



THE PRO-BUZZ

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Today is our St. Patrick's Day celebration – thank you for wearing green! Kudos to our volunteers Sonya Vrystein and Pat Morgan for all the beautiful decorations that are sure to put us in the Irish mood.

St. Patrick is the patron saint of [Ireland](#), although he was born in Britain, around 385AD. Apparently, his parents Calpurnius and Conchessa were Roman citizens living in either Scotland or Wales.



As a boy of 14, Patrick was captured and taken to Ireland where he spent six years in slavery herding sheep. In his 30s, he became a missionary and worked among the Celtic pagans. Legend has it that he used the native shamrock as a symbol of the holy trinity when preaching, and brought the Latin alphabet to Ireland. Legend also has it that he drove all of the serpents from Ireland.



VALENTINE LUNCHEON



It was that special day of the year - February 14th - Valentine's Day. Hearts and flowers filled the room as about eighty Probus members and guests partook of a special lunch prepared by the Lion's Centre staff. The chicken was, if not perfect, very close to it, and the rest of the meal looked and tasted great.

Marilyn Csefko, assisted by husband Peter, Vivian Foster and Marian Boys, set the atmosphere with music, decorations and red hearts on the white tablecloths. The centrepieces, made up of hearts and chocolates, were taken home by the lucky one at each table with a birthday closest to Valentine's Day.

Before lunch, the annual Valentine Hunt took place and, judging by the noise, laughter and the circling motion of everyone in the room, it was a great success.

Thanks, Marilyn – a super job, and a fun time!

Submitted by Marian Boys

PROBUS BOWLING RESULTS

Well, Jamie, you can rest easy – we lost the toilet seat without your help!

On Monday, February 13th, a total of 95 bowlers gathered at Northshore Lanes for a morning of fun and friendship. The group was made up of Probians from Cobourg, Northshore, Northumberland, Ganaraska and Colborne, the latter participating for the first time. Due to weather conditions, the Brighton Club sent their regrets. They too had signed up to participate for the first time.

When the bowling, screaming and laughter subsided, the results were as follows:

Ladies' High Triple – Nellie Dow, Northumberland – 530

Men's High Triple – Stan Maggs, Northumberland - 624

Ladies' High Single - Ruth Markle, Northumberland - 200

Men's High Single – Ray Williams, Ganaraska – 255

Club Rankings were:

1. Cobourg
2. Northshore
3. Northumberland
4. Ganaraska
5. Colborne - This means that they'll have to come back next year to lose the toilet seat!



Following the bowling, a group of 110 headed out to the Lion's Community Centre where a delicious lunch was enjoyed by all.

A very special thank you goes out to the members of the committee who organized this year's event - Barry Hollis and Stan Maggs. (*editor's note: add Wilson Dow*) Thanks also to those volunteers who came to our rescue on short notice to help with other administrative duties.

We shall rise again – see you next year.

Submitted by Wilson Dow



A little old man boards a bus with a bowling ball in each of his front pockets. He sits down next to a beautiful young blonde lady, and she can't help but glance quizzically at the man and his bulging pockets. It's an uneasy few minutes before, finally, the little old man can take no more.

"Bowling balls," he nods reassuringly.

The blonde seems a little shocked, and stares on.

Moments later, she says: "Does it hurt as much as tennis elbow?"

SKI TRIP TO TITUS MOUNTAIN, MALONE, NEW YORK

The number of skiers has gradually diminished over the past few years, with only five skiers and three shoppers making the trip this time. It is unfortunate that so few skiers were there, as the ski conditions this year were much better and very enjoyable. Where else can you ski for free?

Besides the skiing, we had a good happy hour in the Robertson's suite. Some shopping was done and the IBC Sports' Store always has items of interest to purchase. We had lovely meals at Donovan's Restaurant (oh, so much food on the plate!). We were fortunate to have dry roads for travelling, and a good time was had by all. Thanks to Danny for organizing the trip.

Submitted by Stan Maggs

I BELIEVE, I BELIEVE



On Friday, March 1st, Probus members were treated to a performance of J.M. Barrie's play *Peter Pan*. The audience ranged in age from five to ninety-three. By the end of this enchanted evening, with the aid of some magic fairy dust, we were believers. We believed in fairies like Tinkerbell, pirates that tangoed, a very large ticking crocodile, agile Amazons, lost boys and children who really flew to Never Never Land.

Much credit goes to the company who arranged the spectacular flying scenes AND the bravery of the performers for being so trusting and making the flying look so effortless and like such fun.

Special mention must be made of the performances of Tanya Wills as Peter Pan, Christopher Sharp as Captain Hook and Jack Boyagian as Smee, and let's not forget young Trent Ainsworth as Nana the dog. Truly, all thirty-six members of this cast were extraordinary. The costumes, settings and the live, but hidden, orchestra all enhanced this production and were superb.

This really is a production for all ages!

Submitted by Evelyn Gorringer

Please Note

At the February 28th meeting, two new members were welcomed to our Club. Would you please add the following names and contact numbers to your Membership list:

- Tom Wallace 905-377-8519 Welcome back Tom!
- Heather Jansen 289-252-0815

Your Pro-Buzz editors are in the process of updating their computer system. Until further notice, please direct submissions to co-editor Gary Bennett at the following email address: **gary_bennett@sympatico.ca**

SOCIAL NOTES



The Elephant Man: We have been invited to join members of Probus Northshore at the Park Theatre on Friday, March 22nd at 8pm. *The Elephant Man* was performed by Northumberland Players at the Fire Hall Theatre last year with rave reviews. Antonio played the 'elephant man' and he is paying this role again. It is a "must see".

Easter Meeting: On March 28th, Doreen and Brian Scott will be hosting this celebration. Wear your Easter Bonnet and join in the fun.



Herringgate Dinner Theatre: Ganaraska Valley Probus Club, Port Hope, has invited us to join them on Sunday, April 21st to see *Self Help* at the dinner theatre in Pickering. Dinner is at 12 noon and the show starts at 2pm. Tickets are \$40. each and transportation is via car pool.

Submitted by Verna Templer

NIAGARA – THE SEQUEL

Get your golf clubs out, your rabbit's feet dry-cleaned, your appetites primed. Thanks to Jan Lundbohm, we are prepared (well, almost) for our second group outing to Niagara Falls, but Jan and Norm have taken off on a cruise so it's fallen to me to put the message across.

Accommodation: The Holiday Inn, 5339 Murray Street, Niagara Falls.

Dates and Rates: April 16 and 17. Other mid-week dates are available at the same rates (see below) but we need to know asap, preferably today, if these are suitable.



As for the rates, well, it's like this... owing to inflation, global warming, Glenda's arthritis, the state of the Swiss franc, Frank's bunions and cattle on the line between Belleville and Trenton, the rates have been raised a shocking \$3.46 over last year. This brings the total to \$348.04 for two persons sharing a room, with two breakfasts and two dinners, one in the Holiday Inn's dining room, dazzlingly named Coco's Restaurant, and the other at the nearby Skylon, from which, if the fog lifts, you can see quite a long way. The rate last year for one person per room was \$235.04, so it's probably gone up at least a dollar this year.

Amenities: Guests at the hotel have the use of a gym, an indoor pool, a whirlpool and a sauna. Parking is free. The Fallsview Casino is directly across the road. The Falls are a short walk away. There is an outlet mall within a short drive. Golf courses abound (consecutive holes-in-one get you a free ball and a cookie). If you can find me at the break, I might have more information. Or not.

Submitted by Michael Hanlon

COMING EVENTS

SOCIAL by Verna Templer

- Mar. 22nd *The Elephant Man*** at the Park Theatre. Tickets at \$19 available today.
- Apr. 21st Herringgate Dinner Theatre, Pickering - *Self Help*** by Norman Foster.
- Apr. 26^{th*} *Spamalot* at Victoria Hall. Tickets available today.
- May 1st *Wizard of Oz*: This production is sold out. However, there is a wait list.
- May 3rd Dinner Theatre at The Best Western - *Bedtime Stories*. Tickets will be available at the next meeting.

*date to be confirmed ** details on previous page

THE LUNCH BUNCH by Marcie, Doris & Vivian

- Mar. 28th The Buttermilk Café
- Apr. 25th The Mill Restaurant
- May 23rd A Culinary Affair

THE SPEAKER'S CORNER by Gladys & Stan Maggs

- Mar. 14th Luke DeSadeleer – the 7 c's for a healthy relationship
- Mar. 28th Duncan McKinnon – Fare Share
- Apr. 11th Kevin Narraway – Business Development Officer – Town of Cobourg

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