



# Probus Patter

*Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998*

## Regular Meetings

### Officers for 2016/2017

Acting President	Marguerite Doritty
Past President	Barbara Struthers
Secretary	Fiona Maarhuis Allan Butler
Treasurer	Dan Kuzmich
Membership	Dorothy Gilmer Doreen Rossi
Program	Jeanne Keiser Lois Hueston
Special Events	Joan McIntosh Shirley Robinson Shirley Kane
Newsletter Chair	Murray Munro

## Speaker

Jamie Dolittle

## Greeters

June 06, 2017

Bernice Makepeace and Margot Agnew

## Acting President's Message



Spring is sprung, the grass is riz, and if you're wondering about the flowers, just drive about Port Hope and enjoy! The water level is at a record high and the grass has never been greener. Those of us who drove to Colborne for the Probus Festival at the Keeler Center enjoyed the drive through the countryside. The events were well organized, there

was lots of time to visit with friends from other Clubs, the opening refreshments and the lunch were excellent, and the speakers outstanding. I don't recall hearing a speaker who had his audience laughing loudly throughout his talk – kudos to author Terry Fallis!

Our 'Picnic' is now scheduled for Wednesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at the Port Hope Golf Club, on the lawn of Penryn Manor. A lovely spot! Tickets are \$25. And we need to have 50 people attend. Bring a friend or two or three, and enjoy the ambience. There is lots of entertainment planned, a lovely luncheon is included – and there will be a cash bar available. So, enjoy!

Members are urged to sign on for membership in the 2017-2018 year. The fee for the year is \$40., and our Treasurer, Don Kuzmich, would be pleased to have your check made out to Probus Club of Port Hope at any of the meetings over the summer.

The nominating Committee, consisting of me, Barbara Struthers, Keith Pickett and Sel Shields has started the process of putting together the management team for 2017-18. Would you like to be considered for any of the offices, or to help with any of the committees? Please let us know of your potential availability!!!! Or if you want to nominate another, please be in touch. We are looking for ideas to make the Probus experience good for us all. Having an exceptional management team has made my year!

## Recent Events

### Historic Town in an Electronic Age

On May 2<sup>nd</sup> we heard two speakers present about small communities and the advantages and disadvantages felt by the citizens.

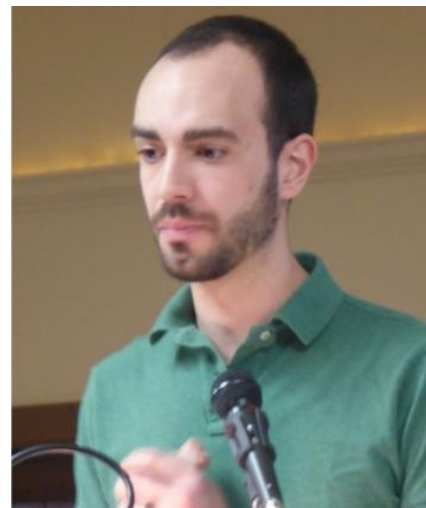
Peter deAuer spoke first about the availability of “right sized space” in a community. New businesses require little space and limited physical storage. Downtown storefronts are not what many new businesses are looking for to set up their shop. Instead, businesses are looking for an online presence without a store front. This is leading to challenges in Port Hope when larger spaces are being approved for building when that is not in line with market trends. He gave the example of the recently built Business Park behind the Your Independent Grocer. Mr. deAuer shared that the businesses are being built for large spaces when many businesses now are just one person. Port Hope small business is facing competition with big box stores. There are disappearing industries and it is difficult to attract the next generation.

George Kallonakis, the co-owner of Olympus Burger, spoke next about his business and how he markets his business. When starting up Olympus Burger on Mill Street South, his goal was to give people a high quality product. He uses the internet for marketing. When Canadian Living announced Olympus Burger had the best burger in Canada, he had 127000 hits on Facebook in the first week. He spoke to the importance of connecting with a younger generation through social media (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat, etc) and that for small business owners, social media does not cost any money.

Mr. deAuer concluded the presentation by discussing the low amount of mid-range accommodations. He said that independent senior living is missing from Port Hope and that rental services are sparse. He finished by saying that he wished town council in Port Hope would do more to improve the lives of seniors and small business owners.



Peter deAuer speaking to the Probus group on May 2<sup>nd</sup> about the realities Port Hope is facing regarding small business owners and accommodations.



George Kallonakis speaking to Probus about his small business, Olympus Burger

# *Josie's Journey*

On May 16<sup>th</sup>, Josie Calip spoke to the group about her amazing journey from the Philippines to Taiwan to Port Hope.

Josie began working at a health unit in Philippines. She shared that often women go overseas to earn money to send back to their families. Josie ended by going over to Taiwan to work with an older woman with dementia. Her job there entailed looking after the woman all day and all night with no time off. In fact, Josie shared that if she had to go to the bathroom, she had to take the woman with her. Her employer, the woman's children, kept her passport. Josie needed to get that back so that she could apply to come to Canada. She

travelled in secret to Taipei to apply to come to Canada several time with the woman, although the woman had no idea.

In September of 2005, Josie arrived in Canada. She got her permanent residency in 2010 and her family came in September 2010. Her family needed to learn how to look after themselves Now, Josie's children are employed and in college.



## Upcoming Events

The Annual General Meeting will be held on September 19th. If you would like to propose a motion at the AGM, they must send the Secretary (email [fonamaarhuis@gmail.com](mailto:fonamaarhuis@gmail.com) or by letter to Fiona Maarhuis, 1149 Deyell Line, Millbrook, ON L0A 1G0) the wording of the proposed motion before July 31st, as it must be read out at a general meeting at least one month before the AGM.

## Motion re Betty Delong

Those who attended the May 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting are aware that Keith Pickett proposed the following motion: "That Marguerite Doritty be confirmed as President of the Port Hope and District Probus Club for the year 2016-2017."

I have heard that members wished to vote on the motion immediately, but according to our constitution, it cannot be voted on until a month later, which in this case will be our June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Some members were concerned that that might not be able to attend the June 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and wanted their votes to be counted. If this is you, please email or phone me, stating that either:

"I am FOR the motion"

**Or**

"I am AGAINST the motion"

I will make sure your vote is included in the count.

My email is: [fonamaarhuis@gmail.com](mailto:fonamaarhuis@gmail.com).

My mobile phone is (705) 991 -2792. You will not have to pay long distance charges.

## Corn Roast

The Corn Roast will be held on Tuesday August 29 at the Port hope Legion. Tickets will be available at the July and August meetings.

## Summer Picnic

Joan McIntosh has asked that you be sent this message about the picnic. Your Guests are welcome at this event.

Please bring a cheque for \$25 per person to the June 6 meeting. If you are not able to attend the meeting, please make arrangement to get your cheque to Joan as soon as possible.

The summer picnic has been arranged. It will take place at the Port Hope Golf Club on the lawn of Penryn Mansion, 82 Victoria St., Port Hope. Wednesday June 21 2017. Time 2pm to 5pm luncheon included, cash bar. The cost is \$25 a plate There will be a bocchi ball and croquette tournament. Bring your chair and sun hat and enjoy the fun.

## Trips

June 9 woodbine races, picnic and barbecue [dates to follow] 4<sup>th</sup> Line theatre , Shirley Robison will be getting some tickets. Come from Away, is coming back to Toronto in Feb. they would just like to know how many would be interested. Call Lakeshore A.S.A.P. at [1-800-387-5914](tel:1-800-387-5914) or [905-623-1511](tel:905-623-1511) tell them you want to be on the Probus list. They will call when they get more info to confirm. There is no obligation or guarantee until later.

Please check the front table for upcoming activities.