



# The ProBuzz



Newsletter of the PROBUS Club of Northumberland – March 2016

## “Boeing Boeing” - February 5, 2016

Rumours rolling around Cobourg that the French farce, **Boeing Boeing**, playing at the Best Western, was hysterical and a “not to miss” event, proved to be true. The director, Jim Finan, has done an excellent job of casting the play - starring David Hoare as Bernard, and Jamie Hunt as his friend Robert. The lines were delivered fast, and the entrances and exits were performed without a hitch.

The story line involves 3 gorgeous stewardesses, each dressed in the uniforms of their respective airline, who are all engaged to Bernard, but with no knowledge of each other’s existence. As each is on a quite different schedule, it is no problem for Bernard to keep them apart, until his friend, Robert, enters the scene and throws off Bernard’s careful planning. Unfortunately, Robert can’t remember all the lies! So, when all three stewardesses arrive simultaneously at Bernard’s apartment, a catastrophe ensues, naturally.

The housekeeper, played by Helen Pitt-Matthews, kept the shenanigans moving right along to the very hilarious end, after which the cast received a standing ovation.



~ Margaret Denny

## A Very Busy Meeting - February 11, 2016

On Feb 11th, 98 members and 9 guests were present to hear Boris Nikolovsky, an investment advisor and portfolio manager with BMO Nesbitt Burns. His talk provided a general perspective on current market conditions and it emphasized that the current downturn in investments would rebound, like all the others before it, and everything should eventually be fine. He was very down-to-earth and he didn't advertise.

Boris had a hard act to follow. Before the meeting started, after the singing of “O Canada”, Gary Thomas introduced his grandson, Michael Perry (9 yrs old). He is the young lad who collects milk bags and from them arranges the creation and dispersal of insect-repelling mattresses. He’s branched out into pillows and knitted stuffed animals (to keep the grannies busy) and has even had a few wooden beds made from donated, used, pallets (keeping the wood working arm of the local high school occupied as well). What’s more the distribution is now local, as well as international. Understandably, Michael received a well-deserved standing ovation before left to go to his school.



(More info is available online at ... <http://www.northumberlandtoday.com/2015/11/26/michaels-mats-meet-domestic-needs...> and at ... <http://michaelsmilkbags.webs.com> ... Editors' note)

Vivian Foster, along with Jamie and Carol Doolittle, had decorated the hall and tables with a “Valentine’s Day” theme. An exchange of “valentines” had members, many of them adorned in red tops, mingling during break.

~ Linda Nash & Barb Lawrence



**N.B.:** The meeting on **Thursday, March 10th** is slated to be our **St. Patrick’s Day Celebration** and members are invited to wear **Green**, and to bring **Shamrocks and Shillelaghs** if they have them.

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## PROBUS NORTHUMBERLAND

### GOLF GET-AWAY

MAY 30 & 31, 2016

**Best Western Plus**

**Mariposa Inn & Conference Centre**

400 Memorial Ave., Orillia, Ontario

1-800 461-0283 or 1-705 325-9511

Website: [mariposainn.ca](http://mariposainn.ca) to view the facilities

The price includes 2 nights' accommodation, 2 breakfasts, 2 dinners, 9 holes of golf on Monday at **the Hawkrigde Course**, and 18 holes of golf on Tuesday at **the Hawkrigde Course (PLUS A SPECIAL EVENT FOR TUESDAY EVENING)**.

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| Single: | \$395.10 per person |
| Double: | \$284.36 per person |
| Triple: | \$247.07 per person |
| Quad:   | \$228.00 per person |

(all gratuities & taxes included)

The cost of a golf cart is extra and will be paid by you to the golf course. For non-golfers you can deduct \$85 from the above costs.

*If you wish to go up to Orillia early, identify yourself as being with **Northumberland Probus** and you will get a discount on your room.*

**TO REGISTER: PLEASE CALL THE BEST WESTERN AT THE ABOVE NUMBER. REMEMBER TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS BEING WITH NORTHUMBERLAND PROBUS. (THEY REQUIRE A CREDIT CARD NUMBER BUT DO NOT REQUIRE A DEPOSIT).**

*If you have questions contact **Fred Cooke** at [fred62@sympatico.ca](mailto:fred62@sympatico.ca) or **George Lawrence** at [barge@pppoe.ca](mailto:barge@pppoe.ca)*

## Need a Ride?



If you need a ride to a meeting or event, telephone **Brian or Doreen Scott** at (905) 377-0103 and they will arrange to have you picked up and returned.

## THE LUNCH BUNCH

I hope you can join us ...

**Thursday, March 24, 2016.**

*East Side Marios, 75 Strathy Rd, Cobourg*

**Thursday, April 28, 2016**

*The Rainside Restaurant,  
112 Peter St., Port Hope*

If you have a favourite restaurant, or one you would like us to try, please let me know.

~ Marion Boys

## Membership News

We are pleased to welcome three more new members to our Club!

**Gayl Nelson**, tel: (905) 377-8522. Gayl was a dispatcher for 10 yrs at a local construction company and for 23 yrs as a customer service rep for *Ontario Dairy Herds*. She enjoys photography, dining out, attending concerts & theatre, reading, crossword puzzles and colouring. She volunteers at the Help Centre and works on income tax for low income clients. She would like to volunteer as follows: man a sign-up table, singles club, help organize special events, sell "Share the Wealth", organize drivers, send cards, purchasing and membership.

**John and Maureen Crofts**, 35 James Street West, Cobourg K9A 2J8; tel: (905) 377-8631. Maureen was a kindergarten teacher and John was in IT management. They shared duties running a bed and breakfast. They both enjoy travelling and antiques.

*Maureen* also likes reading and singing in the Northumberland Shout Sister Choir; *John* enjoys gardening and curling. They are both willing to decorate tables for theme meetings and to help organize special events. *John* will also be a driver.

Be sure to add them to your **Membership List** and to give them a rousing welcome!

~ Gord & Dianne Graham

## Future Speakers

March 10th: Susie Jin -  
*Geriatric Homeopathy.*

March 24th: Miriam Mutton -  
*Cobourg Taxpayers Association.*

April 14th: Carol Burnham -  
*Keeping Bees and Making Honey.*

~ George Lawrence & Michael Hanlon

**STOP PRESS:** March is designated as **Probus Month in Canada**. It is a time for all our Probus Clubs to celebrate their achievements and to alert others to how enjoyable and rewarding membership can be. Probus-Northumberland extends best wishes and greetings to all Probians at home and abroad. ~ Mary Dunphy 2

## SOCIAL CALENDAR

**Reminder:** At our meeting on **Thursday, March 24**, there will be the **Easter Parade and Bonnet Show**. There will be prizes for **Best Bonnet** and for the **Most Imaginative Bonnet**.

A visit to the **National Air Force Museum** in Trenton is planned for **Thursday, May 5th, 2016**. This is a *self-drive trip*. Plan to arrive at the Museum around 10:00am for a guided tour and then proceed to **Tomasso's Italian Grill** for a group luncheon. Cost of around \$26 includes the museum visit and a fixed price lunch that includes coffee, tea, juice and gratuity. *Dessert or alcohol are extra*. Museum website: <http://airforcemuseum.ca>



This event was very popular at our February 25th meeting, so I advise snowbirds who are still away to e-mail me to get their names put on the list. It may be necessary to organize another day to accommodate all who are interested.

~ Mary Dunphy

### Trip to Niagara Falls - May 2 and May 3

Staying at the **Holiday Inn**, 5339 Murray Street, Niagara Falls, ON. Cost: \$318.00 plus tax for two. The hotel is across the road from the **Fallsview Casino** and within walking distance of the Falls. It has free parking, a 24 hr gym, indoor swimming pool and hot tub. **Inclusions:** breakfasts for two mornings at **Coco's Terrace Restaurant**, dinner one night at **Coco's** and dinner one night at **The Skylon Tower**. Free wine tasting at one of two wineries. Gratuities extra.



**This is a self-driving trip** as hiring a bus is too expensive. If you have friends with whom you like to travel, they would be more than welcome to come - they don't have to be Probus members.

In the past, several of our group have organized one or two golf games during the 2 day visit. Also, you might like to visit the **Butterfly Centre**, visit **Niagara-on-the-Lake**, or hop across to **U.S.A.** to visit the nearby **Outlet Mall** etc..

Contact: **Jan Lundbohm** – (905) 377-2436 for booking information or any other questions.

### Bowling Tournament - 2016



Each year the **Probus Clubs of Northumberland** get together for a day of bowling and a hot lunch. This year it is on **Monday, April 4th**. We will meet at **Northshore Lanes** at the **Northumberland Mall** at 9:30 a.m. The bowling cost is \$11, plus \$1 if you have to rent bowling shoes.

We then go to the Lions Centre for a hot Lunch served at 1:00 p.m. and the cost of which is \$23. Make cheques payable to **Northumberland Probus** for the lunch. You can come and bowl and go to lunch or just come and join us for lunch. Please sign up with **Brian Scott** at the break as the event fills up fast.

~ Brian Scott (905) 377-0103

### Northumberland Nibblers

On February 16th, seven brave souls attended the lunch at the **Woodlawn Inn**, in Cobourg. That day, there was a snow storm that prevented many more from coming out. Those who did attend had a lovely time at the cozy inn.

**On March 15th**, we will be going to the **Trattoria Gusto** at **The Waddell**, in Port Hope - <http://www.trattoriagusto.ca> Lunch time is at 12:30 pm.

Contact: <[bowling.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:bowling.taylor@gmail.com)> or (289) 278-3970

~ Janet Taylor

"There are **three stages in scientific discovery:**

First, people deny that it is true,

then they deny that it is important;

finally they credit the wrong person."

**Bill Bryson**, "A Short History of Nearly Everything"

## "Thank you for flying Qantas!"

A mother and her 5 yr-old son were flying from Sydney, Australia, to Auckland, NZ, on **Qantas**. The son (who had been looking out the window) turned to his mother and asked, "If big dogs have baby dogs, and big cats have baby cats, why don't big planes have baby planes?"

The mother, who couldn't think of an answer, told her son to ask the flight attendant.

So the lad walked back to the galley and asked the flight attendant, "If big dogs have baby dogs, and big cats have baby cats, why don't big planes have baby planes?"

The flight attendant responded, "Did your mother tell you to ask me that?" The boy said, "Yes, she did."

"Well, please tell your mother that there are no baby planes because **Qantas** always pulls out on time, and ask her to explain that to you."



## HERMAN

by Jim Unger (1937-2013)



"I don't want to worry you, but this pizza was delivered by your financial planner."

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**If music be the food of love, play on.** (~ Wm Shakespeare)

"Music is a higher revelation than all wisdom and philosophy."  
~ Ludwig van Beethoven

"I am told that **Richard Wagner's** music is not as bad as it sounds." ~ Mark Twain, quoting Edger Wilson (aka. Bill Nye).

When the soprano **Birgit Nilsson** was asked her secret for singing the taxing role of **Isolde** in Wagner's 5 hr opera "*Tristan und Isolde*", she promptly replied, "Comfortable shoes!"

"One good thing about music, when it hits you, you feel no pain." ~ Bob Marley

"Without music, life would be a mistake." ~ Friedrich Nietzsche

"Music happens to be an art form that transcends language."  
~ Herbie Hancock

"I was born with music inside me. Music was one of my parts. Like my ribs, my kidneys, my liver, my heart. Like my blood. It was a force already within me when I arrived on the scene. It was a necessity for me - like food or water." ~ Ray Charles

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The next **ProBuzz** will be put out in early April  
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