



Club Started July 1998

Probus Patter

May 2013

We Canadians have a penchant for complaining about the weather---it's too cold, too hot, too dry, too wet. But the events of the last few days have relegated weather complaints to the back burner.

The Boston Marathon, the Via Rail plot linked to al-Qaeda, the Bangladesh building collapse – events seems to overwhelm us with increased frequency. It makes many of us long for the 'old days' when times seemed more peaceful. But there have always been such events – we were just not witnesses at front row center via TV, internet and other social media. Never the less our sympathy goes out to the families of those who lost their lives and to those who were injured.

Maybe we are not longing for the old days. Maybe we just want to get back to complaining about the weather.

On a lighter note, thanks to Past President Barbara Loucks for looking after the April 23rd. meeting for me in my absence. I very much appreciated her willingness to 'pitch in' on very short notice.

Thanks also to Eleanor Carter and Terry Hickey for hosting "Appies and Drinks" on April 23. It was a fine spring afternoon with lots of sunshine and blue sky which made moving outside almost mandatory. There was even concern from some about not having their sunscreen! A nice change from the questionable weather we've had so far this spring. There was a variety of delectable food available and solved the problem

about what to have for supper for many of us. Thanks again Eleanor and Terry for a very pleasant afternoon.

Final preparations are almost complete for the "May Day Extravaganza" on May 21 at the Keeler Centre in Colborne. Remember we will not have our regular meeting that Tuesday.

Immediately following the May 7 meeting the management committee is scheduled to meet. Among other business will be a discussion of recommendations from a sub-committee of Lynn, Marg, Dorothy and Eleanor based on the almost 30 suggestions put forth by members to attract new members to the Club. We'll keep everyone informed about this top priority for the club.

Gary





At the April 2nd meeting we were lucky to have as our speaker, Ken Pru. Born on London, England, Ken grew up in Toronto and London, Ontario. He graduated from the University of Western Ontario, taught high school for 2 years, then, for another 2 years lived in Paris, London and Greece. Back in the business world, he was with Proctor and Gamble for 13 years, then VP Marketing for Boots Drug Stores, Complex Odeon and Galaxy Entertainment. Now Ken is the owner of the Northumberland Mall Theatres plus the Cinema Café' after having founded the popular Film Sundays in 2003 and the Film Festival in 2006. As well, he was executive producer for a movie called "Love is Work" Ken now lives in Brighton and has four children, one still at home.

Tribute to Jim Adamson

Gary asked Elizabeth Davidson to pay tribute to a former member of our club. We lost a faithful Probian Jim Adamson, who was a Charter Member, he was also a veteran of World War 2 and a proud Rotarian.

In the good old days, Jim loved to sing with a group called the Redman and to also go dancing with his wife partner Merle. (Also a charter Member)

He and Merle raised a beautiful family of four, Barry, Bob, Bonnie and Beverly, who have given them 8 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. They always made us feel so welcome at their place in Port Britain where we have held our summer picnic for the last few years.

For the last few years he had not been well but Merle and the children kept him at home and looked after him.

**Jim we will miss the twinkle in your eye
and your dry sense of humour.
May you rest in peace**

April 23 Appies and Drinks

It was a sunny afternoon when 21 of our members participated in Appies and Drinks at the home of Eleanor Carter and Terry Hickey. The appetizers were varied and very tasty. Thanks to the warm weather, guests were able to take the party outside.



Dianne and Merle



Doreen, Murray, Joy-Anne, and Vern.



Probus friends

April 16 Meeting

Trish Doney President and Patsy Beeson Newsletter Editor and Committee chairperson of the Port Hope Branch of Architectural Conservancy shared an interesting talk and slide show of the many activities that the branch have been and are involved in .It would seem that as the years go by there are more and more projects that are identified and help is needed.

Over the years the Branch have been involved in many restoration projects which include among others
St Mark's Church
VIA Railway Station
Capitol Theatre
Union Cemetery Caretakers Cottage, which now serves as the headquarters for the local Branch.

In 2011 the Walton Hotel was provided with funding to ensure the windows were restored to duplicate the originals, work is presently continuing to restore the hotel with the new owner and ACO.

In 2012 the membership overwhelmingly voted to put the donation dollars to work on practical architectural restoration projects in Port Hope's downtown core and there is evidence of this on Walton and Ontario streets.

There are many activities to list that requires very dedicated volunteer committees to continue the work of ACO and these include ACO Garden Tour, House Tour, Silent Auctions, Fund raising endeavours which allows loans at low rates to aid in restoration. Heritage Trades Scholarships are awarded and educational opportunities provided such as workshops, newsletters and other printed information. The members also enjoy some social activities that include the annual bus trip, as well as other gatherings BBQ, Xmas party etc. Memberships are available to ACO for an annual fee.

Barb Louks thanked Trish and Patsy for the presentation and answering the questions from the members.

Programs

May 7 St John's Ambulance Therapy Dogs

**May 21 "Mayday Extravaganza"
Keeler Centre**

June 04 Ossie Tee "Birds of Northumberland County"

June 16 Annual Picnic Details later.

Attendance 66 Members and 2 guests

SPECIAL EVENTS. Fun & More Fun

**1. MAY DAY EXTRAVAGANZA. Tues. 21st. May 9am. - 1pm Keeler Centre, Colborne
Tickets have been distributed. See Anne if you need a ride.**

NOTE: THERE IS NO REGULAR CLUB MEETING THAT DAY.

**2. APPIES & DRINKS. Tues. 28th. May 4 -- 6pm. Host: Barb. Winfield,
17 Moore Drive Port Hope --35 maximum.**

**3. SINATRA & FRIENDS. Sat. 8th. June 7pm. Victoria Hall, Cobourg
Too few signed up to get the group rate. Tickets are available at the Victoria Hall box office**

4. PICNIC. Tues. 18th. June. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO PLAN THIS EVENT.

**5. PRINCE EDWARD COUNTY TOUR. Wed. 26th. June 9am - ?. Lakeshore Tours coach
and escort. -- 20 still needed to run this tour.**

**6. APPIES & DRINKS. Tues. 23rd. July 4 - 6 pm. Hosts: Anne & Sel. Shields
15 Scriven. Blvd. Port Hope --35 maximum.**

**SIGN UP AT THE SPECIAL EVENTS DESK. SPEAK TO ANNE OR SEL. ABOUT
SUGGESTIONS FOR EVENTS**

**Probus Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson
May Captain Anne Shields,
May 7 Pat Buchan, Doug and Marion Gellatly
June Captain Alan Butler
June 4 Terry Bell, Barb and Sam McReelis, Pat Goodyear**

Greeters/Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield

Greeters May 7 Barb Louks, Joann Henderson, and Ken Scott

**Management Committee
President Gary Webb
Vice President Lynn Liddell
Past President Barb Louks
Secretary Keith Pickett
Treasurer Robert Struthers
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