



Probud Patter

Port Hope and District Probud Club, since 1998

Regular Meetings

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Speakers

March 7 Mark Collins, Ontario Provincial Police. "Art Theft"

March 21 Karen Lennon, Northumberland Humane Society

April 4 OPEN HOUSE, Speaker George Parker "From Forest to Farmland". Decisions that were made in the 1700s which enabled settlers in this area to take up land and become farmers.

Greeters

March 7 Pat Buchan,
Barb Loucks

March 21 Judy Johnson,
Donna Caraw

Vice President's Message

March is National Probud Month – and we are celebrating!

"Be a Friend -- Bring a Friend" is the slogan – and we invite you to do just that at our March Meetings.



Our speakers will be Mark Collins (OPP) on Art Theft, (March 7) and Karen Lenin from the Humane Society (March 21). We hope to see many guests at those meetings.

As you know, Erik Norenus has been doing a review of all the Club's Minutes. copies of Patter. And photographs of events. He has completed this work and we will have available at the March meetings, many photographs of our members at work and at play. These will be available to any who would like them for keepsakes.

COMING EVENTS:

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Beamish House March 15, 2017. Always great food and good company. Tickets are \$28 available March 7th at the Special Events desk.

Probud Clubs of Northumberland

2017 SPRING CELEBRATION

The Keeler Centre, Colborne ON

May 30th at 10.00 am

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER

TERRY FALLIS

Award-winning author of five national bestsellers

\$40 per guest includes

Entertainment, Full Lunch, Coffee, Goodies

Recent Events

February 7th meeting SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

At our first meeting in February, we celebrated Valentine's Day with a luncheon in the Lion's All and speaker John Racine, who gave us hints on simplifying our lives. As a Certified Financial Planner, John kept us interested by passing on tips on estate planning which, he said, we should all be working on.

There are three important things that could simplify our lives: make a checklist, have a clear plan, and have courageous conversations.

John suggested that if one spouse does all the finances, the other one should know the system. Because one spouse will inevitably be left, the courageous conversation means that each one knows where the important documents, bank accounts, and investments are kept. Pass on all the details.

Update your will, or create one if you don't have one. Seventy percent of Canadians don't have a will, which could create family problems. Talk to your children to find out what their wishes are regarding the distribution of your property and estate. The oldest child need not necessarily be the executor, it could be that another child lives nearer or has more knowledge of the family affairs, or it could be a close friend or a trust company.

John informed us that after ten years of inactivity, dormant bank accounts are transferred to the Bank of Canada, which currently has 1.3 million dollars in unclaimed accounts. Tidy up your loose ends so that this adds to your estate, not the governments.

We were given a CHECKLIST to take home and fill out to SIMPLIFY OUR LIVES.

February 21 Birds of Northumberland

We were fortunate to have Elizabeth Kellogg, a member of the Willow Beach Field Naturalist Club, as our speaker at the February 21st meeting. A long-time birdwatcher, she presented a fascinating array of pictures of local birds in their various habitats of beach, forest, land and marsh.

Northumberland County boasts countless natural areas, as well as 70km of Lake Ontario shoreline, cedar bogs rocky and sandy fields, making it prime for birding.

Many migrating birds use the beaches and marshes of Presqu'île Provincial Park for resting and refueling before they continue their journeys. With its diverse ecosystem and marshland boardwalk, Presqu'île is noted for bird watching. It is a major staging area for migrating waterfowl, shorebirds and songbirds.

The Ganaraska and Northumberland forests and the Rice Lake plains have birds not typically found in this region. The Rice Lake and Northumberland forests have birds not typically found in this region. The Rice Lake plains surrounding the County's forests provide the perfect opportunity to see grassland birds.



Jeanne and Dennis Keiser pick up some good tips on Financial Planning from speaker John Racine



Elizabeth Kellogg, the "bird lady" answers a question from Marguerite

If you think a gull is a gull, we learned that there are 14 varieties of gulls that visit Cobourg Harbour at different times of the years. Recently a Piping Plover was spotted, the first in 100 years. Birders get very excited at this kind of news. Evidently, it is quite common to see Snowy Owls around Cobourg Harbour and Barred Owls in Peter's Woods.

KEN SCOTT LANDS AT PIER 21 IN 1940

Long-time Probus member Ken Scott came from England as a "war guest," landing in Halifax, Nova Scotia, in 1940. He, along with thousands of other child evacuees, were taken from their homes to keep them safe from the bombs falling on England during World War 11.

At the time, fourteen year old Ken was a student at Repton, a boarding school in Surrey (where "Goodbye Mr. Chips" was filmed), when war engulfed them. His father was serving in Burma with the British military and was not able to be of direct help.

Ken was informed by the headmaster that he and his brother Colin were going to Canada. In the end, a group of five, Ken and his brother along with two cousins and their Aunt Brenda as an escort, boarded the Monarch of Bermuda to make the trip to Pier 21, Halifax.

During the trip across the Atlantic Ocean, Ken wrote a letter to his parents telling them of the exciting and sometimes dangerous voyage. He asked his mother to save the letter as a record and so we still have it. Many years later while on a trip to Halifax, Ken gave a copy of it to the Museum of Immigration which has been created on Pier 21, the gateway for all immigrants. The names of all who passed through on their journeys have been carefully kept, along with memorabilia and historical artifacts of the era.

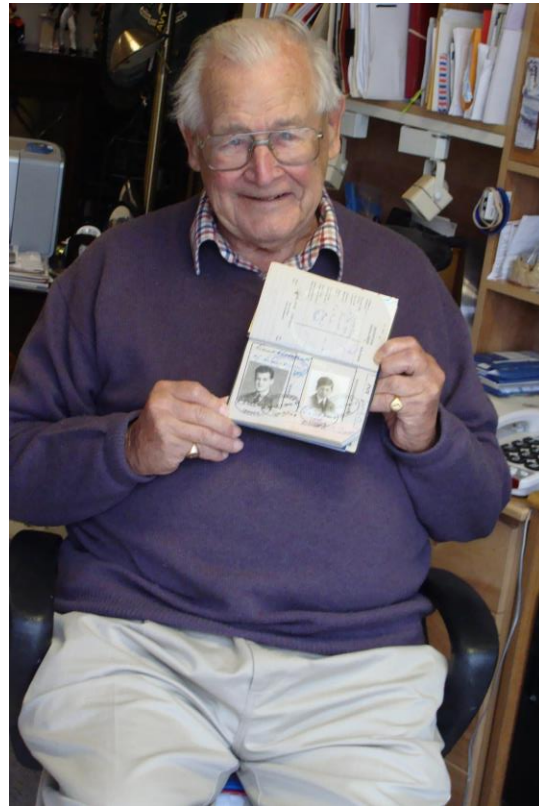
Ken's exciting letter to "mummy and daddy" has been preserved all these years and we can read it today, 78 years later. Here's how:

Google: Pier 21

Navigate to Canadian Museum of Immigration

In the Search Box type Kenneth Scott, English Evacuee Child.

The letter will appear. Ta Da.



Ken Scott holds the passport he used when coming to Canada as a "war guest" in 1940, 77 years ago

Thank you to Pauline Carrick for submitting the articles and pictures in my absence
Murray Munro

THE TAXI RIDE

A man walks out to the street and catches a taxi the second he waves his hand. He gets into the taxi, and the cabbie says, "Perfect timing. You're just like Frank."

Passenger: "Who?"

Cabbie: "Frank Feldman. He's a guy who did everything right all the time. Like my coming along when you needed a cab, things happened like that to Frank Feldman every single time."

Passenger: "There are always a few clouds over everybody."

Cabbie: "Not Frank Feldman. He was a terrific athlete. He could have won the Grand-Slam at tennis. He could golf with the pros. He sang like an opera baritone and danced like a Broadway star. He was an amazing guy."

Passenger: "Sounds like he was really something special."

Cabbie: "There's more. He had a memory like a computer. He remembered everybody's birthday. He knew all about wine, which foods to order and which fork to eat them with. He could fix anything. Not like me. I change a fuse, and the whole street blacks out. But Frank Feldman could do everything right."

Passenger: "Wow, what a guy!"

Cabbie: "He always knew the quickest way to go in traffic and avoid traffic jams. Not like me, I always seem to get stuck in them. But Frank, he never made a mistake, and he really knew how to treat a woman and make her feel good. His clothing was always immaculate, shoes highly polished too. He was the perfect man! He never made a mistake. No one could ever measure up to Frank Feldman."

Passenger: "How did you meet him?"

Cabbie: "I never actually met Frank. He died and I married his wife..."

Fran and I just returned from a 4 day holiday in Athens. The weather was beautiful, shirt during the day and sweater in then evening. We had a lovely hotel with a great view of the Acropolis. The food was great and finally something other than fruit juice or water to drink.



Acropolis from our hotel roof top