



# PROBUS PATTERN

June 2014

Club Started July 1998



I just returned on Friday from Minneapolis where I attended the Festival of Homiletics. Or, as some people call it “what the heck is that?” I don’t expect that you have heard of this as I stumbled upon it last year purely by accident. But, just break it down - Festival means “fun and frivolity”....homiletics means “the art of preaching or writing sermons”

So, it was a week of listening to preachers preach while being wild and crazy with 1800 ministers! An oxymoron if ever there was one! One of the days that I was there I was having lunch at a great little spot called Panera Bread - we don’t have them in Canada. It was very busy but I managed to find a table.

As I was eating the woman beside me leaned over and said “I’m glad you’re here”. Pardon? I replied...”I’m glad you’re here” she said, “because before you came in I was the only person over 40!”My initial response was “what the heck, how did she know I was over 40!” ( you see in my mind I’m only 23) and my second response was to ignore her” But I didn’t....we began a conversation about age - I shared with her that I would not want to go back to the angst of my 20’s and 30’s and that I felt much wiser now. She said “do you know the difference between knowledge and wisdom? I did not...

Knowledge she said is knowing that a tomato is a fruit...wisdom is knowing not to put it in a fruit salad....

For THAT I say thank you to being over 40!

Lynn

## **May 6 Meeting**

**Our guest speaker Al Wilson, President of Port Hope Branch #30 Royal Canadian Legion showed an interesting power point presentation which highlighted the difference in what the local branches across the country are responsible for and what the National Office responsibilities are.**

**Al has no direct ties to the military; he was born in Scotland and has more than 25 years' service with the Branch 30 Pipe Band and a Legion Member for 19 years.**

**Al's wife also a branch member has a tie because her father was a British Grenadier Guard whose duties included guarding Buckingham Palace before being shipped overseas.**

**Branch #30 began its charter in 1927 and was named after Brigadier General Ralston.**

**The Royal Canadian Legion was formed in 1926 and the major commitment to the remembrance of those who gave their lives for peace and freedom is still as strong as it ever was.**

**Many services are provided to Veterans, and to communities, too many to list in this column. The major funding of the national office come from the Annual Poppy Drive and this provides funds for the many services.**

**The local Branch is busy with many functions to raise funds which help the Branch to be able to provide services on a local level.**

**The events are advertised and you do not need to be a Legion member to enjoy them.**

**The Legion Hall can also be booked for private functions.**

**The Branch Band participates in many of the local events, you will see them in Local parades in various areas of the County.**

**The Royal Canadian Legion web page is well worth a read.**

## **Programs to look forward to:**

**Jun 03 - Rhonda, Partner,  
Primitive Design**

**The 'Take5' program was launched at the May20 meeting and Pauline Carrick read a couple of delightful excerpts from her book 'Auntie Pauline'.**

**The idea behind the program is for any member to talk for five minutes on any subject (no politics or religion please), to intrigue, entertain and to get to know the speaker better. Please contact the Program Chair to join in the fun.**

[The meeting dates for the summer are June 3 and Issue of Patter](#)

[June 15 no meeting - Probus Picnic Day](#)

[July 1st No meeting \(Canada Day\)](#)

[July 15 meeting No Patter issued](#)

[August 5 meeting and Patter issued](#)

[August 19 No meeting](#)

[September back to normal first and third Tuesday, one of these will be AGM TBA](#)

[The Nominations Committee will be starting their work to find next year's replacements for positions where the terms are Completed.](#)

[If you are interested in taking a position watch for the Nominations Committee's announcements.](#)

## **Paul Tait Announcement:**

**The clubs in Northumberland are starting to plan a Probus 2015 Extravaganza.**

**The working group is accepting names of speakers for the gathering of a large group of Probus members.**

**Let Paul know if you know any names of people who would be suitable for this occasion**

**Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson**

June Captain Liz Davidson  
Jeanette Rutherford, Joan McIntosh  
Elaine Simpson.

July 5 Captain Ann Brown  
Gillian Jones, Pat Goodyear  
Jeanie Vanderwindt

August 5 Captain Ann Brown  
Joy Anne Moore, Shirley Robbins,  
Louis Houston

**Greeters Coordinator Barb Winfield**

June 3, Carolyn and Gary Webb

July 15, Diane Conduit and  
Catharine Ramsey

August 5, Rita and Terry Bell

**May 20 Meeting**

Barb Loucks introduced a new member  
Fiona Maarhuis who says she is looking  
forward to her changed life which does  
include Probus

Fiona has been juggling life between  
Toronto and her home in Millbrook for  
quite a while.

Fiona has a long career history working  
in what is now called "Information Tech-  
nology" progressing through a number of  
roles from programming (even wiring  
boards) to consulting and management.  
Prior to retiring in 2001 her projects were  
with electronic banking and large data-  
bank collection and management. Fiona  
says even learning to enjoy a working  
life involving constant change she ad-  
mits to being bemused by today's tech-  
nology as anyone else.

May 20 Meeting Adopt a Village in Laos  
was the topic presented at this meeting,  
great video and brought special meaning  
to the statement in the brochure:

"It is the right of every human being to  
have access to-clean, purified water"  
The guest speaker was Steve Rutledge,  
President

Steve and with his partner Mike Yax  
have created a number of large events  
including one they held in their home  
netting \$61,000 for the Capitol Theatre  
and another town event for 6000 people.

For the last few years Steve and Mike  
have ventured into unknown territory  
serving the rural villagers of Laos with  
the most basic needs including water for  
villages without any, schools, toilets,  
along with teacher and student support.

Steve's slides are incredible and really  
showed what differences can be made  
with the right people, ideas and vision to  
bring those ideas to reality." That vi-  
sion/mandate is to provide new water  
sources, clean water, education facilities  
and sponsorship, hygiene training and  
hygienic toilets in Laos. With greater fo-  
cus to in the rural areas" ("" quoted from  
the Leaflet) the videos showed us so  
much and a student/teacher named  
Khamdy gave a delightful insight into his  
appreciation and joy that had changed  
his whole life.

Steve has received two civic awards, the  
latest for philanthropy, and is a multiple  
Paul Harris award recipient. Recently  
Steve has been nominated for the Order  
of Ontario.

Shirley Robinson thanked Steve for

the excellent presentation.

**Management Committee**

**President Lynn Liddell**

**Vice President Paul Tait**

**Past President Gary Webb**

**Secretary Carol Webb**

**Treasurer Robert Struthers**

**Membership Dorothy Gilmer**

**and Doreen Rossi**

**Program Alan Butler**

**Special Events Sel and Anne Shields**

**Newsletter Marg Dennis and**

**Eleanor Carter**

**Email mdennis@cogeco.ca**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**1. CAPE COD & BOSTON.**

**June 8 - 14 \$ 1,375 dbl.**

**+ 50 optional cancellation INS.**

**2. ANNUAL PICNIC. Tues. June 17.**

**\$23 cheques to Port Hope Pro-  
bus. 3:30 pm.**

**Merle Adamson's Port Britain.**

**Tickets at the Special Events table.**

**3. WESTBEN - PHANTOM OF THE  
OPERA MUSIC. Wed. July 23.**

**\$102 + \$4 o. c. INS. Lunch included.**

**4. A ROYAL DAY AT CASA**

**MA. Thurs. July 24.**

**\$65 + \$4 o. c. INS. No meals.**

**CHEQUES TO LAKESHORE TOURS  
ARE NOW DUE FOR #3 & #4 ABOVE.**

**5. 4TH LINE THEATRE. Tues. July 15.**

**Dr. Bernardo's Children**

**CANCELLED, INSUFFICIENT  
INTEREST**

**6. APPS & DRINKS. FRI. July 25**

**4 - 6 pm. Hosts Barbara & Robert**

**Struthers. 7 Gibson Pl. Port Hope.**

**Full. Can add name to waiting list.**

**7. 4th. LINE THEATRE.**

**Tues. Aug. 19. 6pm. Gates open at  
4pm. Wounded Soldiers.**

**Shirley Robinson has tickets at the  
desk. \$31.50 Cheques made out to  
S. Robinson.**

**8. APPS & DRINKS. Tues. Aug. 26.**

**4-6pm. Host Barb Winfield.**

**17 Moore Dr. Port Hope. A few  
places are left on the signup sheet.**