



PROBUS PATER

November 2013

Club Started July 1998

My quandary this beautiful October day is “do I write a pre-Christmas message or wait and write a post-Christmas message.” The answer is simple. I will do both.

Checking the Countdown to Christmas Clock on the internet, I see (as I write this) that we have 60 days - 13 hours - 32 minutes and 10 - no 9 - no 8 seconds until the Big Day!

The seconds tick by very quickly. When I was younger that clock would have given me cause for much stress. The hustle and bustle - the pressure of trying to buy the right gift

- Make the perfect dinner - decorate like the Jones' and keep everyone happy. Christmas takes on a different feel when we reach an age (I'm NOT using THE word!) where our children are grown

- and in some cases - their children are grown - and we can sit back

Remembrance Day
With friends, I will be paying tribute on your behalf when I lay the wreath at the Cenotaph in Port Hope



and let other people do all the work. Perhaps it is the time in our lives when we can reflect on what is important at this time of year.

Perhaps it is in your Faith that you enjoy the season. Perhaps it's in the joy of family that you look forward to. Perhaps it's simply a 'feeling' that makes it special. Perhaps it's all of the above - aren't you lucky!

Whatever it may be my wish/hope for you is that your Christmas will not only meet your expectations but exceed them!

The clock continues to tick...it's now 60 days - 8 hours - 54 minutes - 9 seconds....

*Christmas waves a magic wand over this world,
and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.....*

Norman Vincent Peale

Lynn

Eric and Una Norenus and their team shared the responsibility for planning the September club's annual car rally and according to all reports was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. This year showed fewer people attended, no one got lost, no perfect scores, and some people found the clues challenging. All in all Eric reports things worked out well. The members are hoping that the next year's rally will be planned by the same team?

The members' Hobbies and Exhibits, meeting were well demonstrated at the October 1st meeting. Our friends surely surprised us with a varied and very much admired collection of exhibits. Alan Butler interviewed the members and we learned so much. Ken Scott: showed an excellent collection of memorabilia from his own, his father, brothers' and friends of medals, and souvenirs from wartime and other special occasions. Gloria Schumacher displayed her beautiful paintings from oil to water colour and acrylics. Gloria sells some of her art work and belongs to a talented group of painters "the Friday Morning group" Pauline Carrick renewed our memories of her book, and her trips with artifacts from Africa, Kenya and Liberia. Bee Makepiece is an avid Winnie the Pooh fan and owns a beautiful collection "of all things Winnie" Bee was involved in the work of a Museum in White River where Winnie the Bear originated and became famous in the stories of A. A. Milne in England. and the London Zoo. Ann Shields has many special talents and her display showed absolutely beautiful work with smocking, knitted articles Oriental and Brazilian embroidery as well as her water colour paintings.

We had five visitors to this meeting and hope they will become future members.

Edith Carr and Rose Ferguson showed their treasures and memorabilia of the Survivor Dragon Boat team and their accomplishments. Edith admitted she has "hung up her paddles after 15 years of rowing" but is still very active in the team's activities.

Fraser Carr was applauded for his gardening talents and the wonderful dahlias he grows.

Merle Adamson's present projects are baby quilts; she is a great quilter and has made many in her time but with new great grandchildren coming along baby quilts are a must. As well as quilting Merle spends restful time doing puzzles. Sue Speir's great interest is in artistic items, plaques, broken glass treasures and handmade jewellery

Eleanor Carter told us of her Genealogy projects and has successfully tracked her own and Terry's family histories.

Alan Butler too is also keen on Genealogy, his impressive chart of his family going back many, many years showed the interest and work he has undertaken. He shared a story of a female family member (his great Aunt) whose reputation was quite "unusual"

Carol Webb explained her particular interest in needlework and especially the quilts which were exceptional in choices of colour and design.

Gary evidently helps with the folding and carrying of the big quilts

Terry and Rita Bell had an impressive display of photograph albums and articles their theme being "Creating Memories"

Mysie Vanhinsberg's unusual and creative eggs and very intricate knitting pattern were much admired.

Programs to look forward to:

November 5 - Capt. the Rev. Don Aitchison
November 19 - Leslie Roseblade,
Parks & Rec.

December 3 - Christmas lunch and Pageant
Fun begins at 10.30am, Lunch at 12 noon
Traditional Christmas Dinner
Lion's Centre, Port Hope
Entertainment (fun) by you, the members
Phone with your ideas: Pauline Carrick
905-885-8554

Cost: \$25 per person, members and guests
Tickets on sale, Nov. 5th and 19th (cheques please)

Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson
Pauline Carrick, captain
Nov. 5: Una and Eric Norenius,
Barb Loucks
Nov. 19: Brian Sherry,
Shirley Robinson, Ruth Roy

Greeters/Welcome
Coordinator Barb Winfield
November 5
Marion and Doug Gellatly
November 19
Anne Brown and Pat Goodyear.





SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1. APPS. & DRINKS. Thurs. Nov. 14. 4 - 6 pm. Hosts Sue Speirs & Alan Butler. 70 Huffman Ave. P H. List is full at 26. May sign up on the wait list.**
- 2. TORONTO CHRISTMAS MARKET. Wed. Dec. 11. 9:45am. \$82.00 + \$4.00 optional cancellation INS. Visit the Market at the Distillery District Dinner at the Hot House Cafe. View the City Hall lights and trees. Lakeshore Tours coach. Cheques required no later than the Nov. 19 meeting.**
- 3. APPS & DRINKS. Fri. Dec. 13 4 - 6 pm. Hosts Barbara & Robert Struthers. 7 Gibson Place P. H. Max. 24. Sign up with Barbara at Nov. 19 meeting.**
- NOTE : there are stairs.**
- 4. APPS & DRINKS. Tues. Jan. 14 4 -6 pm. Host Catharine Ramsey. The Grange 33 South St. P. H.**
- 5. LES MISERABLES. Wed. Jan. 15 10 : 45 am. \$165.00 + \$4.00 optional cancellation insurance. Matinee at Princess of Wales Theatre in Toronto.**

Buffet at the Hot House Cafe. Lakeshore Tours coach.

PLEASE NOTE: cheques for items #2 & # 5 must be made out to Lakeshore Tours NOT to the club Sign up or pick up tickets at the Special Events table.

APPS & DRINKS HOSTS ARE REQUIRED FOR FEB. MARCH & APRIL 2014.

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