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## PROBUS Club of Colborne

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FOUNDED 2003

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## March 2017

Meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month from September through June at the Keeler Centre in Colborne

(Unless otherwise designated by the current executive.)

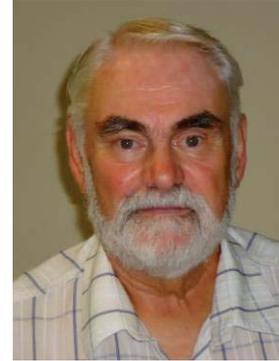
### 2015-16 Executive

Co-Presidents	Gord McArthur Bob McNutt
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### From the President's Perch



**Hello everyone.**

**Spring has sprung, hopefully. Time to start thinking about our anniversary luncheon sign up and enjoy some good food and conversation. Also keep in mind the summer picnic. Now enjoy the nice weather on the patio with a cool glass of iced tea.**

**See you on April 5 th**

**Bob McNutt – Co-president Colborne PROBUS.**

**P.S. Don't forget to buy your tickets for the spring celebration.**



**March 1, 2016:** COLBORNE PROBUS MEETING

We had 30 members today.

**Co-President Bob McNutt** Chaired the Meeting.



**Heather McElroy** led the singing of O Canada.

“It is too hot and we need more snow”

From Fred Kurtz



Joan McInnes

(Al & Elsie Cullum's daughter from Chester, NS)

Bill Carp

Barbara Carp



Alan Cullum

**Diane Dycke:** Sunshine Reporter

- Cathy Burne is much better and is out of hospital
- Muriel Todd is doing well.
- Judi Eakins is also doing well.

**Menu** for our Anniversary Luncheon has changed

- King's Plate is no longer available
- Black Dress Catering will be preparing our meal
- A suggested meal planning was out to be voted on later in the meeting.



Gord McArthur



Susan Snider

**Gord McArthur** introduced our speaker.

- Susan Snider, President of Ganaraska Valley Probus Club.
- She entertained us for about 45 minutes about her 33 year life as the wife of a Canadian International Diplomat.
- Throughout her experiences she was able to use her training as a teacher to get to know the people in the Snider's various postings.
- Belgrade Yugoslavia was the first in the early 1970's. At that time the society was very patriarchal so her three sons were admired greatly.
- Next posting was in Barbados, which Susan described as a wonderful place to vacation but not so interesting to live there.
- The Sniders next were in Budapest, Hungary from 1979-1981 when Susan returned to teaching.
- Brussels, Belgium was their placement for four years – with teenage boys!
- Susan welcomed visitors for three week stints between teaching English to medical students.
- Finally the Sniders had a six year term in Ottawa before returning to Belgrade.
- Susan started organizing 'care packages' and fundraising for refugees and orphans.
- Again the family returned to Ottawa before the final placement in Zagrave, Croatia.
- Susan described the country as beautiful but political.
- Susan regrets not writing a journal of her experiences.
- Finally she said the hardest part for her in the various placements was finding a new hairdresser!

**Gord McArthur & Bob McNutt** thanked Susan for her fascinating stories.

- Susan is also the Treasurer for the Spring Celebration.



Susan Snider, Bob McNutt, Gord McArthur, & Elsie Cullum  
Have drawn the Share the Wealth Ticket

Our Share the Wealth Winner



Heather McElroy won \$25

**Break time**



It's Time For A Break 

## **Open Mike Time**

### **Carol McArthur**

- Mary Lee is taking orders for the Oriana Women's Choir Plant Sale. Deadline is **March 5**.
- There is a poster from Ontario Waterway Cruises with their information session dates in Ontario.

### **Bob McNutt**

- There are tickets available for the SPRING CELEBRATION
  - o Hoop Dancers are coming
- Clair Westheuser has 6 tickets left for the Stratford bus trip October 3-4, 2017.
- March 11, 2017 there will be a Hockey Tournament at the Keeler Centre, including an Old Timers Game between Brighton and Cramahe.
  - o Tickets are \$5 – under 12 is \$3.

### **Graham Norcutt**

- Promoted the movie 'Lion' showing March 5, 2017 in Cobourg.
  - o Theme – a little boy gets lost and travels across India to find his parents.
- There is a 'stamp design competition' in Cramahe Township. Entries are due March 14 at the libraries – one vote per resident.

### **Gord McArthur**

- Reminded us a signup sheet is at the front desk for the March 22 bowling date.

### **Gord McArthur:**

- Took the vote for the Anniversary Luncheon.
- The winner is the Roast Beef Dinner.

### **Diane Dycke**

- Speakers or outings are needed for the June and September meetings.

### **Gord McArthur**

- There will be an Executive Meeting today, to plan the Annual Picnic

Bob McNutt and Gord McArthur Closed the meeting.

**Laugh when you can.  
Apologize when you should.  
Let go of what you can't change.**

Pearls of Wisdom: from Gord McArthur

Law of Biomechanics

The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach. They are the ones who will leave their seats several times to go for food, beer, or the toilet and who leave early before the end of the performance or the game is over. The folks in the aisle seats come early, never move once, have long gangly legs or big bellies and stay to the bitter end of the performance. The aisle people also are very surly folk.

Closing thoughts: from Bob McNutt

When you go on vacation, if you come home as happy as you went then you had a great vacation.



**March 15, 2017:** COLBORNE PROBUS MEETING

18 members attended today's meeting.

**Co-President Gord McArthur** Chaired the Meeting.



Judi Eakins brought us up to date regarding Cathy Burne. Cathy is not doing well and has returned to Mount Sinai Hospital.

Judi Eakins' toe is finally on the mend.



Ladies

**Gord McArthur** introduced our Speaker today.

- **Sarah Johnston**, she lives in Castleton and came from Brighton.
- She is the receptionist at the Keeler Center.
- Sarah spoke about “Link Cramahe” which was created to hub community assets, events and information.
- Sara and Mary Norton were able to get 25 different groups together from Cramahe to see what they wanted in their community
  - o Mostly they wanted a senior friendly community
  - o All information about Cramahe in one place.
- Mary Norton has been able to get a government grant to start this project.
- Anyone can let Sarah know about anything going on in Cramahe.

Interesting fact about the Cramahe area – there are 6 parks in Colborne & Castleton.



Sarah Johnston

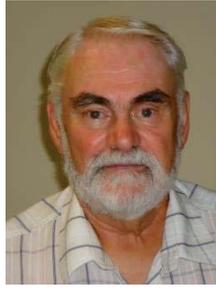


Many thanks Sarah from Bob McNutt



Sarah Johnston is making a new friend.

## Our Share the Wealth Winner



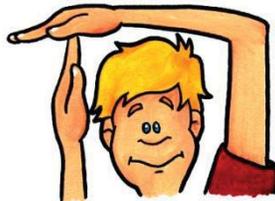
Gord McArthur won \$9.00  
This was kindly returned to the club.  
Thank you, Gord.

### **Bob McNutt:**

- Bob spoke to us about the "Spring Celebration" May 30<sup>th</sup>.
- Wilf Robinson has volunteered to sell 50/50 tickets.
- We are looking for more volunteers.

### **Martin Blackshaw:**

- Brought us up to date with the "Anniversary Luncheon" on April 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Cost will be \$20 for both non-members and members.
- King's Plate (Darren Lawn) will be on holidays
- Black Dress (Donna Rusaw) will be our caterer.



Break Time

### **Gord McArthur:** from the Bowling Lanes

Today marked the end of another bowling season for our faithful members. The scores were.....not quite up to the usual standard.

Bob Lee was the overall leader with a two game average of 163 and 2 strikes, Gord with 153 and 4 strikes, Dave Miller with 130 and 2 strikes Followed by Bob McNutt, Louise McNutt and Carol.

A sincere Thank You to all the members that participated and added to the fellowship.



**Diane Dycke:** Speaker Co-ordinator



**"Of course you're allowed to have stage fright.  
As soon as your talk is over."**

**Speaker for April 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017:**

- Gord
- Topic: Vimy Ridge
- Contact:

**Speaker for April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2017**

- Adrian Dubois
- Followed by the Anniversary Luncheon

As OUR CLUB MEMBERS, your input is needed to help keep our meetings exciting and interesting. Help is needed to find the best speakers and the most interesting places to visit.

**Where would you like to go?**

We can't read your minds.... So speak up.

Remember it is **OUR CLUB**.....

**Community Events:**

**Heritage Salem Soup Lunches**

- Friday 11:30 – 1:00; cost \$7
- Last one till fall March 31, 2016

**Spaghetti Dinner**

- March 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Trenton Legion
- Time: 4:30 – 6:30

**Legion Dinner**

- Fridays, 5:00--6:30; cost \$13-15 (depending on what is served)
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month
- April 7<sup>th</sup> is Roast Beef

**55+ Club every Tuesday**

- At the Legion, starts at 1 pm

**Keeler Center Exercise Class** - Free

- Tuesday & Thursday from 9-10 am.
- Light exercise done mostly on a chair.

**Peterborough Flower and Garden Show**

- Evinrude Centre, Peterborough
- April 7-9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Heritage Church Square Dance and Pie Auction**

- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Pie Auction & Square Dance
- April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 6:30 pm
- Colborne Legion
- \$5 per person
- Enjoy Pie & Ice Cream, Tea & Coffee
- You do not have to know how to square dance – help is available.

**Capitol Theatre**

- Willy Wonka
- March 29<sup>th</sup> and April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017

**Oriana Women's Choir**

- Delivery: Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017

### From Carol

- Upcoming shows & events can be checked out at [www.concerthallatvictorialhall.com](http://www.concerthallatvictorialhall.com)
- Also, check out, [www.northumberlandmusic.ca](http://www.northumberlandmusic.ca)

### From Bonnie

- Check out [www.capitoltheatre.com](http://www.capitoltheatre.com) or call 905-885-1071
- ANNE OF GREEN GABLES the musical – July 13-22, 2017 at Victoria Hall, Cobourg
  - o 905-372-2210 or 1-855-372-2210
  - o Book Online: [vostheatre.com](http://vostheatre.com)

### From Mary

- CANADA'S ARCTIC 2017
- Starts March 30<sup>th</sup> to May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017
- For more information ask Mary Lee for a "Spring 2017 Program".

### Stratford outing with the Bellville PROBUS Club October 3-4

- Claire Westheuser tells me there are only 4 possibly 5 tickets left.
- Contact Claire Westheuser at [clareimogen@gmail.com](mailto:clareimogen@gmail.com) or by phoning 613-968-3172.
- Or by snail mail at 98 Ridley Street, RR1, Belleville, Ontario, K8N 4Z1.

### **Did you know it is Anti-Fraud Month?**

I did not, but I got a couple of emails from reliable sources telling me. Each gave a few precautions which I want to share and thus remind you of Constable Bates' recent presentation.

SCAMS – Money Transfer: never share banking, credit cards, passwords, personal ID  
Internet: do not use links in an email from a person you do not know  
Telephone: 'dead air', unknown telephone number, unwanted solicitation

There are many more, of course. And fraudsters seem to come up with new ways regularly. Remember that adage: 'If it is too good to be true, it probably IS'! So be sceptical and stay safe.

Carol McArthur

### News about Lesley Blake

I just received an email from Lesley Blake and she is happy to announce that she won the Toastmasters International Speaking Contest. Wow, we are so proud of her and you as members will be fortunate as she will be our guest speaker in May and we get to hear her presentation!!! Her subject is "How I Found my Passion, How I Serve – Clowning". She has one more competition in Florida and then heads back to Ontario.

Diane Dycke


**PROBUS**  
*Clubs of Northumberland*  
**2017 Spring Celebration**  
 May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at 10:00AM  
 Registration at 9:00AM  
**The Keeler Centre**  
 80 Division Street, Colborne, ON  
**ENTERTAINMENT: Native Classical and Hoop Dancers**  
**Special Guest Speaker**  

**Award-Winning Novelist**  
**Terry Fallis**  
*writes just about the tidiest romantic  
 comedic novels you can find on earth,  
 let alone in Canada.*  
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 Terry is an award-winning author of five national bestsellers.  
 For more than 25 years, Terry has counselled corporate and  
 government clients on various fronts.  
 He has also written speeches for CEOs, cabinet ministers,  
 and other community leaders.  
**Morning Coffee / Goodies . . . Full Lunch**  
**Only \$40.00 Per Guest**

**Bob McNutt & Gord McArthur have tickets.**  
**Please consider joining us at the**  
**2017 Spring Celebration**



**The Colborne Probus Annual Picnic is set for June 21<sup>st</sup>.**  
**Details to follow.**

**Gord's Joke** today is about a school teacher who asked her students to discuss grandparents.

- Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. They like other people's
- They wear glasses and funny underwear.
- It's funny when they bend over; you hear gas leaks, and they blame their dog.

**Bob's closing thoughts.**

To err is human, but to really foul things up, you need a computer.

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If you want to put an announcement into OUR Newsletter

Please send them to me

At [mcnuttl@bell.net](mailto:mcnuttl@bell.net)

Or call me @ 905-355-1200

***March in Touch Deadline – March 29<sup>th</sup>, 2017***

Email address for 2016/17 editor is: [mcnuttl@bell.net](mailto:mcnuttl@bell.net)

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you can also check out other club's Newsletters.

John Draper sent me this email address.

Why don't you try it?

<https://www.probusnorthumberland.ca/news/colborne-news>

**I hate it when  
I'm singing a  
song and the  
artist gets the  
words wrong.**