



# Probus Patter

## President's Message

Club Started July 1998  
March 2013

### Management Committee

**President**  
Gary Webb

**Vice President**  
Lynn Liddell

**Past President**  
Barb Loucks

**Secretary**  
Keith Pickett

**Treasurer**  
Robert Struthers

**Membership**  
Dorothy Gilmer and  
Doreen Rossi

**Program**  
Alan Butler

**Special Events**  
Selwyn and Anne  
Shields

**Newsletter**  
Margaret  
Dennis  
and  
Eleanor Carter

**E-mail**  
(mdennis8@  
cogeco.ca

Poet Sarah Kay wrote “---there is nothing more beautiful than the way the ocean refuses to stop kissing the shoreline, no matter how many times it is sent away.”

As I write this I am sitting a few feet from The Gulf of Mexico. The sun is about to set with a spectacular display of colours in the western sky. The sound of the waves is soothing. This is what Carolyn and I hear the last thing at night and the first thing in the morning as our bedroom is directly on the ocean.

We are having a very relaxing vacation during which Carolyn had a birthday and we celebrated our 48<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Many thanks to vice president Lynn for looking after the two meetings we were away. I know she did an excellent job because my spies told me so!

Many thanks also to Catharine Ramsay for hosting “appies and drinks” on Feb. 7. Sel Shields tells me that despite the dreadful weather, 35 members showed up and enjoyed Catharine’s hospitality.

Sel also tells me that 12 have signed up for the “May Day Extravaganza”. Tickets are limited for this event so don’t leave it too late. It promises to be a good day.

So far 18 have signed up for the Prince Edward County trip but we need 45 to make this a go.

One of the concerns your management committee has is our membership level. We would like to add some new members. With that in mind, Lynn will ask you to complete an exercise at the March 5 meeting to get your suggestions on how we can attract new members. Please put on your thinking caps. This is important for the continued vitality of the club

As I finish writing this, to make all of you who are “snowbound” feel better, it is now raining heavily and the beach is full of puddles. It is, however, still warm! See you all at the Mar. 5 meeting!



*Gary*

On February 5 Christopher Terry was our guest speaker and showed some amazing slides, we listened to his fascinating talk about the evolution of aviation in Canada, from the very first flights up to the Avro Arrow. Christopher was Director General of the Canadian Aviation and Space Museum in Ottawa, and was also responsible for the Canada Agriculture and Canada Science and Technology Museums.

Christopher Terry and his wife moved to Port Hope about a year ago and they are seriously considering joining our club.

Our own Member Keith Richon celebrated at the February 5 meeting his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, we all shared birthday cake and Lynn as well as congratulating him about having reached his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday asked for the “whatever it was he was taking or doing to keep his so well” because she wanted to have the same formula.

Ray responded to the singing of “Happy Birthday and the good wishes by telling the Members he is now working on plans for when he reaches his 105<sup>th</sup> birthday.

This picture was taken of Keith chatting with Christopher Terry the guest speaker.



Lynn's congratulations  
And asking Keith for the formula!



“How do you pick your own winning ticket in the 50/50 draw?”

Congratulations to Marion who managed to find a way to do this at the last meeting

**Safety Reminder**, One member asked for this paragraph to be included:

Be sure to check that your fire alarms and CO- 2 detectors dates are current: 5 years is usually the life expectancy. Fire and Co-2s combined detectors are in the price range of about \$60.00 The recommendations for fire detectors are that one be located on each floor of the house.

February 16 The members enjoyed the songs that the “Aces in Harmony” sang for us. Keith Pickett is a member and kindly provided the history of the group. All donations the group receive are given to the charity they support.



**“Aces of Harmony”**

The Chapter currently has about 26 active singing members who rehearse together each week on Monday evenings between 7:00 pm and 10:00 pm.

We received our Charter on July 12, 1967 and presented our first annual show in November of that year. We have produced an annual presentation, in various venues each year since.

The Chorus has competed at many Ontario District Conventions and were named Chorus Champions in 1973 and again in 2003. We intend competing again at the 2013 Convention in Niagara Falls in April. The Chapter was awarded the privilege of hosting the Ontario District Spring Convention in the years 1971, 1976, 1980 and 1997.

The Chapter was originally named “The Lift Lock City Chorus” and underwent its name change to “The Aces of Harmony” during the 1990’s.

Lynn thanked the Chorus; I believe if she can find a “red shirt” she might be joining The Aces

Pictures taken at Catharine Ramsey’s Home.  
Thank you to Catharine and her family.



**PROGRAMS**

**March 5th.--Bob Wallace, 'Journey to India'**

**March 19th.--Betty DeLong, Master Gardener**

**April 2nd. -- Ken Prue, 'The Movie Man'**

**April 16th.--Trish Doney, Architectural Conservancy Update**

**Don't forget --St. Patrick's Day Feast at The Beamish House, March 18.**

**Tickets \$25 including one free drink.**

**Probus Club Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson**

**March Captain Barbara Moorcroft**

**March 5 Grace Lees, Joyce Lees, Dorothy Lent, Ruth Roy**

**March 19 Shirley Robinson, Don Kent, Fran Campbell Bob Moorcroft**

**April Captain Sue Speirs**

**April 2 Nancy Ford, Barbara Struthers, Margaret McCready, Alan McCready**

**April 16 Bryan Sherry, Marg Tait, Maggie Snow, Sel Shields**

**Greeters/ Welcome - Coordinator Barb Winfield**

**March 5 Beth Wallace, Elaine Simpson**

**March 19 Barbara Struthers, Betty De Long**

**April 2 Anne Brown, Pat Goodyear**

**SPECIAL EVENTS Fun and More Fun**

1. St. PATRICK'S DAY FEAST. Mon. 18th March. 6pm. Beamish House. John St.  
\$25 one free drink incl.
- .2.MAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA. Tues. 21st May. 9am--1pm. Keeler Centre, Colborne. \$25
- 3 SINATRA & FRIENDS. A lounge event. Sat. 8th June. 7pm. Victoria Hall, Cobourg. \$20.35 (  
\$18 + hst)  
Bob Trennum, Lee Batchelor and guests.
4. PICNIC. Tues. 18th. June. Details to follow.
5. PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TOUR Wed. 26th. June. 9am---? \$92 (incl \$4 cancellation insurance)  
Lakeshore Tours coach and escort.

**SIGN UP FOR ANY OF THE ABOVE AT THE EVENTS TABLE. QUESTIONS? Ask Anne or Sel.  
Shields.**