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Bake Sale: A Gourd Time Was Had By All



The November 15th bake sale was a great success again this year. Pictured above, Therese May and Bernice Hache handed out bid numbers to members. Top right: an example of one of the great “gourdis available for the right bidder. To the right is an example of just one of the tables filled with scrumptious baked goods



See page 5 for the whole story.

As told by Doug and Louise Weldon



Happy New Year to all of our members here and down south. I look forward to seeing all members at some point. I know not everyone makes every meeting but I am sure you make at

least one or two a year. We have many things to look forward to in the coming months and I am sure you will participate in events as they occur. The first big thing will be our Probud Month breakfast on March 21st. I will be bringing more information over the next few meetings and tickets will be available by Feb.

I want to thank my management committee and the members for the great support you give me each meeting. If I meet you on the street and do not know your name please forgive me, like many our age names seem to be the first to go. Your name tag helps at meetings and friends who remind me are also a great help. Have a safe and warm winter here, and definitely a safe one if you are travelling.

Yours in Probud

Rose



UPCOMING SPEAKERS

January 17

Hearing Loss in Older Adults

Nav Balsara

February 7

The Internet Connection

David Grice

Some thoughts on the Internet of Things. What does it mean and why do we care?

February 21

Fire Safety in the Home

Aaron Blair

Input Wanted

Sheridan Van Blaricom, chair of Program & Speakers, is looking for input regarding the club's needs for 2018. Sheridan would welcome any suggestions or references for speakers or activities in the coming year. Please speak to him so that he may succeed in making our meetings even more informative and entertaining.

The man who fell into the upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

WELCOME TO NORTHSIDE



November 1st saw the induction of five new members welcomed into the Northshore club. Clockwise from left Stephanie Warren, Miriam Bardswich, Bob and Joan Ivers, and Lucille Dore

Reminder

Starting February—coffee & snack



\$6.00



God gave you toes as a device for finding furniture in the dark.

Christmas Luncheon a Huge Success

Over 90 people were treated to a wonderful lunch and great entertainment at Northshore's Christmas luncheon. The Lions Centre was beautifully decorated and the centrepieces pictured below adorned each table. Thank you Gerry Moon. The musical stylings of Paul Cheong played in the background as the Probians feasted on the delicious dinner provided by the Lions Centre



Paul encourages the audience to participate



MC Donna Woods checks her list to see who is naughty.



I married Miss Right. I just didn't know her first name was 'Always'.

Go West Young Man – Go West!



Our guest presenters at the meeting of Nov. 1, were our very own Louise and Doug Weldon.

We followed their **Great Adventure** itinerary by way of a photo shoot

and relevant commentary

as they visited the southwestern states of the U.S.A. A year in the planning, it was an opportunity to use Louise's photography skills and Doug's interest in geology. The extent of the trip required a three month time frame; the road travel a 20 ft. Pleasure-way R.V.

We were treated to impressions of wide open spaces, towering mountains, craters and camp sites, alluvial fans and endless salt flats, hoodoos and deserts. .Rock coloration was a constant reminder of nature's ever changing influences.

A few of the hi-lites included:

Big Bend National Park near Tarlingua Tx. The bend in the river between Mexico and the U.S was caused by the interaction of two major faults in the earth's crust.

Carlsbad Caverns N.P. is located near Whites City N.M.It is a series of 300 caverns carved out of the limestone rock near the Guadalupe Mountains. Open in 1930, the major cavern has been affected negatively by human visitation.



A visit to **Tombstone Az.** The partially restored town lends itself to movies such as the Gun Fight at the OK corral. Nearby **Boot Hill** cemetery contains some of the remains on infamous outlaws of wild west days.

Yucca Valley near Palm Springs Ca is home to **Joshua Tree National**

Park where two distinct desert eco systems come together, the Mojave and the Colorado. The early Mormon travelers thought the tree looked like the



prophet Joshua greeting them. This is a great spot for watching rock climbers.

Death valley lies between Ca. and Nev. near Las Vegas. Its features include the lowest point in the contiguous U.S. of 282 feet below sea level. The valley claims the world record for the highest temperature ever recorded of 134 degrees F. At the northern end of the valley, is found the colorful **Ubehebe crater**, a volcanic eruption 500 ft deep and over a half mile wide.

Humans left evidence of their temporal passing in ghost towns, abandoned silver and borax mines and derelict buildings

A great thank you to Louise and Doug for sharing a wonderful exploratory venture, almost three months and 17000 kilometers traveled.

Any one for a nostalgic Route 66 trip from Chicago to L.A.?

Harry Krappet



I haven't spoken to my wife in 18 months. I don't like to interrupt her.

Blue Dot Movement

At our January 3rd meeting Sheridan introduced our club to Bruce Bellaire, an active volunteer in our Community. Besides keeping physically active with the Dragon Boat Club, canoeing, cycling and cross-country skiing, Bruce is very involved with the Blue Dot Movement.

Many of us had not heard of David Suzuki's efforts (Blue Dot Movement) to bring a significant amendment to our Canadian Charter of Rights & Freedoms to include the very basic right to Breathe Fresh Air, Drink Clean Water and Eat Healthy Food! 110 other nations have already added these basic rights to their Constitutions. Canada has not.

This Grass Roots Movement is active across Canada. The Blue Dot Movement was embraced in Northumberland in 2016 as a project of the Northumberland Chapter of the Council for Canadians. Since then they have grown to 30 volunteers who have gathered over 2,000 names on a petition to support the Movement. In December, Cobourg signed a declaration to support the Blue Dot Movement with other municipalities in Northumberland County following soon. This impetus will put pressure on the Federal Government to act quickly on protecting our environment for the good of all Canadians.

Did you know that half of the Canadian population live in areas where they do not have access to clean air or water? Air pollution costs more than \$200 billion/year. And still we have a huge problem. The Blue Dot Movement has already garnered over 110,000 names on a petition which will be presented to the Federal Government. Presentations such as this one to Probus brings awareness of this Movement to people who may not have known anything about it.



Bruce's presentation was short and to the point. During Q&A time afterwards, it was pleasing to hear the questions directed at Bruce. How can we become more knowledgeable about what to use in our gardens? Has Blue Dot Movement made presentations in the schools? Many First Nations Communities have been without potable water for years...what is being done? What if Canada signs on and our neighbours to the South continue to ignore pollution as a problem? What has Cobourg actually done besides signing the declaration? Port Hope is still not supplying clean water to Welcome! When will that change?

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We are an intelligent bunch when we get fired up! What can we do to help?

sign the petition (many of us stayed behind to do just that) fill in a postcard (the cards will be gathered from across Canada and presented in Ottawa)

Volunteer with The Blue Dot Movement

www.bluedot.ca

Join the Council of Canadians www.canadians.org

This is a Municipal Election Year as well as a Provincial Election Year. Hold our politicians accountable. Ask questions and support those who support cleaning up our environment.

Louise Weldon



Northshore Memories of Bruce Collins 1935 — 2017 *President 2007—2008*



Working on trivia answers

Bruce loved to analyze motions or proposals and play the role of devil's advocate with questions and presenting a look at potential alternate ideas or methods. When Bruce and June married in 2005 it was the first wedding between two individual members in our Probus Club.
Paddy McCoy



Happy St. Patrick's Day



Supervising games at the anniversary BBQ

Besides being a great trivia buff, Bruce always pushed the envelope. Nothing was too far fetched. At his last meeting he talked to me about forming a choir from the Northshore members. I guess he liked the way we sang O Canada.
Peter Chrisomalis



Smiling and fully engaged—how we will remember him.

Bruce and June invited us to join Northshore Probus. When they heard we were on a waiting list for another club Bruce encouraged us to join Northshore. We are glad we did.

At his last Probus meeting we sat with Bruce and June at the back. We had some laughs and he remained very independent. He wouldn't let us help him into his transfer chair and push him to the lobby. That's the kind of guy he was. We miss him. **Kathy and Shane Maclean**

When Louise and I arrived in Probus, Bruce chaired the Speakers Committee which I joined. Bruce held a couple of meetings which were the fastest meetings I ever attended. The necessary planning was done well. I enjoyed Bruce's humour and soon counted him as a friend. I've known June since teaching together some years ago and know her as an excellent teacher and solid member of our group. I spoke briefly to Bruce at the last Probus meeting he attended and we shared a good conversation and a couple of laughs. Although he obviously was not well his character and stamina showed through. **Doug Weldon**

10 Year Pins Awarded



One of Carol Lawless's final duties as President was the enjoyable task of recognizing the long service to the club of two members, Shelley Netherton and Doug Baker. It is thanks to people like Doug and Shelley whose long-time service to the club has kept it vibrant and exciting.

Trips and Tours

February 2 Best Western Dinner Theatre

Play On— a comedy—Cost \$50.60 cheque payable to Probus Northshore

Contact Sharron McMann

Sharron is negotiating a summer venture to Stratford to see "The Music Man"
Stay tuned for more details

Help Wanted

We have two writers for the newsletter who report on the speakers each meeting. We would really like to have at least one more person to share the load, as vacation conflicts may mean a meeting without a reporter. If you have an interest let Editor Peter know. We would love to add you to the team.