



# PROBUS PATTER

September 2013  
Club Started July 1998



Here we are in September already! How did those lazy, hazy days of July and August go so quickly? I almost hate to mention it but I'm sure I saw a couple of trees changing colour on a drive to Peterborough yesterday. Say it ain't so, ma!

But while the days may be getting shorter, the list of upcoming club events is not.

September 10 is our annual corn roast at Barb Loucks, as it was last year. Ed and Nancy Ford, with the help of several volunteers, have it all organized.

September 17 will be our Annual General Meeting. Note the start time is 10:30 am, one hour later than our usual meeting. Please plan to attend as your approval is required for a new slate of officers, the auditor's report and the appointment of an auditor for 2014 along with other items.

Following the AGM a "Dutch treat" luncheon will be held at a local restaurant for those interested. Signup sheet at the front, last chance September 3<sup>rd</sup>. meeting.

September 25 brings out the truism that having a good navigator is more important than the skill of the driver for our annual car rally. I am told that Erik and Una Norenus have been diabolically clever with the clues to the secret destination.

Carolyn and I will host a "Nibbles and Drinks" event at our mansion on October 22. Because it's a small mansion we must set the limit at 24.

I started this message with comments about summer slipping by. But so has my term as President. I will be passing on the role to Lynn Liddell at the AGM and I know she will do a great job. I hope she gets as much satisfaction from it as I have.

My sincere thanks to everyone for your support this past year.

Gary

At the August 6 meeting Gary Curtis has his wife came to us with a Talk and Power Point presentation about their personal interest and research of Dr. Barnardo Homes and the children who are part of that history. Gary's personal story was that of his mother and the story of his wife's relatives.

Gary told us that there was so much written in the history books of how children were treated both happy and sad in terms of the outcome of these lives and Dr. Barnardo left an indelible mark on the social care and practice of children. Not all children admitted to the homes were waifs or orphaned, there is evidence that some were placed simply because families could not take care of them.

The history is a long one: dating from the year 1870 when Dr Thomas John Barnardo opened the first home in London, England .From then on the workload of the humanitarian venture steadily increased until at the time of the death of Dr Barnardo in 1905 he had established 112 district homes and the well-known Ragged schools missions throughout the United Kingdom.

The various institutions and organizations were legally incorporated under the title of "The National

Association for the Reclamation of Destitute Waif Children" but the institution was always known as "Dr Barnardo Homes" The earlier homes admitted only boys from an early age to late teens and later there were homes which catered to the social needs of girls as well.

A Policy was established of "EVER OPEN DOOR " and this determined that Dr Barnardo would never turn a child in need away.

The mission for the institutions were started to search out for and to receive waifs and strays, to feed, clothe and educate them. The system under which the institutions were that infants, younger girls and boys were "boarded out "in rural districts,; girls above fourteen years were sent to the industrial training homes useful domestic occupations; boys above seventeen years of age were first tested in labour homes and trades and then placed in employment homes, sent to sea or emigrated to the colonies.

In 1882 Dr. Barnardo started his immigration program of children to Canada and Australia.

Statistics reveal an excess of over 30,000 children were migrated from 1882 to 1947 when the program was discontinued.

There are records that children were immigrated to the colonies prior to the establishment of Dr. Barnardo's program.

Barb Loucks thanked Gary for the presentation. The list of books from Gary's notes and Recommendations include:

Suffer Little Children" Reginald Charles Longman. A local author from Roseneath  
The Street Arab, Sandra Joyce

The Little Immigrants, Kenneth Bagnall

Ben Wick's book called "No time to say Goodbye" is the story of the war time evacuees from the United Kingdom



Gary presents 25 year Probus member pin to Ken Scott.

**Programs to look forward to:**

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

**September 17 - Annual General meeting**

**October 1 - Our Hobbies and Interests Day**

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**October 15 - Happy Mireault - Northumberland YMCA**

**November 5 - Capt. The Rev. Don Aitchison**

**November 19 - Leslie Roseblade - Parks and Recreation**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

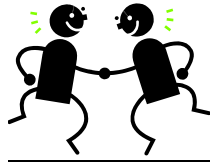
- 1. CORN ROAST. Tues. Sept. 10 Start 4: 00 pm. Food at 5: 30 pm.  
Host Barb. Loucks.  
Last day for tickets. \$10 from Nancy Ford.**
- 2. CAR RALLY. Wed. Sept. 25 \$28 lunch included.  
Una and Erik Norenus coordinators.  
Signup sheets at the desk.**
- 3. APPS & DRINKS. Tues. Oct. 22 4 – 6 pm. Hosts Carolyn & Gary Webb.  
24 max. Sign up at the desk.  
Insufficient interest to run the Magog trip in Oct.  
Anyone willing to host Apps & Drinks in Nov? Speak to Anne Shields**



**Sept. Captain Eleanor Carter**

**Sept 3rd Kitty Hatch, Terry Hickey, Sheila Goering, Joan McIntosh**

**Sept 17th Lois Hueston, Joy Ann Moore, Elaine Simpson, George Watson**



**Greeters /Welcome Coordinator Barb Winfield**

September 3, Edith and Fraser Carr

September 17, Marg and Paul Tait

**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**  
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