



# NORTHSHORE NEWS

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## HAPPY Valentines

Approximately one billion Valentine cards are exchanged each year...the largest seasonal card-selling occasion of the year next to Christmas.

Most Valentine's Day cards (83%) are purchased by women. However, the number of cards purchased by men (currently 17%) is gradually rising, thought by some sources to be due to the fact that men often purchase two cards for their significant others...an amusing one and the obligatory romantic one which they believe is expected of them.

February 14 is the most important holiday for florists, accounting for 32% of annual sales.

73% of people who buy flowers to send on Valentine's Day are male...only 27% are female.

Approximately 110 million roses...the majority of them being red...will be sold and delivered within a three-day time period during the Valentine's Day celebrations



Approximately 3% of pet owners will give a Valentine's Day gift to their pet.

Alexander Graham Bell applied for his patent on the telephone on Valentine's Day in 1876.



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**President's Message**

Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that February is here already and although January was very cold it did slip by quickly. For those of us who don't travel south during these winter months, it is especially nice to be able to enjoy many of the benefits of our Probus Club.

Our Club has a lot to offer: Thought provoking guest speakers at our bi-weekly meetings and many opportunities to make new friends and share your stories, which I am sure get better each time they are told.

Also, there are interesting and varied activities, such as getting involved in the **Bowling Tournament**, enjoying a **Lunch Bunch** get together at a favourite restaurant, going to the **Theatre**, playing **Euchre** with friends or by enjoying the food and fun at one of our **Drinks and Appies** events, there are many opportunities to socialize and make new friends.

We have designed and printed a Northshore Probus Promotional Card which will provide an opportunity for you to spread the word that a membership in the **Northshore Probus Club** can definitely provide Friendship, Fellowship and Fun.

Please think of a friend or relative or someone that you may have met recently who is active, retired and would benefit by getting to know new friends and enjoying the many events of our club.

The Promotional Card shown below will be available at one of our upcoming meetings, at the mem-

bership desk. Please ask one of our committee members for them. We look forward to welcoming many new members to our club in 2015.

**PROBUS CLUB OF NORTSHORE , COBOURG**



**What:** An association of active retirees.

**Where:** Lions Centre, 157 Elgin Street East, Cobourg.

**When:** 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday monthly - 10.00a.m.

**Why:** To stimulate thought, interest and participation.

Probus has many special events for members including trips, socials, tours, cultural events, presentations etc. These optional events are generally at moderate cost to members.

**Nominal annual dues**

**Probus website:** [www.probusnorthumberland.com](http://www.probusnorthumberland.com)

**To arrange a date to attend a meeting or for more information**

**Call:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone #** \_\_\_\_\_

Warm Regards  
Brenda



**5 Suggestions from a friend**

- \*Learn something new every day
- \*When you wake up each morning... have a goal for the day
- \*Walk 10-30 minutes every day and smile when you walk
- \*Look at the sky at least once a day and realize... it is a magnificent world that we live in.
- \*Try to make at least 3 people smile every day



### Presentation Jan 21st

Judy Baker introduced our guest speakers: Laurie Bradley (Communications Specialist) and Shane Watson (Program Manager) for Cameco Corporation. In a 45 minute presentation, Laurie and Shane went over the topic : ‘What We Do, How We Do It, Why It Matters.’

This was an interesting topic for those of us living in the communities that Cameco serves. We were all attentive to the presentation and discussions brought about by the questions asked by our keen Probus members.

Cameco is an integral part of the nuclear industry. They are a mining company that is responsible for 15% of the world’s uranium production. In Port Hope they produce Uranium Dioxide for the Candu Reactors and Uranium Hexachloride which fuels reactors in the U.S. and Asia.

Brenda Carter was spot on with direct questioning regarding the transportation of radioactive goods. The presenters seemed to pause and think through their answers and then gave us good insight to the things happening in our towns. We heard terms like UF6, UO2, Uranium Dioxide and Uranium Hexachloride. Those words are sure to find their way into our next trivia quiz.

It was interesting to discover that reactor components were manufactured right here in Cobourg. Shane and Laurie emphasized that safety is Cameco’s TOP PRIORITY and their discussion went a long way to back that up. Because uranium is one of the heaviest elements there is, air and ground monitoring is concentrated in the area around the Port Hope plant. Due to its weight, uranium will not travel far through the air.

One question concerned the monitoring of staff for radioactivity and we were assured that all staff wear dosimeters (sure to be a trivia ques-

### Speaker's Corner

tion!) that indicate all staff are well below acceptable limits. Airline pilots receive a much higher dose than these factory workers.

Most of Port Hope’s Low Level Radioactive Waste (LLRW) when radium was refined for use as an early treatment for cancer. The clean up of this waste is hoped to be completed within the next 10 years. Between Port Hope and Cobourg approximately 450 people are employed by Cameco Corporation, generating 13% of the economic activity in our area. Worldwide, Cameco employs 5,000 people.

Everyone likes fire trucks and Cameco boasts having one of the largest in Ontario.



Paddy McCoy thanked Laurie and Shane and presented a cheque for ‘Habitat for Humanity’.

*Louise Weldon*



# Management Team Works Overtime







### Behind the Scenes

Under the leadership of President Brenda Moore and taskmaster Paddy McCoy the Management Team held a special meeting to fine tune the manuals for club procedures. This unexciting but vital task took place in the Lions Centre on a non-meeting day. As a group we refined and clarified the procedures and guidelines of the Northshore Probus Club in order that future management teams would have a clear understanding of how the club works. We still have a way to go but great progress was made and the end is in sight. The benefit to members is significant in that the streamlined procedures will encourage a variety of new activities that will increase the enjoyment of the club and as a result increase membership. Many thanks to Paddy McCoy who spent many hours prior to the meeting organizing and sifting through the paperwork.





## Upcoming Speakers

February 18th .... Mark Richardson - Great American Road Trips

March 4th ... Terry Fallis, Leacock Award winner for humour, political satirist -  
“An Unorthodox Journey to the Published Land”

March 18th... Community Care Hospice - service and bereavement support

## Local Events

“Les Mis” is to be put on at the Capitol Theatre in Port Hope by the Northumberland Players on February 27, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. or Feb 28, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$32.00 each.

The VOS fund raising show to raise money for a Bursary will be a performance of “Hats Off”, a **Gilbert and Sullivan** production. It will be held February 13, 2015, at 8:00 p.m. and February 14, 2015, at 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Tickets are \$26.00 and can be purchased at the Concert Hall. A poster is on the board at the back of the room.

**Lunch Bunch** will be Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at the Railside Restaurant in Port Hope. There will 8 choices of entrees. Please see Sharon Holmes if you plan to attend

## Trips & Tours

Stratford: **Sound of Music**, July 22 2015, \$146.00

Shaw: **Sweet Charity**, Aug. 27 2015, \$154.00

Call Jennie Herniak 905-372-5953

Bus depart from Staples parking lot @8:30 a.m. day of event.



Please note: changes from announcement at meeting. Sharron



# Brain Exercises

## A

Study this paragraph and all things in it. What is vitally wrong with it? Actually, nothing in it is wrong, but you must admit that it is most unusual. Don't just zip through it quickly, but study it scrupulously. With luck you should spot what is so particular about it and all words found in it. Can you say what it is? Tax your brains and try again. Don't miss a word or a symbol. It isn't all that difficult?

## B

Here everything is not always in order. For example, Friday comes before Thursday, the cart comes before the horse, and Mars is nearer to the moon than the earth is!

Where are we?

## C

Back in the old days a guy rides into town on Friday, leaves the town on Friday, but only stays in the town for three days. how did he do it ?

## D

What kind of cheese is made backwards?

## E

What holds water, but is full of holes?

## F

Decode this puzzle

EEGVTABLES  
EGVETABLES  
GEEVTABLES  
VEEGTABLES



# Answers

- A. There is no "E" in the paragraph but it does have every other letter.
- B. The dictionary
- C. His horse is named Friday
- D. Edam
- E. A sponge
- F. Mixed vegetables



## *Spring Extravaganza - 2015*



The 2015 Spring Extravaganza has been confirmed for 2 June, 2015 at the Keeler Centre in Colborne. It will be open to all nine Northumberland Probus Clubs and up to 500 are expected to attend.

Our guest speaker has been confirmed as "Lieutenant-General, The Honourable Romeo Dallaire" ex of the Canadian Senate, who will speak to us on his life experiences. He is a most dynamic speaker whose "ultimate focus of the rest of my life is to eradicate the use of child soldiers..."

Obviously his words will be, among other thoughts, the result of his experiences in the genocide that was Rwanda in the 1994 era.

You might remember that the 2013 event was held at the Keeler Centre and was a great success.

Tickets are on sale now at \$35 each. The price includes morning coffee and lunch.

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