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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I hope you all have had a great summer. It has gone by so fast and now we are planning for the Fall with all its splendid color and harvest.

Since this is my last message to you all, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your help in making this past year such a success for our Club.

Many great fun filled events, trips and tours, lunches, and interesting speakers, have been organized this year as well as the day of games where we were all tested on our trivia knowledge.

September will be a busy month when we welcome a new Management Team at our Annual General Meeting on September 17th, in the meantime meetings are taking place to organize the handover/orientation to our new Executive and Committee Chairs.

Best wishes and welcome to our Team for the coming year

Sincerely,
Yvonne

Summer Games??

The middle of August is usually the peak of summer heat. However when Northshore went to Roseneath on August 13th they were greeted with grey skies and howling winds. But that didn't deter the hardy competitors from enjoying the many activities and good food that was organized by the Anniversary Committee. More pictures on pages 4 & 5



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“Certainly not a Business...”

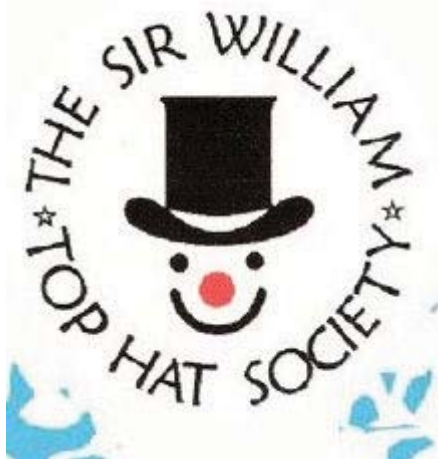
Cindy Osland, former accountant, now full time farm wife, spinner of Homegrown Yarns, vendor at area Farmer’s Markets, purveyor of lamb products to local restaurants, “It’s a way of life”. She evolved into these alternative roles after she met her husband in 1982. Raising sheep grew out of interest in spinning and knitting. “It seemed like such a natural thing to use something from an animal.” Well anyway her husband said that it was “All her baby.” He did not see any particular challenge in raising sheep having raised cattle. Anyway he said “it was all her baby”.

And that’s the way it still is. They began with 21 sheep some of them pregnant. Her husband has now retired and is a “Full Time Farmer”. The farm has grown to 400 acres. Now their flock numbered in 2014 “240 adult sheep”. They also have 120 lambs. Her husband has even learned sheep shearing.

Her view of life is quite simple. “It’s amazing all that you learn when you’re not really trying.” Perhaps the more important message for the rest of us is, how one’s interest leads to opportunity.



Laughter As Medicine



Being sick hardly seems fair; its pain and ravages so undeserved, the sufferer alone really to know. Care-givers do their share: medicine, care, comfort, yet still the psyche too must

heal, the person lose their sense of being the exception come to see how much they are special. And that is what Bill Checley chief clown and founder of the Top Hat Society understands as he visits hospitals and hands out buttons that say that.

He came by this mission when his nephew was just a kid undergoing treatment for leukemia in a cancer ward at Sick Kids in Toronto in 1985. "The kids seemed to be handling the problem but the parents were torn apart." The hospital already had clowns there for the kids but he recalls how one never got past the door just handed him a toy and said, "Give this to him." To Bill people seemed to withdraw from the sick child, resist even touching, holding him or her way before the therapy was completed.

He was a trained nurse and knew better. Bill cautions that he is not just another "Bozo the clown". As Sir William, he has the mandatory red hair and red nose but also a rainbow colours reminiscent of "God's promise to Noah" and "to touch the child within all us". Of course he entertains, as Sir William he "treats his patients royally" but then he shows that he cares for them, "not just clowning around". His touch is not just to show his sensitivity but "to introduce them back into the world" remind them that "They are special". They take pic-

tures with the family, "often the last happy picture the family has".

Bill and five other volunteer clowns had a successful twenty five year run in Florida before caring for his ailing parents brought him back home to Cobourg. Here he again began his work again visiting local hospital and the Golden Plough Lodge asking his favourite question, "Are you having a great Day?" then making sure that everyone does.



Brenda Moore thanks Bill Checley following his inspirational talk

Fun in the Sun (Well, fun anyway)





PROBUS NORTHSHORE

Social Events

BBQ/PICNIC - I want to thank all of our members who came out to Roseneath Fair Grounds on Wednesday, August 13 and made it such a success. I do hope you all managed to warm up eventually.

I want to thank Brenda, Sharron, Sharon, Bill M., Rose, Marg, Norma, Bryan and Roberta for their help in organizing this event. You all did a GREAT job!!

SOME UP COMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDARS

CAR RALLY - Wednesday, October 25, 2014 - plans are well underway and it looks like it will be a great day for everyone. Come out and share in the fun!

HARVEST MOON PARTY - Thursday, November 6, 2014

CHRISTMAS PARTY (luncheon) - Wednesday, December 17, 2014

Think about hosting a PROBUS lunch bunch (usually - the second meeting of the month).

September, November, January, March, May

Think about hosting APPIES AND DRINKS (date at the hosts' discretion)

October, December, February, April, June

Upcoming Speakers

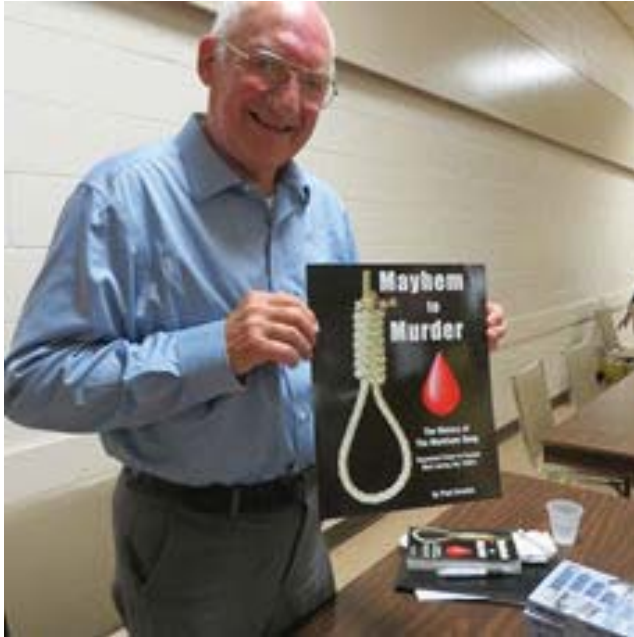
Sept 3- Cathy Pearcy-education coordinator Osteoporosis Society "Speaking of Bones"

Sept 17- Harry Nash- the trial in Cobourg of General Sir Arthur Currie

October 1- Neil Butters- A 104 year old Mc Laughlin-Buick

October 15- Car Rally (usually no meeting)

M to M



At our last Probus Northshore speaker session for the season, we were introduced to Paul Arculus, teacher, historian and novelist. He spoke about his most recent novel, *Murder to Mayhem-The History of the Markham Gang*. The stage upon which the events unfold in this historic novel is the general area from Etobicoke to Markham. Yes! A story of organized crime and violence that occurred in nearby Ontario neighbourhoods, towns and one big city during the last half of the 19th century. Most of us in Probus Northshore have visited or perhaps even lived in these, one would think, **not** very intriguing places. How astonishing to read that the “**Markham Gang**” members, (male and female), entered an east end of Toronto bank at the corners of Queen and Kenilworth---the same bank some of us ‘Beachers’ may have used three generations later! (Of course, none of us would have held the intention of robbing said bank!)

The main evil-doers in *Murder to Mayhem* were owners of large tracts of land; yes, farmers! These farmers and farmwives comprised the “**Markham Gang**”. Here follows a trifle of explanation to lure you into reading more about the gang’s success and its fate.

“Most of the gang’s activities could best be described as petty theft, including stealing watches, blankets and clothing on lines, harnesses from barns, and even ‘pilfering from hen’s roosts’. To make the system pay, the gang organized pickups to collect the stolen goods, which they then carried far from the site of the theft to a place where they could be sold without suspicion. High ranking members of the gang added horse and cattle stealing to their actions. Couriers were also used to scout out locations of ‘worthwhile goods’. Inevitably, violent assault took place against a farmer and his wife, (the Morrrows). The manager of Logan’s General Store was beaten to death with a hammer.” (Wikipedia.ca)

To discover what became of the gang members, find a copy of the book! You can google online:
 Esqueshing Historical Society Newsletter, 13 Oct.2005
 OPEN LIBRARY, 11 Dec.2009

PADA(Pickering-Ajax)Digital Archive Pathmaster, Vol.6, #'s 39 & 40
 Or you can go to the Cobourg Library, (in adult nonfiction) call #364.1066 ARC; “*BOOKS GALORE*” in Port Perry, or the Gift Shop in *SCUGOG SHORES HERITAGE CENTRE AND ARCHIVES*. Enjoy your read!

Jill Mills

Northshore Probudians Serve the Community



Art and Yvonne Seymour are well known in our club as hard workers for the organization. Perhaps you were not aware that for seven years they have spearheaded a charity event in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus that supports various local charities including the Northumberland Hills Hospital. This event is called the **Jiggs Dinner and Dance**. What is a Jiggs dinner?

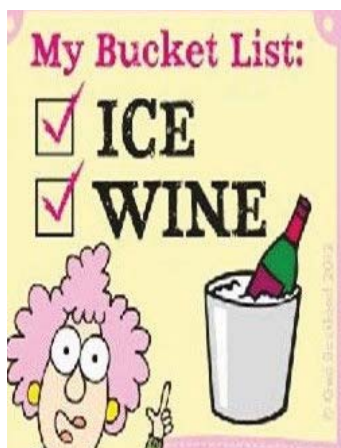
According to Wikipedia "**Jiggs dinner** is a traditional meal commonly prepared and eaten on Sundays in many regions around the province of [Newfoundland and Labrador, Canada](#). [Corned beef and cabbage](#) was the favorite meal of Jiggs, the central character in the popular, long-running comic strip, *Bringing Up Father*, by [George McManus](#) and [Zeke Zekley](#) after whom the dish is likely named.

The name of the dish is also occasionally rendered as **Jigs dinner** or **Jigg's dinner**. In the rendering "Jigg's dinner", the apostrophe is incorrectly placed if in reference to the McManus character. The term "Jiggs dinner" is the most common of all renderings. This meal may also be called **boiled dinner** or **cooked dinner** by some Newfoundlanders

The 7th Annual "Jiggs" Fundraiser Dinner and Dance will be held at the Columbus Community Centre on Oct 4th. The meal is a traditional Newfoundland Corned Beef(and AAA Roast Beef), local fresh vegs., and desert; all for \$24 .

As this is entirely presented by volunteers, over \$2000 goes directly to charity each year. Ticket sales are limited to 152 with normally 8 per table (round tables), although 9 are ok too. Seating arrangements to meet individual requests are available. Cut off date is Sept 30th for tickets. They may be obtained by contacting the organizers, Art and Yvonne (Seymour) at **905-373-0312**.

Doors open at 5pm with dinner served sharp at 6 pm with the dance starting around 7:30pm, although live music will commence during the dinner period. This is always a fun evening with lots of door prizes, a silent auction, share-the-wealth , and a "Screech-In" ceremony to become an honorary Newfoundlander! So please come and enjoy a unique evening of fun with your friends.



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