and news for any date change due to late spring.

**Westben Arts Festival Theatre:** 15th Anniversary Season; information and tickets at 705-653-5508.

**Wed May 14:** Canadian Federation of University Women Scholarship Luncheon at Cobourg Lions Community Centre 12 noon with speaker Sheila Fraser, Auditor General of Canada 2001 -2011. Tickets are \$60 each with a \$40 tax receipt. 905-372-2210

**June 20 – 22: PROBUS** bus tour to Lancaster, Pennsylvania; \$495 per person for double occupancy. 800-387-5914

*Submitted by Carol McArthur.*

## From the Bowling Lanes

On a sunny, but cool spring morning, eight Probians gathered in Brighton for a time of Fellowship, lots of laughter and good fun. The signs of spring gave way to good scores. Our top Lady on this day was Mary Lee with a total score of 329 and 5 strikes for an average of 110, followed by Louise Blackshaw \*288/96 and 2 strikes then Carol McArthur 262/87 AND 2 strikes. The top male and top overall, ended in a tie; Martin Blackshaw\*420/140 ( 2X) , Bob McNutt 418/139( 6X) Gord 404/135 (3x), Bob Lee 362/121(4x), Martin Noakes \*359/120(3X).

The\* denotes average of two games played added to overall scores.

*Respectfully submitted by Gord McArthur.*

## THE LAST WORD

[www.Daveswordofwisdom.com](http://www.Daveswordofwisdom.com) tells us, “There comes a time when you have to choose between turning the page and closing the book.”

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