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Probuss 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)

2013-14 Executive

President	Diane Dycke
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Committees

Membership	Alan Cullum
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Entertainment	Martin & Louise Blackshaw, Diane Dycke
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Bowling	Gord McArthur
Community events	Carol McArthur
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From the President's Perch

Well here we are again. Another year is almost over. 2013 has been a very successful year for our club. There were car trips, theatre visits, many interesting speakers, and bowling. Barry's flavour of running a meeting will always be remembered.

We lost two members, Pat and Terry but they will not be forgotten.

I am pleased to say that we have had several new members join since September and we are all looking forward to what 2014 will bring.

I would like to thank Martin & Louise Blackshaw and Shirley Ross for organizing and running our Christmas party. We definitely cannot forget to thank Santa for his visit and many words of wisdom.

In closing, please make note that **our next meeting will not be until January 15th, 2014** and that we will only have one meeting in January.

Cecil and I would like to wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Diane

**MERRY
CHRISTMAS**

November 6

Our speaker was Millie Morton who wrote a book about her Mother's life as a teacher in a one-room school house. Millie was able to sit down with her Mom and get the story about small community living and teaching in one-room schools. Our speaker Millie is a sociologist who grew up on a farm near Stirling, Ont. and also attended a one-room elementary school. The book is called Grace and is the story of her mother's early years and her life as a teacher.

Thelma Ouellette won the Share the Wealth.



Millie Morton



Velma and Wilf with the "coveted" trophy.

November 20

Our speaker today was Jeanette McDonald, a Physiotherapist. She went with a team of 18 medical and non-medical personal to Honduras. They also took a 50lb. hockey bag full of soccer balls and clothes.

Honduran homes are on stilts to lessen the invasion of bugs. The team saw 8 villages in 15 days. About 200 people were seen in each village. They have a Honduras dentist who just pulls teeth. Hondurans come to these doctor visits in their Sunday best clothes.

There is no hydro in the jungle but everyone has a phone. Coke and Pepsi are cheaper than water.

Big jugs of water are brought in for the volunteers. The ground is very swampy and the people do not wear shoes. Girls 12 and up are pregnant so the team brings birth control pills with them.

Audrey Shewan won the Share the Wealth.



Bonnie and Jeanette

Christmas Party

Our entertainer was Nelson Dennis. He played many instruments and played both Christmas and Lounge music. We played a game where you had to put on oven mitts and then take a chocolate kiss out of a bowl and unwrap it with the oven mitts still on. After accomplishing this you passed the oven mitts to the next team member. We had 5 bowls with 5 teams. The winning team got all the chocolate kisses that were left to share among themselves.

Santa did not disappoint us. He however, had to ask us if anyone is interested in a job for Christmas. Seems that now that the world is getting more crowded he is having problems getting around. He talked about the fact that children are not happy with one gift and the reindeer are having trouble pulling all this weight. We all had some good laughs about the facts and are glad the young children are not yet too smart to put two and two together.

Judi Eakins won the Share the Wealth.

We all had fun. The following pictures prove it!





Upcoming Probus Events

Wed. Jan. 12 - next regular meeting - speaker - Duncan Armstrong - JFK Memorabilia

Wed. Jan. 29 - Bowling at Presqu'ile Lanes in Brighton - 10:00am

Wed. Feb. 5 - Regular meeting - speaker - TBA

Wed. Feb. 19 - Regular meeting - speaker - TBA

Wed. Feb. 26 - Bowling at Presqu'ile Lanes in Brighton - 10:00am

Community Events

Mon. – Fri. weekly: 9 – 11 am 'Walk at the Keeler Centre'.

Tue. Dec. 10: 2014 Memory Tree at Colborne's Downey Pharmacy 10 am – 2 pm.

Thurs. Dec. 12 Sun Dec 15: Brighton Barn Theatre "Christmas Show".

Fri. Dec. 13: Heritage United Church, Salem: Soup Lunch 11:30 – 1 pm; \$5 per lunch payable at the door.

Sat. Dec. 14, Sun Dec 15 and Wed Jan 1: Christmas Bird Count Port Hope/Cobourg or Presqu'ile.

Sun. Dec. 15: Carolling with the Donkeys at Primrose Donkey Sanctuary 1 – 4 pm.

Mon. Dec. 16: Cameco Capitol Arts Centre presents Royal Ballet in HD "Nutcracker".

Fri. Dec. 20: Concert Hall at Victoria Hall, Cobourg "Preservation Hall Jazz Band" 8pm.

Sun. Dec. 22: Concert Hall at Victoria Hall "Concert Band of Cobourg" 2 & 7 pm.

Mon. Dec. 23, Fri Dec 27: Free Skating sponsored by Tim Horton's at Keeler Centre.

Sat. Dec. 28: Community Care Northumberland presents 'An Afternoon of Humour' with readings and music at 2:30pm Port Hope United Church; tickets \$20 adults, \$10 teenagers; children under 13 free. Benefit for CCN's Hospice Palliative Care Program.

Tue. Dec. 31 New Year's Dinner & Dance (with Sawmill Road) at Colborne Legion; \$75 per couple, \$40 single.

Fri. Jan. 3, 17 & 31: Heritage United Church, Salem: Soup Lunches 11:30 – 1 pm; \$5 per lunch payable at the door.

Jan. 24 – Feb. 9: Northumberland Players present "Calendar Girls".

FROM THE BOWLING LANES

November 27, 2013

Winter has arrived, dumping 6 cm. of snow on Colborne and surrounding area, but that did not deter 13 members from enjoying the opening round of bowling for 2013-14 season. We welcomed two new members to the ranks; Ted Pedlar and David Miller.

The group serenaded Velma Robinson as she celebrated her (?) birthday today.

The results of the day saw Velma Robinson as our Top Lady Bowler with a combined 365 and a 122 average over three games with 3 strikes, followed by Louise Blackshaw 324/108 and 1 strike and Cathy Galt 322/107 and 1 strike. The top male bowler and 1st overall was Martin Blackshaw with a combined 462/154 and 5 strikes, followed by Gord 381/127 and 4 strikes, Bob Lee 348/116 and 4 strikes.

Congratulations to ALL who participated.

Our next date, January 29, 2014.

Respectfully submitted
Gord McArthur

THE LAST WORD

Today's final word comes from Lao Tzu. "If you are depressed, you are living in the past.
If you are anxious, you are living in the future.
If you are at peace, you are living in the present."

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