



# Probus Patter

Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998

May 2016

## Regular Meetings

May 3: Helping Hands, who collect all sorts of items that are normally thrown in the garbage to make useful items to give to local groups, or sometimes send overseas. *More details in an email. Bring in your items.*

May 17: To be arranged

June 6: To be arranged

June 15: Mark Cullen at Northumberland Probus "The Highway of Heroes Living Tribute." *More information on page 4.*

June 28: Annual Picnic: Dalewood Country Club, 5:00 pm, dinner at 6:00 pm. Tickets \$30 on sale at May meetings

## Other Fun Things to Do

June 3: Woodbine Races & Slots

July 12: 4th Line Theatre "The Hero of Hunter Street"

August: Possible 30,000 Island Cruise

Sept 2: Celtic Thunder at RAMA

December 4-6: *Festival of Stars*

 *More information on page 6.*

## Apps & Drinks

May 26: Judy Johnson, 10 Fenton Lane, 4-6 pm

## President's Message

For the "merry" month of May I wish I had a positive message for our members. However, I have just received an upsetting email from Bob Gibson, President of the Ganaraska Valley Probus Club, a "Notice of Dissolution" forwarded from the President of the Probus Club of Cobourg and District, Roslynnne Cooke, giving notice that that Probus Club is closing, effective September 30, 2016. While there are two other active clubs in the area, it is sad to see that after 21 years the first Probus Club, initiated by its first President, Stone Avery, does not have enough members to continue.

At this point, our Club only has two members who are willing to serve on the coming year's Management Committee: current Vice-President, Betty deLong, who will move on to be President, and myself, who will become Past President. However, as per our Constitution, we have to fill the Committee with the positions of Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Membership, Program (Speakers), Special Events and Newsletter.

Ganaraska Valley Probus is facing the same quandary – not enough members are coming forward to fill the positions available.

This is our situation right now. If you would be willing to come forward and volunteer for one of these positions, please let me know. I would miss the meetings, speakers, friends and events that are part of our Probus Club of Port Hope.

*Barbara*



We still need volunteers to organize the Car Rally and a venue for the Corn Roast!

# Recent Events

## April 5th. Northumberland Forest, Past and Future



Ben Walters, Forest manager of Northumberland County, outlined the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan for the Northumberland Forest.

There are two large forests in Northumberland: The Ganaraska Forest, 11,000 acres, managed by the Ganarask Regional Conservation Authority (GRCA) and the 5,500 Northumberland Forest, managed by the County

The Northumberland Forest's Strategic Plan is closely aligned to the four pillars of the County's Strategic Plan: **Prosperity, Sustainability, Community and Excellence.**

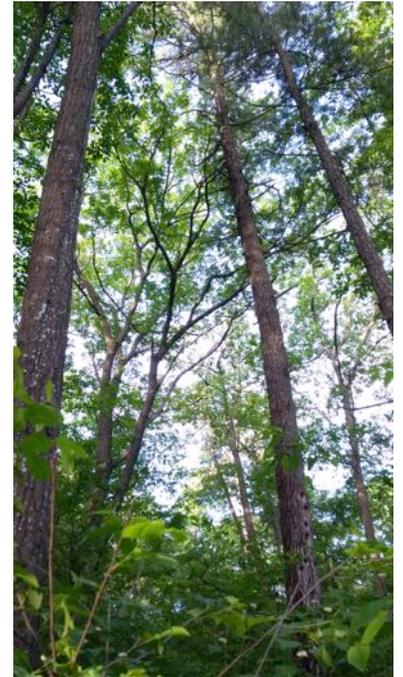
For **Prosperity**, forest management will put stress on keeping the forest healthy and able to play an active economic role. This includes minimizing noxious weeds, promoting the benefits forests provide for communities and creating a resources guide for forest products.

Under **Sustainability**, plans are underway for on-going silviculture operations (the art and science of growing trees, with planning horizons from 5 to 20 years), tackling the Emerald Ash Borer, involving more volunteers, and actively managing timber harvesting.

Under **Communities**, the priority will be on promoting the values of conservation and trail based recreation. The Forest now has 120 km of "managed" recreational trails.

**Excellence** includes increasing staff expertise and improving conservation

At the end the question period, Erik Norenus stood to thank Ben, saying that he and Una have spent time in many different areas of Canada, but have found that *"Northumberland County is undoubtedly the best place to live."*



### From the Management Committee Meeting, April 5th:

There was very little business to be covered.

The Lions rental agreement is in the hands of the Lions executive.

We still do not have leadership for the car rally or the corn roast.

Betty DeLong is working on the early organisation of the Christmas Party.

*submitted by Keith Pickett*



At the March 23rd joint meeting, the Roses from the Ganaraska Club celebrated their 60th Wedding Anniversary. We thank them for the delicious cake!



New Member Mary Nisbitt

# Recent Events

## April 19th Angkor Wat and other Cambodian Temples



Member **Murray Munro** stirred our imaginations and desire to travel when he showed us over 50 photographs of Angkor Wat and neighbouring temples in Cambodia, collected on several visits with his wife Fran and their sons.

The complex of hundreds of temples, in an area about the size of Port Hope, was lived in from about 875 to 1400 AD. Drought and religious upheavals forced its people to abandon the site.

Over the next 400 years, the jungle slowly took possession. Massive silk-cotton trees have grown right over many temples (see right.)

Angkor Wat itself is the world's largest religious monument, as high as Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris: over 64 metres. It is surrounded by five towers and a five kilometre long, 190 meter wide moat.

Rediscovered in the 19th century, it was designated a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1992. The site has now become popular with bus loads of oriental tourists, as well as less crowd-loving westerners.

The Cambodians are gradually taking down the invading trees (see bottom left) and painstakingly restoring some of the temples, with assistance from Germany, Japan and China.

Murray highly recommended the area, which he says is cheap, has good food, and can be reached from Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia, by plane in about 1 1/2 hours. But he did warn us to stay on well-travelled paths, as undiscovered land mines, both



Murray



Fran in front of a carving of a Buddha

## Never mess with the elderly!

An elderly couple return to a Mercedes dealership to find the salesman had just sold the car they were interested in to a beautiful, leggy, busty blonde.

"I thought you said you would hold that car till we raised the \$75,000 asking price," said the man. "Yet I just heard you closed the deal for \$65,000 to that lovely young lady there. You insisted there could be no discount on this model."



"Well, what can I tell you? She had the ready cash, and just look at her, how could I resist?" replied the grinning salesman.

Just then the young woman approached the old folks and handed them the keys.

"There you go," she said. "I told you I could get this joker to drop the price. See you later, grandpa."



# Fun Things to Do!

Contact Edith at front desk or at 905-885-5390 if interested in any of the events below.



Wednesday June 15th, the Northumberland Probus Club will host a special meeting, featuring Mark Cullen. He will make a presentation on "The Highway of Heroes Living Tribute", a project to plant 117,000 trees along Hwy. 401 from Trenton to Toronto - one for each fallen soldier since confederation. Edith has tickets (\$10). They will not be available at the door on the day.



Wednesday, July 12th, 4th Line Theatre presents "The Hero of Hunter Street", the story of the 1916 explosion and fire at the Quaker Oats factory in Peterborough. Tickets are \$32.50 from Edith or Shirley Robinson. We still need 11 more to get this special price. Show starts at 6 pm but some members may like to picnic on the grounds beforehand. Edith can arrange for picnics to be supplied, prepared by the Baxter Creek Golf Club, at a cost of \$13. Edith can also arrange for car pooling.

Edith & Fraser's role as special events organizers will finish in September - and we are very grateful for all they have done.

However, they are planning to go to the Festival of Stars, December. 4th - 6th and hope some other members will join them. With many other scheduled performers, featured stars include Daniel O'Donnell, BJ Thomas & Mike Walker in "Conway Twitty Remembered". Cost \$629.



Friday June 3: Woodbine Races & Slots, Depart Port Hope 10 am. \$55. Or, if you prefer to bet while dining at a fabulous buffet overlooking the track, the cost will be \$105.



Friday Sept: Celtic Thunder at RAMA, Depart Port Hope 3 pm for show at 9 pm. \$149 covers bus, buffet dinner and show. Tickets go fast so let Edith know your interest ASAP.



Possible 30,000 Island Cruise from Midland in August. Bus, cruise and lunch for \$105. Let Edith know if you are interested.



"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."

Greeters: coordinated by Barb Winfield

May 3: Shirley Robinson  
Dorothy Gilmer

June 6: Donna Carew  
Barb Hawthorne

July 5: Bea Makepeace  
Betty Collins

May 17: Pat Buchan  
Ann Brown

June 20: Shirley Kane  
George Watson

August 16: Carolyn & Gary Webb