



# Presqu'ile PROBUS Post



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## President's Message

Please accept my regrets for the brevity of this month's message. Time constraints and commitments overlap.

However!

The exciting news is that we have obtained our Charter from PROBUS Centre. Jamie Doolittle was at our November meeting to present it to us.

Our speaker, Ron Saucier, was interesting. He talked about Identity Theft. As I type, I am looking forward to our December Meeting which will be Christmassy.

Beginning in December, our meeting admission cost will be \$3.00. This increase will ensure we have funds available for hall rental, speaker stipends and refreshments.

Lastly, but not the least, Merry Christmas to All!

Liz 

## FROM THE EDITOR

**Privacy** (from Latin: *privatus*) is the ability of an individual or group to seclude themselves, or information about themselves, and thereby express themselves selectively. The boundaries and content of what is considered private differ among cultures and individuals, but share common themes. When something is private to a *person*, it usually means there is something to them inherently special or sensitive.

Now why, do you ask, am I on a rant about privacy? Here's something to consider. Many of us are alone in our homes, or for a great deal of time we're not even in our home, perhaps we're in hospital, perhaps in the sunny south.

Although most like to hear about each other, where we are and what we're "up to", there are many people, some unknown to us which have access to our newsletter, whether online or forgotten on a coffee table. Any unscrupulous individual could use this information for dishonest or unwanted purposes. It's almost like printing a directory for thieves.

Don't get me wrong, you'll be hearing about hubby Doug's and my travels, but that's our choice. Heck, it's all on FB anyway. However, not everyone feels the same way. What and how much you wish publicized are up to you. If you have a concern, drop a line, your wish is my command.

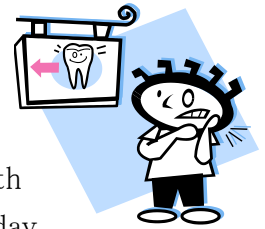
And in closing, you won't hear from me again until after Christmas, so in the meantime, have a blessed and safe holiday, whichever one you celebrate. Mine is Christmas.

**Merry Christmas everyone!**

Nancy

## INTERESTING FACT

Tin foil was used to fill cavities in teeth before the 20th century. If you have fillings today and have ever chewed a piece of aluminium foil, this fact should make you squirm!



## FROM THE TREASURER

Beginning the month of November:

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|-----------------|-----------|
| Opening Balance | \$3444.25 |
| Income          | \$ 155.00 |
| Expenses        | \$ 609.32 |
| Closing Balance | \$2989.93 |



At the November Management Committee meeting, it was moved and carried that we will begin to pay back the supporting two PROBUS Clubs' loans (\$200.00 each from Northumberland, and Brighton) and \$200.00 from the Rotary Club of Brighton.

The winner of November's *Share the Wealth* was Chris Penhall. She picked up \$24.00. I understand it was instantly spent, just like money from home. Congratulations Chris!

Some levity:

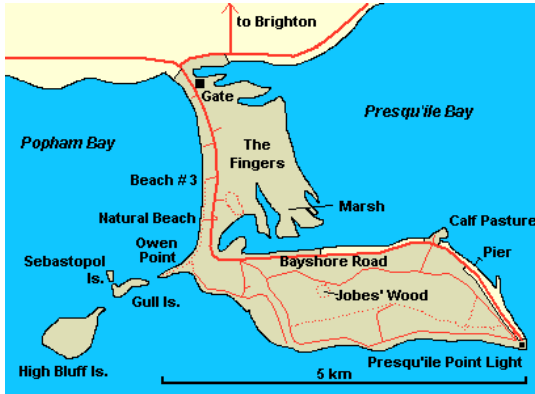
A man being mugged by two thugs put up a tremendous fight. Finally, the thugs subdued him and took his wallet. Upon opening it, they found only \$2.00 and the surprised robber asked why he had put up such a fight. To which the man promptly replied, "I was afraid that you would find the \$500.00 hidden in my shoe!"

Have a good day

Chris

## ABOUT PRESQU'ILE

From the French, presqu'ile means "almost island". It is a geographical term denoting a piece of land which is closer to being an island than most peninsulas because of its being joined to the mainland by an extremely narrow neck of land.



There is only one place named Presqu'ile in Canada and one in Martinique.

There are six places named Presque Isle, all in United States of America.

## PROGRAM

A Christmas program will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at 10AM. The Program Committee has organized a morning of Christmas readings read by PROBUS members. Special musical guests will be Ray Herbert and Ralph De Jong who performs as the group called "R and R". The event will conclude with a pot luck lunch organized by the Social Committee.

The Christmas program will also usher in a new meeting format for future events. Our programs will begin at 10 AM with our guest speakers taking the floor for their presentations. After their presentations, there will be a brief intermission followed by the business meeting to end the morning. This format allows our speakers to arrive, speak and leave without having to sit through a business session. It also

allows those PROBUS members who do not choose to attend the business meeting to leave after the scheduled speaker.

Our January guest speaker will be Larry Kinar. His talk on personal finances is entitled, "I Know Where the Money Went".

February will see a talk by Betty Jo Parent who sits on the Pan Am Games Organizing Committee. A number of other speakers are currently working with us to find appropriate speaking dates. We will provide additional information on all of our speakers in the Newsletter in advance of their visits.

Stan

## HOLIDAY FUN FACTS

Trivia on Christmas [C], Hanukkah [H] and Kwanzaa [K]

C: According to a very old tradition, stockings are hung by the fireplace as the very first Saint Nicholas left gold coins in the stockings of three poor girls who needed funds for their wedding dowry. Their stockings had been placed there simply to dry, but were filled with coins instead, thereby beginning the tradition. Small gifts like fruits, nuts or candy have been replaced with more expensive gifts in recent years. A lump of coal for naughty children began later from Italy.

H: The dreidel has a serious purpose. When it was forbidden to study the Torah, dreidels were kept on hand during study times. In the event the students were "caught", they could pretend they were playing.

K: Kwanzaa is not a religious holiday, nor is it meant to replace Christmas. It was created by Dr. Maulana "Ron" Karenga, in 1966. It is based

on the year-end harvest festivals that have taken place in Africa for thousands of years. It comes from the Swahili phrase “matunda ya kwanza” meaning “first fruits of harvest”.

C: The 12 days of Christmas are the 12 days between Christmas and Epiphany (January 6th). The tradition used to be to present a gift each day- hence the song. The tradition never caught on in North America. It seems that we don't have the patience to spread out the gifts.

H: Hanukkah has taken on a more prominent role in North American society due to the proximity to Christmas, but it traditionally is a more subdued time. It may seem fitting however as the Hanukkah story tells of the Jewish culture surviving in a non-Jewish world.

K: Each of the seven days of Kwanzaa honors a different principle: Unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, cooperative economics, sense of purpose, creativity, and faith.

C: Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer was born of a story written in 1939 by Robert May and illustrated by Denver Gillen. The original name was to be Rollo or Reginald, but the executives at Montgomery Ward, who requested the story be written as an advertising campaign, didn't like those names. The name came from the author's young daughter. There were 2.4 million copies of the book given out that year. In 1949, Gene Autry put the book in song form. To date, the only song that surpasses it is “White Christmas”.

H: Many traditional Hanukkah foods are cooked in oil, in remembrance of the oil that burned in the temple. The most popular is latkes or potato

pancakes. In Israel, the favorite food is sufganiya, a kind of jelly donut cooked in oil.

K: Celebrants of Kwanzaa use seven symbols: the unity cup, the candleholder with 7 candles (three red, three green, and one black), fruits and nuts and vegetables, the seven candles, a mat, ear of corn, gifts.

## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome, welcome, welcome! Since we last reported membership numbers, we have had the good fortune to welcome four new members.

Please join me in welcoming:



Randy & Kathy Besco,  
Lillian Cowley, and  
Garnet McPherson.

Fred

## SOCIAL

Wasn't it fun? Our club had its very first outing and it was to Loyalist College for lunch. A “good time was had by all”.



A scant week later, Presqu'ile PROBUS had its first breakfast with Barb and Ed at the Big Apple. About 12 people came to the pre-Christmas outing and I believe everyone had a good time. Some members were surprised by the new additions at the Big Apple and spent time after breakfast scouting around for Christmas presents. Thank you all for coming and sharing this event with us.

Watch your email for notice of upcoming events, some on short notice, but heck, we're retired, some plans don't require a lot of notice.

Ed