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JUNE APPS & DRINKS

Elaine Simmons hosted the Apps and Drinks event on June 19th at her home in Newcastle. As always, it was a lovely social afternoon enjoying a cool drink or two and the many different appetizers.



Barbara O’Kane, Elaine Simmons and Cathy Finlayson



Liam O’Kane and Roy Finlayson

Your Probuss Calendar

July 11	Probuss Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Dixie Allen will talk about her hiking trip in Iceland.
July 25	Apps & Drinks at Michelle & Bill Langevin’s home: 68 Cavan Street, Port Hope from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Limit: 30. Bring lawn chairs.
Aug 8	Probuss Meeting at the Town Park Recreation Centre at 9:30 a.m. Speaker: Debra McCarthey will talk on Alzheimer’s.
Aug 15	Apps & Drinks at the home of Joan & Mike O’Grady: 50 Huffman Avenue, Port Hope from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Aug 22	Picnic 11.30 a.m. at Irwin’s Farm (<i>please don’t come earlier – we’ll be busy setting up</i>). Members \$15, guests \$17. Entry to picnic by ticket only. Bring lawnchair, bug spray, hat. Prize for best decorated hat.
Sept 12	AGM at Ganaraska Forest Centre. Cost \$6.00. 9.30 a.m. breakfast of pancakes, sausages, fruit, beverages followed by AGM which should take about 20 minutes. Then enjoy our guest speaker, Peggy Dymond Leavey, who will be speaking about the life of Laura Secord. Peggy is an author of a biography of Laura Secord.
Sept 19	Drive and Dine (formerly known as the Car Rally) – \$15 for members, \$17 for guests. Limit: 60 people. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at a location to be announced. The event will end with a delicious lunch starting at noon. Sign-up sheet at July and August meetings Consider car pooling to add to the fun!

GOLF TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Winning Team:	Gail & Gary Chadwick and Lynda & Bruce Britton
Most Honest Team:	Hugh Parker, Linda Goldie and Barry & Penny McMahan
Closest to Line:	Men – Liam O’Kane Women – Julie Rondeau
Closest to Pin:	Bruce Britton
Mini Putt:	Willy Jakobi
Most honest mini putt:	Dorothy Giddings

Bring your cheque book. Mike O’Grady is collecting Annual Membership Dues.



Current members - \$40.00
New members - \$60.00

Special Note: Should you wish to bring a new member, they can participate free of charge until our first meeting in September



ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament was held on June 17th at Ashbrook Golf and Country Club followed by a lovely dinner. Many thanks to Ray Williams, Gail & Gary Chadwick and Sam Rawson for organizing this very successful event. Thanks also to Diane Haynes' husband who donated all the golf ball prizes for the tournament.



Lynda & Bruce Britton – Are we having fun yet?



Gail Chadwick



Carolyn Williams and Penny McMahon



Ray Williams patiently waiting while Gary Chadwick wishes Ron Frizzell good luck



It is with great sadness that we pass on news of the passing of one of our members, John Boughen. John enjoyed his time with us at Probus and he was a featured speaker at one of our meetings a few years ago when he spoke to us about his family's farm. He was very active in the agricultural community and this year was awarded a Civic Award by the Municipality of Port Hope for his work in promoting agriculture. He will be missed by his wife Meredith, who is also a member of our club, and his family and friends, as well as all of us at Probus

DOCTOR BARNARDO

Garry and Betty did a wonderful job of bringing this piece of history to life through story telling and pictures. And this was important to them as they are both descended from Barnardo children, their mother and grandmother respectively.

We learned that John Thomas Barnardo was born in Ireland in 1845 and moved to East London at the age of 20 to become an Evangelical Christian and train as a medical missionary with the intent to go to China. Upon arrival he lived in one of the poorest sections of London, and saw much poverty and illness and where most people died before the age of 20. Due to poor sanitation a cholera epidemic broke out and Barnardo worked on the streets and in the nearby hospital helping in any way he could. This aided his decision to stay in London to help the poor.

Barnardo set up his first Ragged School in 1867 in an old donkey stable and began giving basic education to children and adults. He soon started allowing children to sleep in the stable and it grew from there to opening many more homes with financial support from Anthony Ashley Cooper, the 7th Lord Shaftesbury, many government programs, the Church of England, wealthy men and women who believed in his cause plus Charles Dickens and a wealthy banker by the name of Robert Barclay. With these monies Barnardo opened his first "Home" in 1870 and his first home for girls in 1876.

Many more homes were opened and children were brought to him by the churches, police, courts, destitute parents, word-of-mouth, and by employees and volunteers walking the streets of London at night. After guardians signed the "Full Agreement with Canada/Australia Clauses" it gave Barnardo custody and permission to send children to Canada to give them a fresh start on their lives.

At the time Thomas John Barnardo died in 1905, he had opened over 200 boys and girls homes, 50 orphanages, homes for the sick and crippled, several homes that boarded out babies of unmarried mothers and a naval training school. These covered England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

His work is carried on to this day.



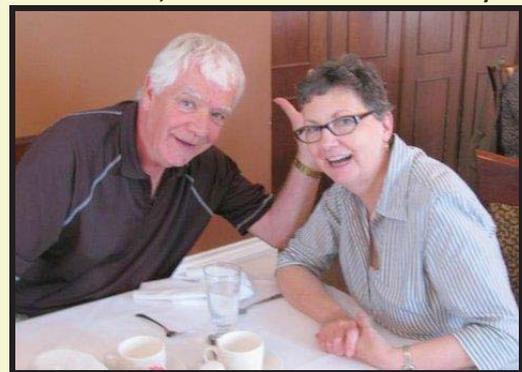
Betty & Garry Curtis

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch was enjoyed at the Woodlawn in Cobourg after our June 27th meeting. Thanks to Maggie Colborne for organizing.



Leslie Ewert, Helen Hannah and Joan O'Grady



Cathy & Roy Finlayson

SENIOR MOMENT

Yes, I certainly had a senior moment when I wrongly attached Bill Langevin's name to Mike Jenkins in the picture below on page 2 of the June newsletter. Perhaps too many drinks and not enough apps?? Apologies to both gentlemen.



Anthony Skinner, Willy Jakobi and Mike Jenkins

THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

It's bad news when you get to an age where your back goes out more often than you do.

RUTH CLARKE CENTRE

Our guest speaker for our June 13th meeting was Amy MacGillivray, Senior Program Coordinator for the Ruth Clarke Activity Centre. She charmed us with her upbeat attitude – and the chocolate bars she brought didn't hurt either.

The Centre, located at 81 Mill St. South, operates from Monday to Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The minimum age is 55 but exceptions may be allowed for a younger spouse, companion or friend of a member, and new members are always welcome. Membership cost is \$10 per year, and runs from September 1st to August 31st.

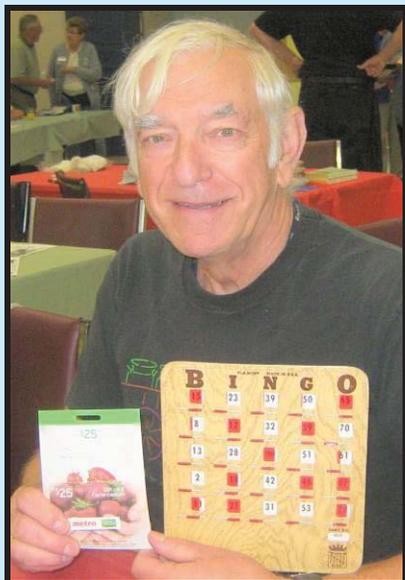
Founded in 1959, the centre was named after Ruth Clarke, a previous resident of Port Hope who was a reeve and a teacher.

Activities in the centre are varied and include, but are not limited to: Tai Chi, euchre, bid euchre, card lessons, cribbage, darts, chess, bingo, "Busy Hands" puzzles, backgammon, scrabble, Texas Hold'em poker, bridge, canasta, a variety of organized trips, BBQ's, foot care, painting and drawing workshops and a garden for those that want to get growing.

Amy finished off her presentation with a game of bingo and Ron Smith was the winner.



Lynda Britton thanking Amy MacGillivray



Bingo winner -
Ron Smith



MORE FUN IN THE SUN

The euchre group wrapped up the season with a closing party in Betty & Garry Curtis's lovely backyard on June 20th. Thanks go out to Garry & Betty not only for hosting this event, but also for all their hard work organizing the group throughout the year. The group will look forward to starting euchre again in September.



Garry & Betty Curtis



Frank Henderson, Bruce Britton and Maggie Colborne



Nice brollie! Joan O'Grady, Marion Griffin and Lois Meadows with Zoe under the chair looking for lunch

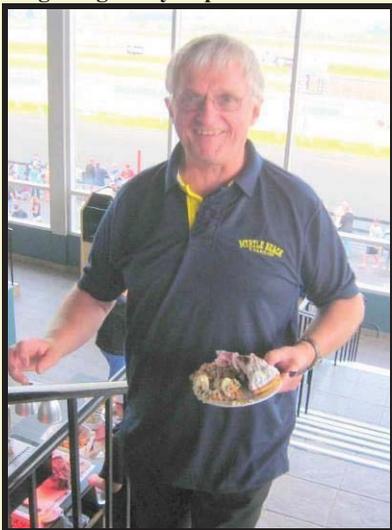


GIDDY UP HORSEY!!

Steve Snell organized a great evening for our Rovers at Kawartha Downs on June 22. Some winners, some losers but everyone had a wonderful time.



Reg Colborne, Joan O'Grady, Dieter Becker and Liam O'Kane getting ready to place their bets



Steve Snell with some yummy desserts



John Ferguson saying - What? That Horse? Are you crazy?



Looks like Linda Goldie's horse is winning.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Rosalie and Willy Jakobi celebrated their 56th Anniversary on June 26th.



SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



June 13 - Penny McMahon won \$41.00
June 27 - Margot Franke won \$52.30

JULY/AUGUST CREWS

CATERERS

July 11
Captain: Pat Clarke
Helpers: Michelle Cunningham
June Lentir
Dorothy Giddings

August 8
Captain: Gail Chadwick
Marilynn Dunne
Heather McKeown
George Grimes

GREETERS

July 11 Lacey & Roger Ingram
August 8 Lynda Britton and Sandie Hurlburt

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!



Lynda and Bruce Britton will be celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary on July 13th



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THE LAST WORD ...

Never be afraid to try something new.
Remember, amateurs built the ark.
Professionals built the Titanic.

Anonymous