



PROBUS PATTER

March 2014
Club Started July 1998



Let's not talk about the weather, o.k?

A few years ago when we lived in Bowmanville our house was on the Hospital Tour. It was an amazing day with about 600 people through. I was the 'hostess' in the kitchen and although I knew quite a few people there were many 'strangers' come through. At one point a man and I were the only ones in the kitchen (most unusual) and he gave me a little wink and said "do you think it's always this clean?" to which I responded "well, I live here and I will tell you that it isn't!"

And so on March 11th I will open our home to 35'ish' Probians for an Appies and Drinks afternoon. Do I spend hours and hours getting the house in Open House order or do I just let you see us as we are? I vote for the latter. If you see books, magazines and papers piled up it only means we like to read. If you see much music piled on the piano it only means we love all kinds of music. If you see the odd fur ball floating around it only means that we are animal lovers and try as I might the "fur flies". I'm looking forward to welcoming you into our home. I have been told that I don't have to do anything! My kind of party....it sounds so easy.

It seems to be that the same people keep opening their homes for this. I'm wondering why. If you think that where you live it too small you can limit the number of people. I think appies and drinks for 10 would be wonderful. If not appies and drinks what about just a "tea party" for a few (especially people you don't know) It's just a thought

Stay warm Lynn

A founding member of the club Isabel Wright died on February 9 2014

Vernon Arthur "Vern" Johnson
April 19, 1930 - February 25, 2014

Our thoughts and prayers are with Judy Johnson and her family, Vern died on Tuesday February 25, 2014 at home.

Note: See the statement
Revenue and Expense report on page 4

February 4 meeting Fraser Carr Introduced new members Gareth and Gillian Jones and members extended a warm welcome. Gareth and Gillian are well known to several members: they resided in Port Hope since 1965, with a few changes in between and then back to Port Hope as retirees.

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The guest speaker at the February 4 meeting was Michelle Falone, who came to us to present her topic and slides about The Ministry of Consumer Services. We learned a lot from Michelle, Consumer Services provide a wide range some of which are:
- Do's and don'ts when shopping on line
-Protecting your Identity, what you need to know
-do's and don'ts entering into contracts, be aware of door to door sales people, Know the charities you subscribe to and Donate to the ones that are registered obtain the receipts for tax purposes. As well as the different services are available as a resource for advice, and Helping citizens to file a complaint when there is a need. Another highlight point from Michelle was having the knowledge of credit reports as well as learning about the frauds and scams that happen every day.

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Greeters Coordinator Barb Winfield

March 4 Eric and Una Norenus

March 18 Marguerite Dorrity and Catharine Ramsey

April 1 Marion and Doug Gellately

April 15 Carolyn and Bill Minion

The February 18th. Speaker was Stanley Isherwood, who is treasurer and general manager of the Cobourg Museum Foundation. He has had a very varied career - chartered accountant, ordained Anglican minister and private school teacher. He became involved with the Foundation in 1999 and now it takes most of his energy and time. Stanley's talk gave us insight into what transpired to bring the museum (the Sifton-Cook Heritage Centre) to the beginning of its third season and also give us some ideas for future development.

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Programs to look forward to:

March 04 - Antonio Sarmiento, Capitol Theatre

March 18 – Don Wade Canadian Amputee Hockey Team

April 01 - PATH - Healthcare for seniors

April 18 - Cindy Osland - sheep farming

Margot Agnew is back from the sunny south. Give her a call if you know of someone needing a call or card.

During the month of February
We enjoyed several visitors to the Meetings; we look forward to the “visitors” coming back as “members”

Fiona Maarhuis

Donna Carew

Christopher and Victoria Terry

Fred and Edna Terry.

Management Committee
President Lynn Liddell
Vice President Paul Tait
Past President Gary Webb Secretary Carolyn Webb
Treasurer Robert Struthers
Membership Dorothy Gilmer and Doreen Rossi
Program Alan Butler
Special Events Sel and Anne Shields
Auditor Keith Pickett
Newsletter
Marg Dennis email: colborne@bell.net and Eleanor Carter

Edith and Fraser Carr are doing Special Events planning while Sel and Ann Shields are on vacatrimon

Special Events

Apps & Drinks - Tuesday March 11th,
Lynn Liddell 4p.m.-6 p.m.,
111 Bloomsgrave Ave.
Thursday April 24th,

Alan Butler/Sue Speirs, 4pm - 6 p.m.
70 Huffman Ave.

Boston & Cape Cod with Lakeshore Tours –
June 8th-June 14th. \$1,375.00 Dbl.
Tax Free on this trip.
15 members already signed up.
If interested make sure you come to the March 4th meeting for more info.

July - Looking for interest in trips
Trips to Casa Loma and WestbenTheatre.
Any other suggestions will certainly be considered.

Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson

March Captain Barb Moorcroft

March 4 Blair McFadden, JoyAnn Moore, Elaine Simpson.

March 18 Lois Hueston TBA

April 1 Captain Shirley TBA
George Watson

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSE 1ST AND 2ND QUARTERS

REVENUE	2013-14	2012-13
MEMBER FEES	4740	4780
MEETING FEES	1531	1116
50/50	353	349
TOTAL REVENUE	6624	6245
EXPENSES		
LIONS RENT	2124	2150
MEETING FOOD	400	380
PRINTING	353	446
SPEAKERS	60	300
MISCELLANEOUS	408	498
CAR RALLY	70	64
CORN ROAST	(45)	51
AGM LUNCH	-	920
XMAS LUNCH	(250)	(157)
TOTAL EXPENSES	3120	4652
TOTAL SURPLUS	3504	1593

At last September's AGM, your management committee recommended several small changes to increase income and decrease overall expenses. Following your approval of the adjustments and revision to user-pay for the Christmas lunch, and aided by a levelling of the membership to 120, our surplus for the first two quarters increased by almost \$2,000. Given this result, we should end the year at or near a break-even point even without benefit of payment of the \$4740 annual member fees received in the first half of the year. We thank you for your support and look forward to a strong Vibrant club.

Richard Struthers Treasurer