



# Probus Patter

June 2013

Club Started July 1998

## Key Note Speaker



The May Day Extravaganza took place on May 21 at the Keeler Centre. Approximately 320 Probians from the 7 Northumberland Probus Clubs joined the festivities for some socializing, food and entertainment. "Bushman" Bob Abrames gave an account of the trip paddling a birch bark canoe with 5 other men and 3 women 3000 km. in 100 days from Montréal to Winnipeg, just as the voyageurs did in the early 1800's. His description of the hardships of living with no modern conveniences during the trip was quite humorous at times.

Terry Hickey kindly provided name tags for all the attendees from our club. We were quite the hit with the other clubs in attendance at the event with our "lit or flashing" name tags. Thanks Terry.

On May 28 many of us gathered at Barb Winfield's for "appies and drinks". While the weather confined us to being indoors, someone remarked what a wonderful way to spend a rainy afternoon with nibbles, drinks and pleasant conversation with fellow Probians. Thank you Barb, for your hospitality. It is much appreciated.

We continue to work on attracting new members to the Club. We have contacted local newspapers to place meeting notices in their publications and a new information pamphlet about our club is almost complete.

The next management meeting will be held immediately following the regular meeting on June 4.

Please remember that the Next regular meetings this summer will be **JULY 2 AND AUGUST 6**

## Gary



## Meeting May 4

This meeting welcomed some unusual guests when Karen Walker, Unit Coordinator St John Ambulance Therapy Dogs Program Northumberland brought with her four owners with beautiful, well behaved dogs named Hunter, Jazz, Tasha and Willow who visit on a scheduled basis patients living in Long Term Care Facilities as well as the local hospital.

St John Ambulance says in their mission statement and they know that there are few things that inspire as much joy in people as a wet nose and a wagging tale. Research has shown that visits from Therapy Dogs help people

Recover more quickly from surgery, and strokes: and can reduce feelings of loneliness, depression and anxiety associated with an illness. The unconditional love of a Therapy Dog can also assist with prescribed therapies.”

Each of the dogs in the Therapy Dog program is carefully evaluated to ensure the best temperament for the task. There is no size restriction for participating canines. Since the passing of the Ontario Bill 132 the association can no longer accept Pit Bull applicants. Therapy Dogs are used in many specialized programs some of which include: Child Friendly Bite Free, Paws for Stories a reading program in schools where children are selected to read to a dog.

There is a clear distinction in the Therapy Dogs and the Service Dogs programs. Service Dogs are trained and used for people with very special needs on a one to one basis. The Therapy Dog Program offers services to seniors and others who may benefit from a visit by "man's best friend"

St John Ambulance Services serve local communities to improve their health, safety and quality of life by providing training and community service. Instruction in First Aid, C.P.R., A.E.D. and Babysitting courses are offered at their Training Facility or on-site. Presentations in first aid can be set up for a variety of community organizations. Community Service Division Members provide first aid coverage for any size event. They also provide food and refreshments during emergencies on a "no cost" basis for area fire departments and other emergency personnel upon request.

Karen answered many questions and it was obvious from the interest in the room what a great program this is.

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## May Extravaganza Keeler Centre.



Bob Abrames



Club Presidents



Catharine, Sel and Ann Shields



Bob and Barb Moorcroft



the Band



Table 8



Keith and Pauline



Table 13



Bob and Barb

Gary and Carol



## **Programs**

**June 04---Ossie Tee 'Birds of Northumberland County'**

**June 16--- Picnic**

**REMINDER from LIZ-- BUY YOUR PICNIC TICKET TODAY**

**Probus Club Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson**

**JUNE Captain Ann Shields**

**June 4<sup>th</sup> Terry Bell, Kitty Hatch, Gloria and Fred Schumacher**

**July Captain Anne Brown**

**July 2 Caroline Minion, Marguerite Dorrity, Barb and Sam McReelis**

**Greeters/ Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield**

**June 4 Nancy and Ed Ford**

**July 2 Elaine Simpson and Beth Wallace**

**August 6 Ruth Roy and Joan McIntosh**

## **SPECIAL EVENTS Fun and More Fun.**

1. PICNIC. Tues. 18th. June. 3:30pm. on. Dinner 5:30pm. Adamsons. Port Britain.

**LAST DAY TO PURCHASE TICKETS.** \$18 at desk.

2. 4th. LINE THEATRE. The Winslows of Derryvore. Tues. 16th July. Opens 4pm. Play begins 6pm.

Ordered tickets \$29 at the desk.

3. APPIES & DRINKS. Tues. 23rd. July. 4 - 6 pm. Hosts: Anne & Sel. Shields 15 Scriven Blvd. P.H.

Take a lawn chair. Full. Waiting list sign up

NOTE: If you signed up for the Appies & Drinks and cannot make it, please advise Anne or Sel. so that we can notify someone on the waiting list.

4. CORN ROAST. Tues. 10th. Sept. 4pm start. Food at 5:30 pm. Host: Barb Loucks.

Volunteer sign up sheets and tickets (\$ 10 ) are now available at the desk.

5. CAR RALLY. Wed. 25th. Sept. Co-ordinators: Erik & Una Norenus. Details will follow.

SINCE THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE INTEREST IN TRIPS, WE ARE NOT PLANNING ANY FOR THE NEAR FUTURE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PLAN ONE, SPEAK TO ANNE OR SEL.

## **Management Committee**

**President Gary Webb**

**Vice President Lynn Liddell**

**Past President Barb Louks**

**Secretary Keith Pickett**

**Treasurer Robert Struthers**

**Membership Dorothy Gilmer and Doreen Rossi**

**Program Alan Butler**

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