



# NORTHSHORE NEWS

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## March is Probus Month

The following article was printed in Northumberland Today on Thursday February 23. It was submitted by Doug Lloyd (president of Probus Northumberland) and Carol Lawless (President of Northshore—Cobourg Probus). It is reprinted here for those who may have missed this fine article.

As of 2017, it's 30 years of fun and fellowship for the Probus Club in Canada — and not quite that many for the eight Probus Clubs in Northumberland County

The first Probus Club was started in England in 1966 under the auspices of the Rotary Club of Bromsgrove, Birmingham. The '70s saw clubs organized in Australia and New Zealand.

The first one in North America was incorporated in Cambridge, Ont., in 1987. There are now 237 active Canadian Probuses with 32,432 members. In Northumberland, there are Brighton, Colborne, Ganaraska Valley, Northshore, Northumberland, Port Hope, Presqu'ile and Trent Hills Probus Clubs.

All are celebrating March as Probus Month in Canada, a time also to alert others to the delights and rewards of membership.

Taking its name from the first syllables of the words "professional" and "business," Probus clubs welcome retired and semi-retired professional and business men and women to enjoy others of like interests who appreciate the chance for friendship, learning, and cultural and social activities

These are non-political and non-sectarian clubs



that don't fundraise, as a typical service club might — though, since its members are often active in community organizations, they do tend to volunteer.

Clubs usually meet once or twice a month for a gathering that includes club business, a time for light refreshments and socializing, and a guest speaker on a topic of general interest.

Members also enjoy activities beyond the meetings, such as

theatre and dinner outings, picnics and barbecues, sports activities like golf and skiing, and civic activities like Canada Day festivities.

The two Cobourg-based clubs have membership of more than 300. Probus Northshore (Carol Lawless, president) and Probus Northumberland (Doug Lloyd, president) often collaborate on social events, so it's quite a corps of members.

Both meet at the Lions' Centre — Northshore on the first and third Wednesdays of the month at 10 a.m., and Northumberland on the second and fourth Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Beyond the Lions' Centre walls, they have gotten together at many local theatre productions, as well as plays at the 4th Line Theatre, Brighton Barn Theatre and out-of-town excursions to Toronto, the Stratford Festival and the Shaw Festival.

They organize regular Lunch Bunch and Drinks

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**PROBUS BOWLING TOURNAMENT**



**Date:** Monday, April 24, 2017

**Place:** Northshore Lanes, North'and Mall

**Time:** 9 a.m.Registration  
9:30 a.m. bowling

**Cost:** \$10 for bowling, \$1.00 for shoes

**Lunch Location:** Lions Club Cost: TBA  
*Prizes, Share the Wealth Draw*

**Sign up: Mary Potter**  
Phone: 905 372 1758  
Email: mpotter@cogeco.ca

**Drinks and Appies**

**Thursday April 20**

**221 Queen St. Cobourg**

**Time: 3 to 5 p.m.**

**Host: Harry Knapper**



**Save these Dates for the summer 4<sup>th</sup> Line Theatre Production!**

**Bombers: Reaping The Whirlwind – by David S. Craig** Thurs, July 13.

*Bombers* tells the story of Peter, a man in his nineties, who is visited by a mysterious young woman whose curiosity about his wartime experience forces him to relive his memories of love, loss and friendship set against the electrified and heightened backdrop of World War II. Following Canadian Bomber crews as they struggle to win the war, this action-packed epic has romance, danger and music. Witness the joy, tragedy and human toll of war on the 4th Line stage in this world premiere.

**The History of Drinking in Cavan-by Robert Winslow** Thurs. August 23

*The History of Drinking in Cavan* looks at alcohol consumption or the lack thereof in the local area over the past 200 years. Robert Winslow and his alter-ego take the audience on a wild historical ride from the early days of Irish settlement in the township through to present-day drinking practices. This world premiere veers from the anecdotal to the psychological, from the outrageous to the serious as Winslow shares the rich stories of local residents alongside his own life experience.

**No matter how much you push the envelope it will still be stationery.**

## Planning for Nasty Things

Even if we know bad things can occur, still the old advice about ounce of prevention and pound of cure remains hardly in use. Cobourg has been immune to dangerous events: the two Factory Creek floods and the Horizon Plastics fire are two incidents that come easily to mind.



Kate answers questions after her presentation

Do you have your battery powered radio at the ready? Your emergency bag packed and ready to go? Probably not...forewarned, hardly forearmed. Thankfully we have Kate Chapman our Emergency Planner.

“Resource management is an emergency in itself” she reminded us. It might become an emergency with all sorts of people wanting services all at one time.” Gander Newfoundland on 9/11 is a reminder how desperate things can get in a very short time. When The United States grounded all flights and closed its airspace and all flights diverted and all those jumbo jets began landing there and the community had to step up to house and feed the multitudes of the grounded.

SARS was another emergency in which

**The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act defines an Emergency as "a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise**

the health care workers had to figure out how to cope because customary practices were not working and the closing of Grace Hospital meant that nurses who worked part time there and part time elsewhere and were quarantined for 60 days created a nursing shortage over the entire GTA. The massive power blackout over large portions northern United States and southern Ontario pointed out how we needed to have an emergency kit at

the ready not just for us but our pets as well.

To test readiness there will be a major test of emergency preparedness in the Cobourg area in 2022. (Now we Probians have already been active participants in one of these tests a few years back, a train derailment and chemical spill. I remember



it well my role in the exercise was to be “old and confused” a role I work at every day.) The exercise will test the means to disperse information over a large area as quickly as possible using various means that are available.

I didn’t mention this to Kate specifically as such, but if she needs an old and confused guy, I have had had a few more years rehearsal time now and stand ready to play a starring role. P.S. I don’t check my e-mail all that often and then only read the jokes that friends send me so I am an ideal test subject for the 2022 test exercise.

*Julius*

For more information about Cobourg’s emergency planning you can visit the site:

<http://www.cobourg.ca/en/my-cobourg/Emergency-Planning-and-Preparedness.aspx>

**Is it wrong that only one company makes the game “ Monopoly ” ?**



# Mind Exercise

**A**

Can you make the following equation correct without changing it?

$$8 + 8 = 91$$

**B**

There is one word in this puzzle that is spelled incorrectly. Can you find it?

business  
coffee  
rhythm  
sincerely

Decode the word in each box (c.d.e). All answers on page 8

**C**

cloud  
th

**D**

deef

**E**

est est est est

Some people should use a glue stick instead of chapstick

A St Patrick's Day celebration



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and Appies events, not to mention bridge and golf groups. Summers are a time for barbecues and outdoor fun, with the autumn usually bringing a car rally or a drive-and-dine event.

Once a year, all eight Northumberland clubs get together for a bowling tournament — though, since the trophy is a toilet seat, winning is a mixed blessing.

Guests are always welcome at meetings with the hope that they might consider looking at becoming a member.

The meeting schedule for the other six Northumberland clubs is:

- Brighton — 10 a.m. on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the King Edward Park Community Centre.
- Colborne — On the first and third Wednesdays of each month (except July and August) at the Keeler Centre.
- Ganaraska Valley — 9:30 a.m. on the second and fourth Thursdays of



Lining up at the buffet table

the month at the Town Park Recreation Centre in Port Hope.

- Port Hope — First and third Tuesdays of the month at the Port Hope Lions' Centre.
- Presqu'ile — 10 a.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the King Edward Park Community Centre.
- Trent Hills — On the second Wednesday of each month at St. John's United Church in Campbellford.

For more information, visit

<http://www.probusnorthumberland.com>.



Christmas Bake Sale

Saw a donkey crossing the road. He looked both ways! What a smart ass!

# Trips & Tours



**Book of Mormon:** Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Princess of Wales Theatre  
 Still have about 6 suppers not paid, due today. See Sharron  
 Bus will arrive at the Staples parking by 2:30pm and depart promptly at  
 3:00pm. Reservation at the Mandarin is at 4:30 pm  
 Show is at 7:30pm

**Beautiful - The Carol King Story, Summer, 2017**  
 Registration starts in May



**Dinner Theatre: Forever Plaid, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017; 6 p.m. \$50.40;**  
 Best Western Hotel. If you have already seen it you will want to see it  
 again! If you have not, it is a fun evening out! Think...”Four Lads”,  
 “Jersey Boys”, “Perry Como Show”. You will know the songs from  
 your youth (remember the sock hops) and you will want to sing along. I  
 have tickets for the front row but I must have a commitment by February  
 28. So check your calendar and get a group together for a fun night!

Some tickets still available: **Cheques made out to Best Western Hotel**

Info on above :**Contact - Sharron McMann, 905-372-3567**  
[samcmann@sympatico.ca](mailto:samcmann@sympatico.ca)

**Very Limited number of tickets available for these productions**

**Cost approx \$150 - \$160**

**Stratford - Guys and Dolls, Thurs. July 27, 2017,**  
 \$50.00 deposit due now.



**Shaw - Me and My Girl, Thurs., Aug. 17, 2017**  
 \$50.00 deposit due now.

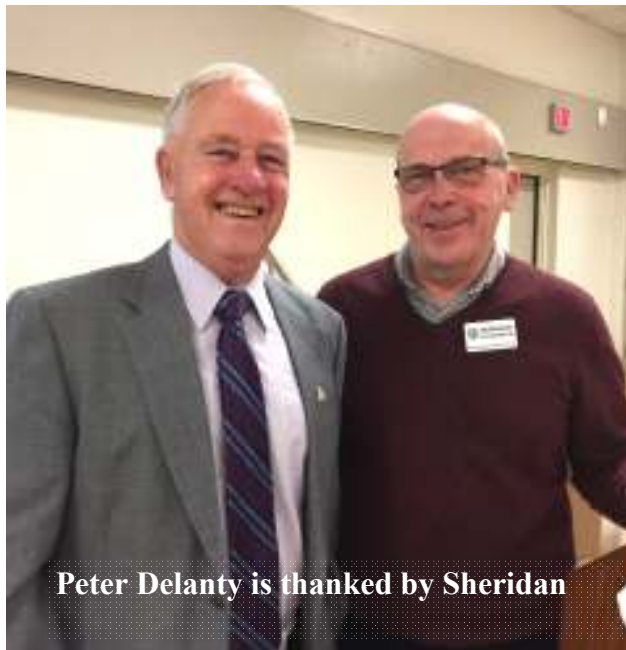


For more info on the above **Contact – Jennie Herniak, 905-372-5953,**

## Once again Cobourg does it

I hardly signed up for this job as newsletter reporter just to become a cheerleader for the place, but I seem to be doing that quite often. This is now the third article I've written on Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary alone and I'm still impressed with imagination this community has shown. This time it was Peter Delanty's, turn. The former mayor as well as a lot of other former things, got a chance to trumpet the town's plans for the coming summer.

The successes of the winter events bode



Peter Delanty is thanked by Sheridan

well for future. The Ontario Provincial Curling Play Down was "the best attended ever". The Seniors Games promise even a larger group of attendees who will all leave with a scarf sporting the town colours knitted by scads of women volunteers and we haven't even hit the RBC Cup Junior Hockey Tournament. Junior A Hockey teams from the whole country will be coming as well as NHL hockey scouts Peter assures us. "They will all need a place to stay and something to eat" Peter adds pointing out "potential economic benefits".

And then the summer happens. Cobourg doesn't just have a past it has a history and great effort will be made to prove the difference. This historical past begins with James Coburn Cobourg's mayor, Father of Confederation, first Speaker of the House of Commons. Now a tradition that began with him still continues is that the Speaker gets to keep his chair. Well over the last century and a half the chair was kind of misplaced. It has now been found and will be here for Canada week. There will be A Hundred and Fifty Years of Fashion Show at Victoria Hall. There will be a restored railway display at the park. Houses built in 1867 will be provided a plaque and the thing that most intrigues me is Canadian history rewritten from the perspective of Cobourg.

There will be plays at the Fire Hall Theatre and Operatic Society will perform an operatic version of Anne of Green Gables. Canada Day week will be eight days of stuff: parades, speeches, an expanded Waterfront Festival and even a Confederation Tea with 1867 cookies. And a whole lot of things available from local merchants for a dollar and a half, one of them seeing a film at the local theatre. In total there are 70 events scheduled for the week.



Of course your old favourites like the Sandcastle Carving will still be going on; all you have to do is put down the remote and get off the chesterfield. Netflix will still be there when the whole thing is over. After all the next such celebration won't be for another fifty years.

*Julius*

**The first step towards forgiveness is realizing the other person was born an idiot**

## Upcoming Speakers

### March 1

Exploring Options in Seniors Housing-Diana Wilson

### March 15

Northumberland Learning Connection-Joanne Bonebakker

**April 5** Ganaraska Conservation Authority - Mark Peacock

### April 12

Community Care Program Falls Prevention - Sherri Birney

### Answers From page 4

A: Turn the page upside down

B: Incorrectly

C: Thundercloud

D: feedback

E: forest

### Sign up March 1st for these Upcoming Activities:

**March 15 Probus Month breakfast 8:30 (\$14)**



**March 30 Ladies Night Out 6:30 at the Mill**



**May 30 Spring Celebration (\$40) at the Colborne Keeler Centre.**

