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Four Worms In Church

A minister decided that a visual demonstration would add emphasis to his Sunday sermon. Four worms were placed into four separate jars.

The first worm was put into a container of alcohol.

The second worm was put into a container of cigarette smoke.

The third worm was put into a container of chocolate syrup.

The fourth worm was put into a container of good clean soil.

At the conclusion of the sermon, the minister reported the following results:

The first worm in alcohol ... Dead

The second worm in cigarette smoke

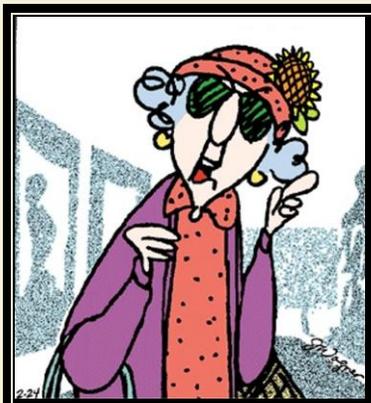
... Dead

Third worm in chocolate syrup ... Dead .

Fourth worm in good clean soil ... Alive

So the minister asked the congregation, "What did you learn from this demonstration?"

Maxine was sitting in the back, quickly raised her hand and said, "As long as you drink, smoke and eat chocolate, you won't have worms!"



Your Probud Calendar

Apr. 9	Probud meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. – SONG Sounds of the Next Generation Speaker: Shannon Linton
Apr. 12	Bus trip to Toronto to see Dame Edna & dinner at the Mandarin in Pickering after the show.
Apr. 14	Euchre – 1:30 PM at the Ruth Clarke Ctr. Contacts: Joyce Ferguson #797-2555 & Michelle Cunningham Langevin #885-0180
Apr. 15	Rovers – 5:30 PM at Rhino's in Bewdley Contact: Steve Snell #885-9929
Apr. 17	Appies & Drinks – 2 – 5 PM at Jan & Eric Blaikie's - 48 Jarvis Dr. #905-885-5458
Apr. 23	Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Anna McIntosh from the Canadian Hearing Society
Apr. 23	Lunch Bunch – 12 noon at Northumberland Heights Rest. 795 Northumberland Hgts. Rd. Contact: Joan O'Grady #419-0360
Apr. 28	Euchre – 1:30 PM (see above)
Apr. 28	Pub Night – 6:00 PM at the Beamish House Pub 27 John St. Contact: Geo. Grimes #885-1594
May 12	Euchre – 1:30 PM (see above)
May 14	Probud meeting - 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker TBA
Jun 2	Probud Extravaganza – guest speaker Romeo Dallaire



Sign up for many of the above events at our sign-up table

McDonald's franchises

*And a welcome from Port Hope council
notes by Susan Gaudion*

We welcomed Les Andrews to speak about his 25 year career with McDonald's. He started with the purchase of McDonald's in Cobourg in 1989 and in 2002 expanded to Port Hope and also opened the one in Wal-Mart. He sold the entire operation in 2014 but couldn't just sit around after such a busy business life. He ran for Councillor in Port Hope and was successful in his bid to enter politics and is serving as Chair, General Government and Finance.

Maurice and Richard McDonald opened McDonald's Barb-B-Q in San Bernardino in 1940. Hamburgers were .15¢ and coffee .10¢. It just mushroomed from there. Ray Kroc became involved with McDonald's in 1954 and organized new franchises across the country. In 1967 the first restaurant outside the U.S. was opened in Richmond B.C. and Ontario got its' first McDonald's in 1968 in London Ontario.

McDonald's was a major employer of teenagers but in the mid 1980's enticed retirees back into the workforce to meet a shortage of labour. A "Hamburger University" opened in Illinois in 1961 and more were opened in other countries commencing with Tokyo in 1971. Les took a two week course in Illinois in 1988 to prepare him for his venture.

In 1990 the first Soviet store opened in Moscow by McDonalds Canada. Apparently it took 14 years to close the deal. It was the largest McDonald's in the world and had 700 employees. Hockey sticks were handed out to patrons. The company had to open it's own supply chain, including farms to supply the restaurants. McDonald's is worldwide now.

With his financial management background, Les aims to make the government of Port Hope more efficient and will closely examine expenses just as he did with his restaurants. His approach will have an emphasis on customer service and he is obviously well suited for this position.



**Les Andrews
(centre) with
Bob Kearns
and
President
Ray Williams**

Stumbling on Happiness

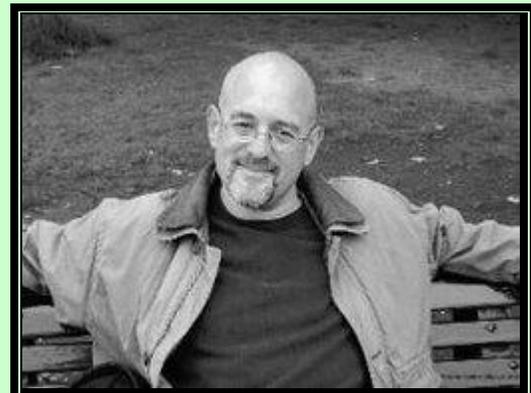
notes by Lorna Turner

The speaker segment at our March 26 meeting took a different approach. Rather than a "live" speaker, we watched a very interesting "Ted Talks" video by Harvard psychologist Dan Gilbert based on his book *Stumbling on Happiness*. His book, which was published in 2006, became a *New York Times* bestseller and has been translated into 20 languages.

The title of his book could be drawn from Dan's own life. At 19, he was a high school dropout with dreams of writing science fiction. When a creative writing class at his community college was full, he enrolled in the only available course – psychology. He found his passion there, earned a doctorate in social psychology in 1985 at Princeton, and has since won a Guggenheim Fellowship and the Phi Beta Kappa teaching prize for his work at Harvard. Through his extensive and intriguing research, Dan Gilbert believes that in our ardent, lifelong pursuit of happiness, most of us have the wrong map. In the same way that optical illusions fool our eyes, Gilbert argues that our brains systematically misjudge what will make us happy. He believes that these quirks in our cognition make humans very poor predictors of our own bliss.

The premise of his current research (that our assumptions about what will make us happy are often wrong) is supported with clinical research drawn from psychology and neuroscience. In his speech, Dan gives several interesting and humorous examples of this poking fun at typical human behaviour.

If you missed the meeting or would like to watch Dan Gilbert's speech again, you can find it at www.ted.com/talks. There are over 1,900 talks on the TED website, so perhaps you will find another topic that will interest you. TED (Technology, Entertainment, Design) is a global set of conferences run by the private non-profit *Sapling Foundation* under the slogan "Ideas Worth Spreading".



Dan Gilbert

Look for the signs

Over a gynecologist's office:

'Dr. Jones, at your cervix.'

In a podiatrist's office:

'Time wounds all heels.'

On a septic tank truck:

'Yesterday's Meals on Wheels'

On the back of another septic tank truck:

"We are in the number 2 business"

On a plumber's truck:

'Don't sleep with a drip. Call your plumber.'

On a church's billboard:

'7 days without God makes one weak.'

At a tire store:

'Invite us to your next blowout.'

On an electrician's truck:

'Let us remove your shorts.'

In a non-smoking area:

'If we see smoke, we will assume you are on fire and take appropriate action.'

On a maternity room door:

'Push. Push. Push..'

At an optometrist's office:

'If you don't see what you're looking for, you've come to the right place.'

On a taxidermist's window:

'We really know our stuff.'

On a fence:

'Salesmen welcome! Dog food is expensive!'

Outside a car exhaust store:

'No appointment necessary. We hear you coming.'

In a vets waiting room:

'Be back in 5 minutes. Sit! Stay!'

In the front yard of a funeral home:

'Drive carefully. We'll wait.'

And finally, at a radiator shop:

'Best place in town to take a leak.'



Rovers At Crawford's Lakeview Cafe



Steve, our organizer, with Graham, the cook & Jillian, the owner.



Dorothy, Joyce, Henrietta, John, Robert & Leo



June, Jan, Dorothy, Steve, Gary, Carol, Marcel, Gail & Julie



Jan, Garry, Betty & Eric with Lois in back

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



March 12 Cliff Donaghue \$32.50
March 26 Kathy Wallace \$30.00

March/April CATERERS

Apr. 9
Captain: Lois Meadows
Helpers: Rosalie & Willie Jakobi
Julie Joyce

Apr. 23
Captain: Volunteer Needed
Helpers: Janet Tedford
Mary Lycett

May 14
Captain: Jan Blaikie
Helpers: Joan Bebee
Leslie Ewert
Joan Little

May 28
Captain: Lois Meadows
Helpers: Lynda Britton
Joan Bebee
Marion Griffin

June 11
Captains: Betty & Garry Curtis
Helpers: Pat Rawson
Carole Stirling
Susan Biggs

"Step Up to the Plate"

Volunteers are needed to help
set up refreshments at our
meetings.

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ASSISTANT:** Volunteer Needed

St. Patrick's Day at Probus



We all looked good in our green, but,
Willie certainly sets the bar.

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