



NORTHSHORE NEWS

A publication of The Probus Club of Northshore Cobourg

Volume 12 Issue 3

January 2015



President

Brenda Moore

Brendamoore001@rogers.com

President's Message

Behind the Scenes

Many members of our club may wonder about the finances of our club; how a budget is set, what the expenses are, and where our revenue comes from. At our general meetings, you hear the financial report given by our Treasurer and may wonder with the amounts we present, why we can't put more money towards subsidizing club activities. I will try to briefly explain where our money goes for expenses as well as where the money into our club comes from. When we prepare our annual budget for the club, here are the items we must consider:

Annual Operating Expense Items:

- Hall rental
- Meeting coffee and snacks
- Member Name Badges.
- Probus Pins (New Members and for service dates i.e. 5yr – 10 yr. etc.)
- Annual remittance fees to Probus- Centre Canada (for Membership fees / Insurance) (Per Constitution Article V- Item3) and (Per By-Law #7b)
- Any planned subsidies for club activities & events.
- Gifts for guest speakers
- Office Supplies (stamps, envelopes etc.)
- Post Office Box rental.
- Northumberland Probus Clubs web site annual fee
- Remembrance Day Wreath (Legion).



Revenue Items:

- Annual Membership dues
- 50% of each Share the wealth draw.
- Revenue from any other planned funding activities such as the annual bake sale or arts & crafts sale etc.
- Any small surpluses from fees charged for activities & events.

You may also hear reference to G.I.C. money in the Contingency Reserve fund. This money cannot be used for any club activities. This is money we must retain in order to have sufficient money available to pay any outstanding debts if the club should ever disband. It is also held to pay for any immediate legal fees in the event of a liability claim against the club, until the Probus Liability Insurance makes payment, at which time the advances we have paid will be returned to our Contingency fund. I do hope this helps clarify your questions about club finances. If there are any other questions, please feel free at any time to ask me or our Treasurer.

Brenda Moore - President

In This Issue

Page 2	Salvation Army
Page 3	Christmas Luncheon
Page 4	Bake Sale
Page 5	Drinks & Appies
Page 6	Harvest Moon
Page 7	Speaker on WW1
Page 8	Upcoming Speakers



Season of Giving



Not all that long ago *Maclean's Magazine* declared Santa Claus victorious in the struggle of symbols for this "Holiday Season" that is almost upon us. Yet still there is one ubiquitous symbol of Christmas time that declares that any such pronouncements

are, at the very least, premature. The Salvation Army kettle is everywhere we buy, a ready reminder that this is not just a time of getting but also the season for giving not just for those we know and love but for those others, who we don't know, might ignore ordinarily, now with whom we share anonymously. Captain Michael Wilson of the Salvation Army was here to show us how extensive the network of Sharing actually is.

The Army began with William Booth, a Methodist who would discover a new ministry "stumbling around and over the drunks in 1860's London...race, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation not a concern." Today there are a lot of social systems, the challenge has become knowing where to go.

Providing food becomes the basic service. Food banks get to know the people's needs. There is lunch program twice a month for those in need as well as a school lunch program.

The Army provides used appliances for those require one free of cost and for the rest of us pick up of our old but still working machines.

There is addi- tional health care for those "who fall through the cracks, who need medicines yet have no insurance." There is a homeless shelter that can take "six people who otherwise will be forced to sleep outside...at risk of molestation".

Operation "Jump Start" allows 570 kids to participate in sports programs like soccer and hockey. The Army picks up \$200.00 worth of the cost for hockey. The Minor Hockey Association picks up the rest. Thousands of kids, ages 7 to 17, have the

opportunity to go to summer camp.

The Fire Department advises the Army who might be in need of Emergency Services. It is part of the county's Emergency Plan.

Christmas is the time when the Army becomes "Sunshine Boys" hand out small bags of treats to those in the Golden Plough and the hospital and, of course, it partners with the Giving Tree delivering food and gifts to 840 families in Northumberland.

Now we are back to the Kettle program. The kettles bring in at least a \$100,000 most years. So far this year it has brought in \$20,000 in the first seven days. Still the kettle only accounts for one-third of the budget. All of the money raised goes to families. The Army gets by with seven paid staff and 2000 volunteers.

And then there's us. As Probians we make a nice portion of the volunteers who stand beside the kettle smiling and wishing all a Merry Christmas as they pass by, doing the right thing for better reasons.

Judith



Judy thanks Michael for his service to the community.

Christmas Luncheon well attended - 92!



Rick and Diane Morrison enjoyed the party and brought along Diane's Aunt, Anita Guilbault from Toronto.

The Christmas luncheon was very well attended for the second year in a row. Ninety-two members and friends enjoyed a sumptuous meal provided by the Lions Centre staff and enjoyed the games, video displays, music and carol sing. Many thanks to the committee who worked hard to produce such a fun event.

In a note from Sharron McMann — “The Christmas Committee was **Debbie Bedford, Lynda Mitchell, Lynda Ghent, Mary Potter, Brenda Carter, Norma Ingram, Vera Kalizs, Sharron McMann**. There was no chair. A brainstorming session was held to decide on responsibilities and we all just chose one or two areas and ran with them.”



Linda Ghent and Joan Greer put on their best Christmas smiles.



A "Gourd Time" was had by all at the bake sale



The November 19th meeting was an opportunity for members to display their baking skills in our annual fund raising bake sale. There were even a couple of prize winning gourds on the auction block. The photos show members studying the tables in order to make a most appropriate bid on the goodies they wanted.



Drinks & Appies at the Morrison's



Roberta and Judy share a couch for conversation



Lynda and Norma are all smiles

December 8th, over 30 Probud members invaded the home of Rick and Diane Morrison for several hours of fellowship highlighted by delicious appetizers provided by the guests. Editor's note: There were plenty of men at the gathering but those pictures didn't turn out as well - perhaps it had something to do with subjects?



Brenda and Daphne toast the holiday season



Harvest Moon a great success

(As you can tell from the smiling faces)



The Committee for The First Ever (and most successful !) Harvest Moon Party

Roberta Armstrong - The Decorator

Brian Armstrong - Chief Ladderman

Joan Dunstan whose exceptional discretion ensured the game prizes were fairly distributed.

Lynda Mitchell used her angelic smile to settle the many fights that broke out between committee members.

Doug Weldon sat back in the Glow of an event well run. POOR **Louise Weldon** who looked after Doug.

Connie Poole - Artist and decor sculptor. Soon to be considered for a Canada Council Arts Award

Jack Chapman- Instigator

Les Poole - Integrator (Les & Jack argued continually

June Collins Quiz Master Extraordinaire

And, if you don't believe any of that well then you should have been on the committee!!!

We had lots of fun and hope you did too.

It would be remiss not to mention all the people who spent their whole night providing entertainment

Ted, Yvonne, Art and The Potters and the **employees of the Lions Centre** who did a great job

Richard Pope “Shadows Gathering” Ontario in WW1



Judy Baker thanks Richard Pope for his most informative presentation

William Faulkner wrote, “The past is never dead. It’s not even past.” The reality of this point of view has never been more clearly shown than in this year, 2014, the hundredth anniversary of what was known as the “Great War” and most hoped would become “The war to end all wars.” All sorts of new histories have re-visited its causes, re-examined many of its leading personalities and the rationale for their decisions. Richard Pope, a retired historian, has written a historical novel examining the lives and attitudes of people living in small rural communities in Ontario on the eve of the war itself and how it’s coming of effected them. The community described is really an “amalgam of small towns in Ontario”, its characters “a combination of Catholic Irish and English Protestants” that peopled its farms and logging camps. The novel begins with men working in the field and a woman running towards them shouting that war had been declared. They were in total disbelief mirroring the *Globe and Mail* comment of the previous day that it “fully expected Britain and Germany would settle their differences”. A nation of immigrants confused that Germans who presently were their neighbours would be now their enemies, how difficult that was for them accept it, because they saw these people much as themselves “hardworking honest people...we won’t be fighting the good one’s here “ rational-

ize that the real enemy something more ambiguous called “Germanic nation”. How in the end they would be loyal to Britain, saw the whole thing more as a competition “who could lick who” and old man announcing “If I wasn’t so old I’d sign up myself.”

He dramatizes how this enthusiasm would lead to a flood of enlistments and the public excitement as the young men, “64 volunteers” would head off to Val Cartier to begin their training. A touch of old resentments, “kick a few Frenchmen while they were there” now added a new enemy “Burn the Kaiser in effigy”, stirring tunes “Land of Hope and Glory” and “Rule Britannia”, some homey truisms, “Shoot to kill or you won’t be coming back”. All the while everyone convinced that “It won’t last long” and “how ashamed people were when they were rejected.”

But then the casualty numbers started to roll in: The Second Eastern Ontario Regiment losing 560 men in the First Battle of Ypres, 60,000 dead for the whole country in the war. After the Battle of Somme, so many killed and wounded conscription made necessary and a divided country. Now with poems, poppies, *The Last Post*...we struggle to remember.

Julius

BOWLING TOURNAMENT FEBRUARY 2, 2015



Arrive 9:30 a.m. Pay for bowling (3 games, \$10 plus shoes \$1) at Northshore Lanes. Lunch to follow tournament. Pay Mary Potter \$20 for lunch by January 10.

We now have a full complement of 5 teams for the tournament. If you cannot play, please notify Mary Potter as soon as possible. 905 372-1758

Practice sessions to be held Monday, January 19 and Monday, January 26 at 2 p.m. We usually play 3 games. Cost information to follow.

Questions?? See Mary at the meetings.

Upcoming Speakers

January 21

Cameco — What We Do, How We Do It, and Why It Matters

February 4

**Therapeutic Paws of Canada -
Joanne Rockey Smith and two of her dogs.**



On November 15th, 2014 Northshore Probus lost one of its long time members, Mary Houston. Our sincere condolences are extended to Mary's family. She will be greatly missed.

Northshore News

Publication of Probus Club of Northshore Cobourg

Editors:

Peter Chrisomalis: pchrisomalis@cogeco.ca

Bryan Armstrong: bryana@sympatico.ca