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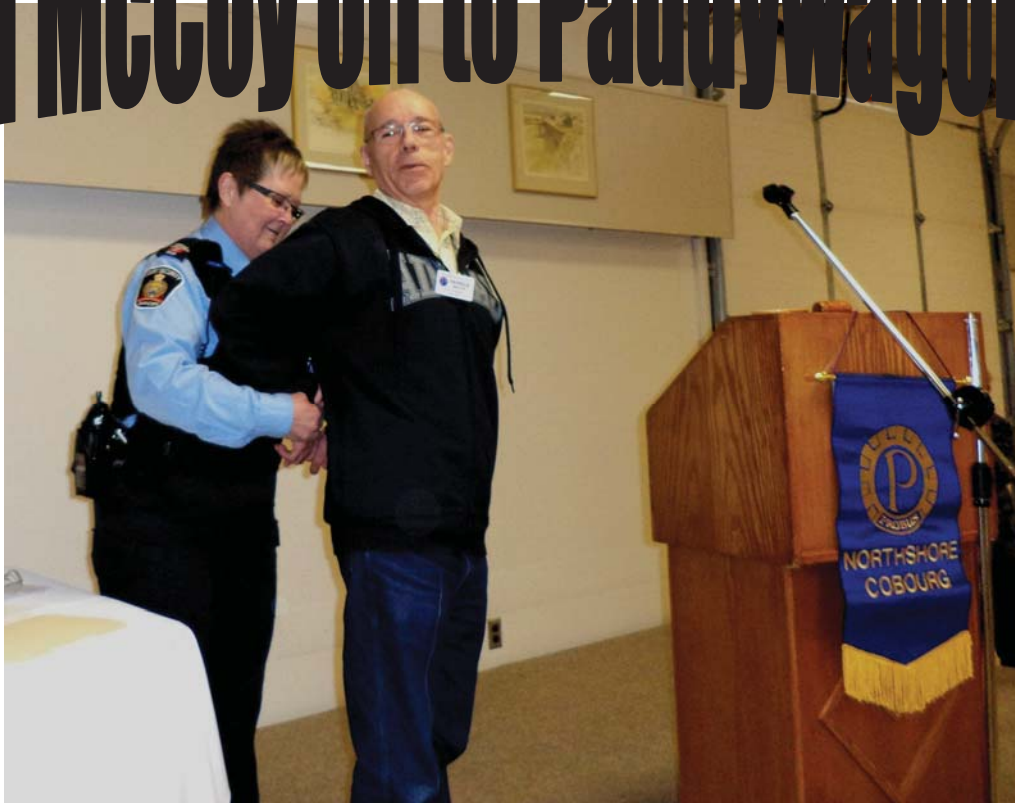


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# Real McCoy off to Paddywagon???



Paddy McCoy is handcuffed for being "too cute" by Court Services employee Joan Stover. Read the complete story on page 3.

## It is time to start thinking about gardens!

Would you volunteer to have your garden on a tour this year? Would you volunteer to organize the tour this year? *Speak to Lynda Mitchell or Mary Potter.*



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## Presidential Ponderings



Hello everyone: Well, we are now at the end of February, and hopefully winter is almost up. Have you assumed that I do not like winter? Well, you are correct. Now we are looking forward to our spring activities, The May Day Extravaganza, will be held on

May 21, 2013, at the Keeler Center, Colborne. This is the event that replaces the old Spring Fling. In our survey the membership made it quite clear that they would prefer a smaller get together. This will be only the 7 Northumberland clubs.

This will be an excellent day, from 9 – 1 pm. Lunch is served, along with coffee juice and snacks and there will be a superb keynote speaker, namely Bob Abrahames, a Voyageur. We will also be hearing from Peter Doyle, presently the President of Probus Canada. As well there will be lots of time for socializing, a priority of yours.

Tickets are limited, we were allotted 50, and they are only \$25.00, Please be sure and pick up yours up while there are still some available.

Sharon O'Connor and her group are now hard at work on planning our 10th anniversary of Probus Northshore in September. This will be a luncheon, taking the place of our Bar-b-que This should also be an excellent event. You will be hearing lots more about our Anniversary celebration. Combined with our regular events, 2013 promises to be a fantastic Probus Northshore year. If anyone happens to have any memorabilia or pictures to share, especially from the beginning, please let us know. Have a Happy Almost Spring.

*Sharon*

**The following letter was sent to the Cobourg Police Chief extolling the fine presentation made by Joan Stover**

**To:** Police Chief Kai Liu  
Cobourg Police Department  
107 King Street West  
Cobourg, Ontario, K9A 2M4  
February 22, 2013

Dear Chief Liu,

On behalf of the Probus Club of North shore I would like to let you know how pleased and impressed we were with a member of your service who was our guest speaker on February 6, 2013.

On that date, Mrs. Joan Stover who is employed in the Court Services area of the Cobourg Police Department spoke at our bi-monthly meeting to 84 members who were present. She addressed the training required and the duties of court services security staff and she answered questions from the floor afterwards. It sensitized all of us to a little known but important position within our police and justice system.

Through her presentation, she provided a liaison service to us as part of the public in our town with information about a service under your control that is taken for granted and for which little if anything is known. From comments we received after Joan Stover spoke, it was felt that she and the team within your department for which she works are a real asset to our town and to our community.

In addition to expressing our thanks and appreciation to Joan Stover, we would also like to thank you and her immediate supervisor for allowing her to speak to us at our meeting.

The members of our club would also like to take this opportunity to welcome you to our town, and wish you well in your recent appointment as Police Chief. Sincerely,  
Sharon Holmes - President

**Don't worry about what people think. They don't do it too often.**

## Driving the White Black Maria



Work is not necessarily work; pay hardly its only reward. Sometimes being on the job is more than just showing up for work; the skills you bring to it more than simply the total listed on your resume. Now, Joan Stover's jobs are driving prisoners back and forth

from jail to court for their appearances and a Haldiman Township Councillor. (There's got to be a common skill set. However the mind boggles.)

Then there's the other thing. She busted and cuffed Paddy McCoy when he attempted to introduce her. The charge, "being cute" by some might be considered frivolous. (Now speaking from purely from a male perspective, being called "cute" is never taken frivolously.) Of course then there's still the other thing: being cuffed; now that's rude, but then being thought to be "cute", under certain circumstances, would, to some degree, lessen one's resistance to being so restrained. Still Paddy appeared tense. We were amused. She had our attention.

Now the job of Special Police Constable is serious. Joan has to go to The Police College every year to be recertified, to get specialized training in dealing with people especially those with mental issues, better self defence. There are specific jobs: she administers DNA Tests when ordered to by the Court, does fingerprinting. She doesn't have a gun, but has pepper spray, wears a vest. She is expected "to be alert, aware of her surroundings, not to be complacent."

Maybe it is just that awareness or perhaps it is, "some nasty court cases" that make it "tough to go home" that provoke her empathy, to make

things better for people whose

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world isn't all that great. There's the 22 year old kid, one parent an alcoholic, the other a drug pusher who spent the night crying in his cell. "What chance did he have?" They talked, he listened; she asked, "Was there anyone...?" An aunt, he thought, "Perhaps you should search her out..." He would try, he promised but she never knew if he did. Then there is the Christmas Eve five children from one family, three from another, two sets of parents, "no one's going home tonight". And then there's the drug addict, "sick as a dog", retching through withdrawal alone in his cell... "It builds on your psyche." Joan confesses.

But then it also leads to a greater sensitivity. The person with mental issues, who clearly hasn't eaten in days, says no to all her suggestions but she persists. Eventually he cannot resist a chocolate chip muffin. And there are those whose voices have a stronger pull on them than reality, whom she comes to understand by wearing headphones speaking separate instructions in each ear. Or the girl who once again comes under her charge who remembers; reminds her, "You were nice to me." And then there's the guy who gets on her "bus" who says, "Hi Joan, guess who's back? I screwed up again." Yet still promises, "To get my act together." One has to smile.

"It's not my job to be judge and jury." Joan accepts that. Perhaps, come to think of it, it's not all that bad an example for us to follow either.



*Julius*



## Protect Your Money

Gary Lumsden is a volunteer with the Cobourg Police and works with the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre to educate people about the devious ways that unscrupulous criminals plan to

take our hard earned money. On February 20<sup>th</sup> he talked to the members of Northshore Probus.

In Canada, from 2009 to 2012 over 180 million dollars has been stolen by means of fraud. The Anti-Fraud Centre is working to reduce these numbers. The Centre is run by the RCMP, OPP and the Competition Bureau of Canada. It also works with 27 other partners including the FBI, VISA and the Better Business Bureau.

Gary touched on some of the major scams:

**Lottery Scam** – you receive notice of a big win in a lottery. In order to collect your win you must send cash to pay for administrative costs. In many cases they ask for your credit card and bank card as well.

**Vacation/Cruise Scam** – You won a vacation or cruise and are required to send money and banking information.

**Grandparent Scam** – a phone call late at night from the police informs you that your grandson is in jail and needs \$2000 for bail. He doesn't want his parents to know he is in trouble so you are asked to send the money

**Microsoft Virus Scan** – a person claiming to be from Microsoft calls to say that you have a virus on your computer. He asks to remotely access your computer to fix the problem. If you do, all your personal information will be stolen.

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Gary also talked about identity theft. Criminals steal wallets, set up phony websites claiming they are a bank or credit card company and then get people to release personal information. It is astounding how many passport numbers, credit cards, banking info, birth certificates, etc. are compromised each year.

**"Scareware" Scam warning - RCMP or CSIS pop-up**  
**The Canadian Anti Fraud Centre has been receiving reports from Canadians who say their computers are being frozen or they have been "locked out" of their computers after receiving pop-up messages warning them their computer has been associated with child pornography. These warning messages, which claim to be from the RCMP or CSIS, tells the recipient to pay \$100 dollars via Ukash so their computer can be "unlocked"**

How can you protect yourself? Don't put your SIN card or birth certificate in your wallet. On trips photo copy your wallet contents and put them in a separate place. Regularly change your pass-

words and PIN numbers. Be wary of unsolicited calls, emails and websites. Check and track your bills.

If you do become a victim contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at **1 888 495 8501**, or **antifraudcentre.com** or call Gary at **905 372 3221**. If you do go to the website you will see a listing of all the different types of scams and a detailed description of how they work

[900 Scams](#), [Advanced Fee Letter Fraud\(419 / Nigerian Letters\)](#), [Advanced Fee Loans](#), [Bomb Threat](#), [Cheque Overpayment Fraud](#)

[Dead Air Calls](#), [Emergency Scam](#), [False Charities](#), [Hitman Email](#)

[Identity Theft](#), [Inheritance](#), [Job](#), [Lottery Emails](#), [Office Supplies / Directory](#)

[Phishing](#), [Phone Number Spoofing](#), [Prize Pitch](#), [Puppy Scam](#), [Pyramid Schemes](#)

[Recovery Pitch](#), [Service Scam](#), [Travel](#), [Vacation](#), [Vehicle Warranty Package](#)

**My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance**



# Interclub Bowling Match



If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the vacation.

# Social Events

**DRINKS & APPIES** - February 25- thanks everyone for making it such a great gathering!

**LUNCH BUNCH** - Wednesday, March 20 - Rick Potter -  
Casey's - order from the menu - 20% will be taken off bill.

**LUNCH & CARD GAME** - Wednesday, May 15 - Connie Poole

Signup sheets will be out at meeting for:

GARDEN TOUR

CAR RALLY

CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE

CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

BAKE SALE

LUNCH BUNCH

DRINKS AND APPIES

# Trips & Tours



## Canada Blooms

March 19 - \$45 - sign up at meeting



## Wizard of Oz

March 13 \$115 includes bus, show and supper

## Tenors

April 4 \$85 bus and show (meal not included)



## Spamalot

April 19 at Victoria Hall \$26 - sign up sheet at meeting

Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of cheques

# Welcome to Northshore



In February President Sharon Holmes welcomed three new members to Cobourg Northshore Probud. Top: Doug and Louise Weldon; Bottom: Sandi MacDonald

Junk is something you've kept for years and throw out 3 weeks before you need it.

# Upcoming Speakers

**March 6 Bob Wallace - past Rotary District Governor**  
**Topic: Far East travels in connection with Polio Plus**

**March 20 Stanley Isherwood**  
**Topic: Sifton - Cook Museum**

**April 3 Stu Dafoe**  
**Topic: Onsite presentation/tour at the town of Cobourg greenhouses. Learn how they produce those wonderful hanging baskets.**

**April 17 Bill King**  
**Topic: Life and Times of Enzo Ferrari**

**May 1 Elizabeth Kellogg**  
**Topic: Birds; Their habitat in Northumberland County**



**Julius and Louise Varga would like our friends at Probus to join us in celebrating fifty years of marriage on March 23 at the Columbus Centre at 232 Spencer St. East, Cobourg from 1:30 to 4:30**

**R.S.V.P. : [jjvarga@sympatico.ca](mailto:jjvarga@sympatico.ca)**

**Best wishes only**

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