



# NORTHSHORE NEWS

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## Rio North



While the likes of Penny Oleksiak and Andre De Grasse were exerting their efforts in Brazil, August 17th found the members of Northshore Probus in vigorous competition in the fields of Harwood. No medals were awarded that fine day but there were lots of laughs, good food and friendly rivalry. Such an event takes planning and organization. The committee members for the BBQ were **Lynda Ghent, Marg Kropf, Judy Johnson, David and Lynn Harrison, Nick and Gerry Moon, Debbie Bedford and her husband Mike** who looked after the ring toss game on the day of the BBQ. **Brenda Carter** supplied the 50's and 60's music during dinner. The dinner tables were decorated with flowers from Mary Potter's garden arranged in bud vases loaned by Rose Wood. The Dutch Oven catered the dinner with lots to eat and yummy desserts. Judy Baker was the winner of our share the wealth. She won \$88.00. Thanks to all who planned and participated.



**Bocce balls, lawn darts and metal rings were flying at the annual Northshore Anniversary BBQ.**

**For more see "High jinx in Harwood" on page 4**



Hello Northshore Members!  
I hope everyone is well and had a satisfying summer, and now raring to go for our Northshore Fall activities. We certainly can't complain of *this* summer being wet and cold!

The weather was just *perfect* for our August Anniversary Party... blue skies, fluffy white clouds, clear and sunny, not too hot or sticky. You know what they say...we must be doing something right. It was a fun day...friendly competition with cheering, and some jeering during the Games, followed by good food and fellowship. Thank you, again, to the Planning Team led by **Lynda Ghent and Debbie Bedford**.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on October 19<sup>th</sup>. That's the end of my term of office.

Wow... I can't believe how close that is, this year has just flown by. There's still time to offer your name up to Brenda Moore, Rose or Carol, and join the leadership team. It is *very* rewarding, and a great way to get to know other members.

I'm looking forward to hearing your summer stories when we meet again on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Cheers, *Brenda Carter*

# Drinks and Appies

Linda & Charlie Girard hosting

Thursday Oct 20

4 pm - 6 pm

784 Prince of Wales Dr

Sign up today



# Lunch Bunch



Wednesday Sept 21

Crawford's Port Hope

Organizer Sharon Holmes

Sign up today

# Future Speakers



September 21

Councillor Debra McCarthy

Cobourg 2017 Celebrate Here

England has no kidney bank, but it does have a Liverpool.

# Trips & Tours

1. **Dinner Theatre – Jenny’s House of Joy** by Norm Foster  
 Friday, Nov. 4th 2016, 6:00 P.M. Best Western Motor Inn  
 Cost - \$49.50 Dinner and Show Transportation: on your own.  
 Sign up see Jennie Herniak

2. **Brighton Barn Theatre – The Murderer in the Mirror** by Peter Colley  
 Directed by Sharron McMann  
 Evening Performances at 8:00 p.m. Sept. 23, 24, 29, 30, Oct. 1, 6, 7, 8  
 Matinee Performances at 2:00 p.m. Sept. 25, Oct. 2  
 Cost \$15.00 Transportation: on your own.  
 Sign up for tickets see Sharron McMann or call 1-613-475-2144  
 Box office is open from 1 pm – 4 pm approximately three weeks prior to each show. After  
 Box Office hours please leave your ticket information on the answering system.  
 (Available 24 hours a day).

3. **Princesses of Wales Theatre – Book of Mormon** – Oscar®-  
 winning composer of Disney’s Frozen Bobby Lopez  
 Date - As the show is so popular, Mirvish is requiring a 40% non  
 refundable deposit, and I cannot tie up our clubs funds without a  
 committed list. I am looking at a Wednesday date in March or April.  
 Cost approximately \$140-\$150 Show and bus.  
 See Sharron McMann for sign up



4. **Ed Mirvish Theatre - Beautiful – The Carole King Musical**  
 June 27 to August 20, 2017  
 More info to follow  
 Interest Sign up sheet – see Sharron McMann



Our Probus Bridge Club meets twice a month in a member's home and we would be happy to have experienced bridge players join us.

Please call Kathy Maclean at **905-377-8069** if you are interested."

**Venison for dinner again? Oh deer!**



# TITANIC

Top left: The winning team; Top right: Yvonne cheers on Diane's great Bocce follow through.  
Mid left: Bruce & June Collins are designated cheerleaders. Is Bruce checking his phone for scoring updates?  
Mid right: The line forms for a great supper supplied by the Dutch Oven  
Bottom left: President Brenda Carter refines her scintillating smash on the croquet pitch  
Bottom right: Judi Curtis hams it up with friend Sue Hanmer

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now.

# Flying High



North American Harvard Mk. IV

Rick Pribble loves to build model airplanes. He was at the Trenton air show with Paddy McCoy and saw a vintage plane called a “Harvard Trainer” so called as they were used at the beginning of WW11 to train fighter pilots. Rick was intrigued with the plane and asked Paddy many questions about it.

Brenda, being the astute wife that she is, arranged a surprise for Rick for their 10th anniversary. Rick thought he was going out on an afternoon jaunt with Brenda, Paddy and Cheryl McCoy. They drove to the Canadian Warplane Heritage Museum in Mount Hope which is just outside Hamilton. Rick was able to see his beloved Harvard Trainer up close and personal. What he didn’t know is that Brenda had arranged for him to go for a ride. The picture top left shows him holding the certificate commemorating his trip. Rick was flying high that day and hasn’t landed yet.

## Northshore Members Fundraise

Again this year Art and Yvonne Seymour are presenting the “Jiggs” dinner and dance to fundraise for three local services:

**Community Care  
The Help Centre  
Northumberland Hills Hospital.**

The Lions Club has been a big supporter of this event and the above mentioned charities. This year John Foley of Fisher’s Foodland has come onboard as a corporate sponsor enabling 100 % of the proceeds to hit their mark.

So if you are looking for a great meal and fun while supporting your community, you should consider joining Art and Yvonne.

**9th Annual “Jiggs” Dinner and Dance  
Thursday September 15  
Lions Community Centre  
5 - 11 pm  
Tickets \$25.00 per person**

**Call the Seymours 905 373 0312**

**Lions Centre 905 372 6217**

**A cross-eyed teacher was fired. She couldn’t control her pupils.**

## Darwin's Find: Bruce's Discovery



Bruce and Karen do get around and then Bruce comes to tell us about it. The Galapagos Islands are certainly more colourful than Antarctica, their previous adventure, and perhaps in the grand scheme of things probably more significant. The voyage of the *Beagle*, these islands, Charles Darwin and The Origin of the Species certainly altered the way we explain ourselves. Antarctica can certainly shape our futures if global warming has the effect so often predicted. Well then it's a good thing then that we have had the benefit of Bruce's chats on both these places to rely on.

The Galapagos claim to importance comes from its isolation, a 100k off the Ecuadorian coast. This has permitted sufficient variation of climate from the mainland that has led to the development of some unique species. It was noting these variations that Charles Darwin that convinced him of the theory of evolution shaped by the concept of "survival of the fittest".

The islands are volcanic "ugly and sterile" and never really settled. Even today only 2% of the island is populated, the rest set aside as conservation area. Still man's presence has created problems. The islands have a large population of goats denuding the place of grass. And dogs with distemper have spread the disease to the seal population. All humans hardly abide by the restrictions to pro-

tect the huge turtles. Tourism, cars, bars, crime, islands have little protection to human borne pollution and Ecuador is a poor country and, after all, the place is a huge money maker. Bruce warned however the Ecuadorians still are more serious about the environment. If you don't obey the environmental rules now you are locked in your room for the duration.

The most curious species to evolve are large (1.4m.) sea going lizards as well as marine iguana besides the large land turtles. Bruce took a large number of pictures of the bird populations some more recognizable than others like the heron, frigate birds, "the ubiquitous penguins" and then there the Blue footed Boobies. Seals equally abound, a family grouping might include thirty females to one male. Males are possessive of their harems and quite aggressive to keep it. After all it is survival of the fittest.

Bruce and Karen now travel to Florida and pictures of golf courses do not seem to resonate to the same degree.

*Julius*



**Stayed up all night to see where the sun went. Then it dawned on me.**

## Sprucing up the back yard



This blue spruce was just a 3 inch twig around about 2008-2010. Yvonne Seymour had attended a Probus Spring Fling and all guests were given a tiny seedling. She fed it in the house to get it going, then in her flower garden and when it was about a foot high, planted it the backyard. A beautiful addition to the yard.! Do any of our current members have relatives of the Seymour's blue spruce in their back yard?



### Volunteer Thank You & Update

Our club's success depends on the volunteer efforts of our members. The BBQ committee was recognized on page one. Another group has been working hard on the car rally. That group is comprised of **Lynda Mitchell, Sharron McMann, Brenda Carter, Cheryl Brackenbury, Roberta and Bryan Armstrong, Jack Chapman.** We are sure that we will enjoy this event. Many thanks.

Upcoming events include the **Bake Sale** on Wednesday Nov. 16th and the **Christmas luncheon** on Wednesday Dec. 7th. Two committees will be needed, so please volunteer to help. There will be sign up sheets at the September 7th meeting.

### "BOOK EXCHANGE



Beginning at the second meeting in October, our club is going to have a book exchange at each meeting for members. Please bring no more than 4 books, in very good condition, and put them on the designated side table. Members can take the ones they want to read at no charge. Those who bring the books that are left over, please take them home so I don't have to lug heavy books home after each meeting. If you have any questions, please call **Kathy Maclean at 905-377-8069.** Happy reading!"

**A theatrical performance about puns — a play on words.**

## Northshore Calendar (some dates and activities subject to change)

Sept 21 regular meeting/ lunch bunch Crawford's Port Hope

Oct 5 Car Rally ( no meeting)

Oct 19 Regular meeting

Oct 20 Drinks and appies at Girard's

Nov 2 Regular meeting

Nov 4 Dinner theatre at Best Western

Nov 16 Regular meeting and bake sale

Dec 7 Regular meeting followed by Christmas lunch  
 \*\*\* (there is no second meeting in December)

January 4 First regular meeting of 2017

### 2016 CAR RALLY

Wednesday, October 5th Start Time - 8:30 A.M.

Starting location - Lions Centre Cobourg

Cost - \$26.00

Awesome views, fun games, and a great luncheon at a beautiful location

