



Probud Patter

Port Hope and District Probud Club, since 1998

Regular Meetings

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Speaker

April 4/17. George Parker.
Topic: "From Forest to Farmland".

It's about decisions that were made in the 1700's which enables settlers in this area to be able to take up the land and become farmers.

April 18/17. Kim Rudd, M.P.
Topic: "Duties of a Parliamentary Assistant".

This is our Open House

Greeters

Vice President's Message



Port Hope Probud' OPEN HOUSE !!!

Celebrate with us at an Open House on April 18th at our regular Tuesday morning meeting.

Kim Rudd, MP, will be our guest speaker. We

urge you to invite friends to see what a vital social community we are. Keith Pickett and a group of our members will have canvassed a new sector of Port Hope with special invitations to come and experience our club; and we are hopeful that will also bring in some new people. It should be a great day for us – depending on YOU to bring in guests who we hope will join us as members. May we all live up to our reputation as a warm and welcoming group.

I particularly was interested in our speaker last month, Mark Collins, who spoke on fine art theft. I read in the Globe and Mail of the recent theft of a Canadian gold coin, "The Big Maple Leaf," worth millions of dollars that was stolen last week from the Bode Museum in Berlin. We do have amazingly good speakers thanks to the good work of Lois Hueston and Jeanne Keiser.

And I hope many of you will join us for the regional gala, 2017 Spring Celebration at the Keeler Center in Colborne on May 30. It is always fun to be part of that. Liz Davidson will have the sign up sheet.

Recent Events

MARK COLLINS TALKS ABOUT ART THEFT

Our March 7th speaker told us that art theft is a 6 billion dollar industry around the world comprised of fraud, forgery, vandalism and trafficking. How do we know when it operates underground and unregulated? Mark blames Ian Fleming types for the common misconception of gentlemen thieves stealing million dollar art from billionaires and museums who are well insured.

The truth is the art work is worth thousands, not millions and many are not properly catalogued to provide details to often poorly trained police. The victims are not always billionaires, but churches, monasteries, galleries, cottages, schools, archives, public buildings and private homes. It is rare to have a well-trained police officer like Mark on hand to investigate.

The biggest thief the world has ever seen was Hitler, who systematically looted the treasurers of Europe as he overran the countries. Seeing what was coming, the Louvre spirited its most of its precious paintings and statutes, including the Mona Lisa and Venus de Milo, away to France's country mansions for the duration of the 2nd World War.

The saddest crimes are the senseless ones, such as the 2009 theft of a 2 tonne Henry Moore sculpture in England worth 3 Million Euros. It was melted down and sold for 1,500 Euros. Art theft is often used by organized crime to support other activities such as gun running, money laundering and terrorism.

Mark's last words were to remind us to catalogue and protect our valuables so that they can be traced if they are stolen.



Mark Collins from the OPP, sits with his mother long-time member Betty Collins before his presentation.

Northumberland Humane Society



Barb Struthers chats to Kate Lennan from the Northumberland Humane Society at our March 21st meeting.



Does Probus member Mary Adams want to adopt a cute pet from the Humane Society? Will Kate Lennan and Tom Foster be able to help her?



Jukka



Susie

LOIS HUESTON

Lois has been our “joke master” for the last few months getting our meetings off to a laugh-filled start. Lois and her husband Frank joined shortly after Port Hope Probus began in 1998. She and Lois Tranmer edited the Probus Patter for a couple of years.

She recalls some of the fun times we used to have “in the old days.” We went on many bus trips, such as to Memphrie Magog in Quebec for three days, to the Agawa Canyon, to the Woodbine Race Track, to Quebec City for a couple of days, to Ottawa for another overnight stay, cruises up the Otonabee River and on the Muskoka Lakes. Then there were the plays and musicals in Toronto and the annual picnics and corn roasts on the Adamson’s beautiful Lakeshore property where hilarious skits were the order of the day.

There’s must be a lot more, but that’s all I can recall just now. Lois



ST PATRICK’S DAY LUNCH





AN INVITATION TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday, April 18th, 9.30 a.m. at the Lion's Centre, Thomas Street, the Probus Club of Port Hope is holding an OPEN HOUSE for our friends and neighbours. Kim Rudd, our Federal MP will be the speaker.

The purpose of this special event is to spread the word about what our club is about and to provide interest in attracting new members to our club.

Keith Picket, who is spearheading this membership campaign, explains that our membership is falling and we need to attract new people. To this end, he has designed a flyer that we, the members, will deliver to houses in the west end of Port Hope where new retirees are moving in. To volunteer for this pleasant task, please call Keith at 905-885- 2803.

Another important way that you can help is to give the flyer - distributed on March 21st - to a friend or neighbour who you think would benefit from our friendship and programs.