

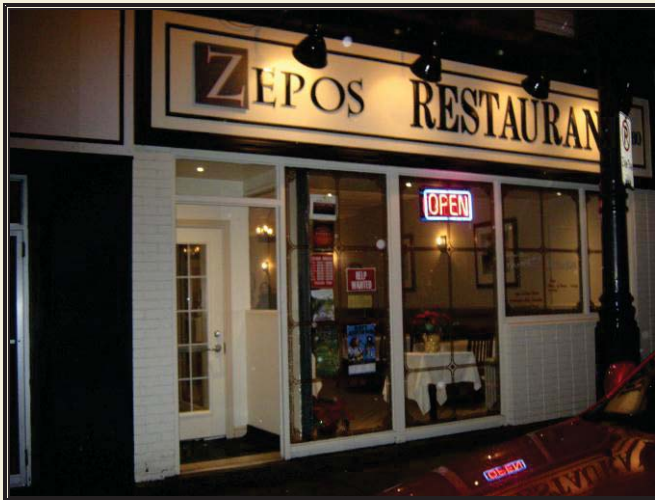


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And a good time was had by all !

To succeed in life you need three things:

- A backbone
- A wishbone
- And a funnybone

Reba McIntire

Your Probud Calendar

MARCH	ANNUAL PROBUS MONTH
Mar. 10	Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Nancy Johnston, “Cornerstone: A Place where Hope Grows”
Mar. 7	Bowling – 1:30 PM at the North-shore Lanes, Cobourg. Contact: Bob Gibson
Mar. 15	Euchre – 1:30 PM at the Ruth Clarke Ctr., Port Hope. Contact: Joyce Ferguson
Mar. 17	Appies & Drinks – 2 to 5 PM at Eric & Jan Blaikie’s
Mar. 22	Games Day – 1-4 PM at the Ruth Clarke Ctr. See sign-up sheet. Contact: Gary Chadwick
Mar. 24	Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Lion’s Centre, Thomas St., Port Hope. This is a joint meeting with the Port Hope Probud Club
Mar. 29	Euchre – 1:30 PM (see above)
Mar. 29	Pub Night – 6 PM at the Beamish House Pub, Port Hope. Contact: George Grimes #885-1594
Apr. 4	Bowling – 1:30 PM at the North-shore Lanes, Cobourg.
Apr. 10	Special Event – Herongate Theatre production “Murder at the Howard Johnson”. \$61 for meal and show. Must have signed up and paid by March 10th. Contact: Gary Chadwick
Apr. 14	Probud Meeting – 9:30 AM at the Port Hope Rec. Ctr. Speaker: Tom Taylor: Brock’s Agent & Historical Fiction: The Lie That Tells a Truth.



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



Dancing Bee Honey

by Lorna Turner

The title might indicate we had a dancing competition at our meeting on February 11th, but no, Dancing Bee Honey is an apiary, and so much more, which is owned and operated by Todd Kalisz.

Todd gave us a very interesting presentation about his farm and store, located just north of Port Hope, which supplies bees, beekeeping equipment and candle making supplies. Their mission is to help grow apiaries in a cost effective, profitable way no matter the size. They specialize in producing strong queen bees and nucleus colonies which are shipped across Canada as well as internationally. The east coast seems to be a popular destination and, because the bees have to keep moving, the trucks carrying them have two drivers so they can make the trip without stopping.

The honey from the eastern provinces is mostly blueberry which has a very distinct flavour. As well as the wooden “hives” which are built locally, the Dancing Bee Honey store carries a huge selection of bee keeping supplies which are imported from China. Purchasers can then order equipment from the store on line.

Todd had a wonderful slide presentation which showed, amongst other things, the tremendous variety of equipment used by bee keepers. He went on to say how bee keeping is becoming very popular and that his business is growing so rapidly he is planning to expand. Bees of course are an essential part of our food chain providing pollination to all the plants that we rely on; without this small insect, our food sources would be in great trouble. Even though diseases in bees has been highly publicized, Todd explained that so far the diseases have not spread to Canada but are prevalent in warmer climates. As well as providing quality bees and bee keeping equipment, Dancing Bee Honey also sells honey at Farmers’ Markets and to commercial operations and holds workshops throughout the year for all levels of beekeeping and candle making.

For information on workshops, visit the website at <http://shop.dancingbeehoney.com/t/workshops>

Many thanks Todd for a fascinating presentation.



Todd Kalisz with our speaker organizer
Bob Kearns

NEW MEMBERS



Gord & Donna MacMillan



Linda Soles

Me & My Computer

We were thoroughly entertained at our meeting on February 24th by Russ Donaldson. Russ was born, raised and educated in Toronto. He has been married to his best friend Donna for 55 years and they have two children and five adult grandchildren.

He worked for Bell Canada from 1956 where he had a 34 year career in several departments, including – Installations, Sales, Product Management, New Product Design and Development of Coin Telephones. He retired in 1990 as the Director or Security for the Province of Ontario.

His second career was in Major League Baseball with the Toronto Blue Jays from 1990 to 1995 as the Supervisor of Operations. His time there included the 1991 All Star Game, plus the 1992 and 1993 World Series. He retired to Cobourg in 1995 where he and his wife have lived for 21 years.

His hobbies include volunteering, camera and computer clubs and golf and he has been a member of the Probus Club of Cobourg for 20 years where he served as President from 1999-2000.

His presentation included nine clips which he downloaded onto his computer from the web. These presentations included:

- * An animated film clip about a spy, a briefcase and a pigeon and the pigeons antics that set off a rocket that could have blown up Earth.
- * Film clip of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers doing a dance routine on a stage.
- * A Samsung washing machine advertisement about a grizzly bear that washes his coat, entertains us with juggling, guitar playing and more until the machine finishes it's cycle and then turns into a polar bear as his coat is now so clean it turned white.
- * A film clip of massive glaciers breaking up, called calving. Filmed in the NWT.
- * And then there was the supermarket fish salesman dressed in an shirt and apron and a G String. This clip was from Just For Laughs Gags.
- * The next clip was of a variety of animals and birds filmed over many hours, possibly days, and then reduced to just minutes. These were in regular and slow motion.

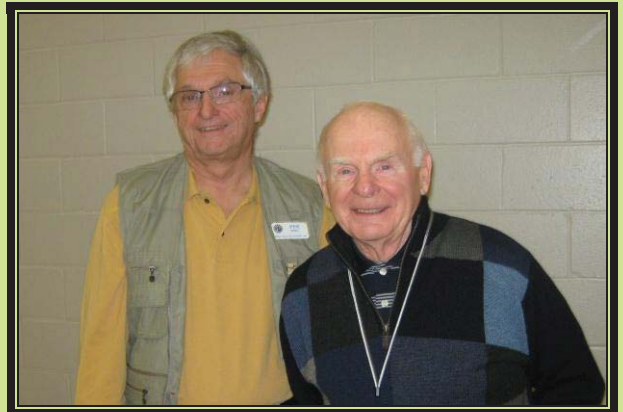
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* His next clip was of Austria. It included the many beautiful chalets, mountains, people skiing and snow boarding and much more.

* Then there was the clip about 'The Black Hole'. This was of a man that photocopied something and it came out as a large black dot. He found he could put his hand through it so he took it to the office safe and started to remove the money. He then decided to crawl into the safe and that's when the paper fell off and he was trapped inside. Since he was working alone, late at night, there was no one to hear his cries for help.

* The last clip was of three young girls, about six years old, on stage doing a dance routine. Many of us have been to these recitals for our kids and grandkids. The girl in the middle, Joanna, was leading the routine and had great 'drama' in her performance.

As I've already stated, we were all so thoroughly entertained and possibly inspired (as I was) to check out the web for more pieces. Thank you.



Member Steve Snell thanking Russ Donaldson

Happy 60th Anniversary



Georgina & Bryan Rose

SHARE THE WEALTH WINNERS



February 11 Lorna Turner \$39.00
February 25 Val Nippard \$36.00

March/April CATERERS

Mar. 10
Captain: Volunteer Needed
Helpers: Garnet Birney
Rosalie & Willie Jakobi

Mar. 24
Captain: Lois Meadows
Helpers: Joan Bebee

Apr. 14
Captain: Linda Britton
Helpers: June Gibson

Apr. 28
Captain: Joan O'Grady
Helpers: Volunteers Needed

"Step Up to the Plate"

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

**PS - Anyone and everyone
can do this!**

In Memoriam

We sadly announce the passing
of one of our members

Gloria LeBlanc

Her smiley face
will be dearly missed.

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