



PROBUS PATER

October 2013

Club Started July 1998

Well to say that I have had a meteoric rise in this group would be an understatement! I am happy to take the position of President and look forward to the next year. A number of people have asked me what I have planned for the next year. Well.....I don't want to give all of my secrets away at once. Not only that but we have a great management team and it will be a team effort.

But I will share with you a couple of things that I am hoping to achieve.... I was blessed to spend this past weekend with 7 girlfriends (that would be girls with grandmother faces!) - girlfriends from 60 years ago - most of us attended kindergarten together at Dr. Power's School and then continued on to Dr. Hawkin's School and then Port Hope High School. We came back together 16 years ago when we all turned 50 and have had a yearly reunion since. I'm sure Fraser Carr's ears were burning....he taught all of us or in some cases "tried to teach" some of me! We determined that he was a well-respected teacher and can I say that we all agreed that he was pretty darn handsome. But I digress. One of these friends has just come back to Ontario to live after living in the United States for most of her married life. I asked her if she liked her new house. She said "yes, I love the house but I have no friends". That sent us into discussion around the difficulty of making friends as we get older. When you move to a new neighbourhood friendships have often been bonded for many years - it is very hard to break into these groups.



So, it made me think how courageous it is for someone to attend a Probud meeting to "get to meet new people". We need to acknowledge that courage - we

acknowledge it by making them feel welcome - a smile - a word - a few questions - simply showing them that we recognize the quality of spirit it took for them to walk through the door.

There is a wonderful hymn called "Draw the Circle Wide." We do not want anyone to feel that they are left outside the circle. We will hopefully be conscious of drawing our circle wide...

Second and last - you know how I feel about the word that is used to describe this group. Well, I have decided to ban that word from our vocabulary for the next year. Did you ever have a swear jar when you were growing up? Well, this is my interpretation of the swear jar. If the word 'old' is used as an excuse for anything you will put money in the 'old' jar. The only way that you can use it and not put money in is if you use it in the context of the sentence that begins with "I'm never too old to (sky dive, learn a new hobby, make a new friend, do something silly)

Part of the reason that I am President is that you "wanted young blood"....this could be a question of "be careful what you wish for".....

I am looking forward to the next year - a year where we maybe step out of our comfort zone - embrace our inner child - and if nothing else have fun trying.

Now, having said all of this I have to tell you that I'm leaving town. We are heading to Scotland tonight for three weeks...luckily Paul Tait your new Vice President is willing and more than able to take over. So enjoy your next few meetings. I feel the need to leave you with a Scottish Blessing....

May you have walls for the wind
And a roof for the rain
drinks beside the fire
And laughter to cheer you
And those you love near you
And all that your heart may desire

Lynn

September 3 - Mary Talbot -- 'Enhancing Your Photography Experience'

Mary came to the meeting to share with us her slide show and talk about her hobby and obvious passion and expertise of photography.

A special message from Mary was that you don't have to travel miles and miles to find what you are looking for or what takes your fancy and often an opportunity presents at the most odd times to take pictures and images that are both "what you are looking for" or "what surprises you" as the photograph comes to life.

One particular image was the photo of cracks along the flagstones and what dimensions it showed with various shades and angles of the camera and light.

Mary's collection was all her own work, her slide collection is amazing, she uses digital cameras and she follows her own mottoes "more unusual than usual; sense of personal appeal; tell a story; and create with the cameras options."

The questions from the members showed a lot of interest in this topic.

Annual Corn Roast

Tuesday, September 10, 2013 was one of the hottest days of the summer as 70 Port Hope and District Probus Members gathered on the grounds of the home of Barbara Loucks for our annual Probus Corn Roast. Sixties music contributed to the social atmosphere as we enjoyed the country environment while chowing down on delicious corn, sausage and hot dogs on the bun. Many thanks to Barbara for once again hosting this event. Our thanks to Nancy and Edgar Ford and Marg and Paul Tait for all their hard work in organizing the food, equipment and other volunteers. John Buchan, Bill Minion, Terry Hickey and Alan Rutherford can always be depended upon to help wherever needed.

Eleanor Carter took over 50 pictures and very skillfully made a Power Point Presentation of this event. The Annual General meeting presented a good opportunity with excellent attendance for the slide presentation to run continuously during the arrival and coffee break times. Eleanor is planning more presentations of the pictures for other events during the year.

Programs to look forward to:

October 1 - Members' Hobbies and Interests Day

October 15 - Happy Mireault, YMCA -Nicaraguan refugees

November 5 - Capt. The Rev. Don Aitchison

November 19 - Leslie Roseblade, Parks & Rec.

December 3 - Christmas lunch and Pageant

SPECIAL EVENTS

- 1. APPS & DRINKS. Tues. Oct. 22. 4 - 6 pm.
Hosts Carolyn & Gary Webb. 10 Jeffries St. P. H.
List is full at 30. Add your name to the wait list, if you wish.**
- 2. APPS & DRINKS. Thurs. Nov. 14. 4 - 6 pm. Hosts Sue. Speirs & Alan Butler.
70 Huffman Ave. P. H.26 max. Sign up at the Special Events table.**
- 3. CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON. Tues. Dec. 3. Lions Centre. Details to follow.**

**Speak to Anne or Sel. Shields if you would be willing to host an Apps & Drinks in Jan.
Feb. or March 2014.**



Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson

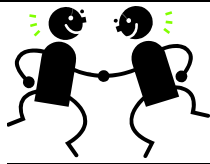
October Captain Barb Hawthorne

October 1

Shirley Robinson, Jeanette Rutherford, Dorothy Lent

October 15

Don Campbell, Shirley Kane, Fran Campbell.



Greeters /Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield

October 1 Anne and Sel Shields

October 15 Margot Agnew and Barb Loucks

November 5 Marion and Doug Gellatly

November 19 Anne Brown and Pat Goodyear.



Own Lent, the fellow who starts the mornings off with a smile

Annual General Meeting September 17 2013



**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
Catering Coordinator Judy Johnson (Judy missing from this picture)
Newsletter Marg Dennis email: colborne@bell.net and Eleanor Carter**

**September 17 Annual General Meeting
Prior to the AGM, on behalf of the members Gary congratulated our member
Marg Reynolds who was recently presented with the award of 2013 Senior of the Year.**

**Marg is actively involved in the community and spends most of her time volunteering
with the Ruth Clarke Senior's Centre, the Port Hope Legion, Community Care and sits on
the municipality Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee.**
