



# Probus Patter

*Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998*

October 2016

## Regular Meetings

### Officers for 2016/2017

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

## October Greeters

November 1-Elaine Simpson  
and Beth Wallace

November 15-to be decided.

December 6-Fran and Don  
Campbell

### November Programs

Nov 1st is our Remembrance Day program  
Speaker Terry Lynch "Our Military"  
Please remind all the vets to come and wear  
their medals

Nov. 15 Lisa Graham from  
The Salvation Army

Dec 6th Christmas Party  
Masonic Temple

## Vice President's Message

You just never know what is going to happen in life! I sat with Betty DeLong at lunch after the AGM and we were full of excitement about the coming year's activities. As you all know, she is a very dynamic person and she was full of optimism about the coming year and the excellent list of Officers who had just been elected. Then she took a tumble on the stairs at church – and we have all pulled together as you might expect a Probus group to do, and taken up the reins to make the best program possible without Betty's leadership. I have been very grateful to Paul Tate for chairing the first meeting in October, and to Barbara Struthers who was an enormous help in getting me started, and all the committee members who are carrying on.

You read a lot about The Seniors Care Network in the October Patter. In October, we had a representative from the Peterborough office of the National Institute for the Blind (CNIB), Leslie Yee. She was an excellent speaker and from the questions that were asked, she really had an amazing response to her presentation. Congratulations to the Program Committee who also organized her transportation to and from the meeting.

In November, we look forward to a Remembrance Day program at our meeting on November 1st, honoring the Club members who have served their country. The speaker for the meeting will be Terry Lynch on "Our Military". We will also participate in the Port Hope parade and meeting at the Cenotaph. Barbara Struthers will attend and lay the wreath for our Club. Members are urged to participate by attending the service, on November 11th at 11:00am.

Keith Pickett is working out a plan to interest new members of the community to attend an open house meeting in January. If he calls on you to help, please say YES! We all need to pay attention to recruiting new members, and it is heartening to find one of our members willing to organize a specific program.

And Christmas is coming! Don't forget to get your ticket for our Club's celebration at the Masonic Hall on December 6, Tuesday, at 11:30am. It won't be the same without you! Liz Davidson will have the tickets at the November meetings and is carrying on for Betty DeLong in making the arrangements.

Marguerite

## Recent Events



On October 4, Dave Elliot, from Elliot Insurance Services, shared a very interesting presentation about changes to Ontario's auto insurance.

He shared that to help stabilize rates, the Ontario government has implemented changes to auto insurance. Several measures are aimed at reducing fraud and abuse within the system. As of June 1, 2016, there will be lower accident benefit limits in standard insurance policies and new option to increase coverage.

I didn't realize that these changes were being implemented. In fact, in April or May of this year, I received a bulky package from my insurer. It looked time consuming to read and I discarded it. Dave Elliot's talk made me realize this was an important package of information; although cumbersome to decipher. He shared with us a brochure outlining these changes at the meeting which is easier to navigate.

There are drawbacks to the new insurance. For one person in Ontario, he found out the hard way. He did not increase his coverage this year to include "catastrophic" injuries, a premium which must now be added on to auto insurance coverage.

Before the changes came into place, he would have been eligible for up to \$2 million in compensation. Instead, his insurance agency covered only \$86,000. Link to full CBC article: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/ontario-insurance-change-1.3796126>

### Leslie Yee from the CNIB



Leslie had a very good presentation on visual aids for people who are vision impaired. There were many interesting questions from the floor



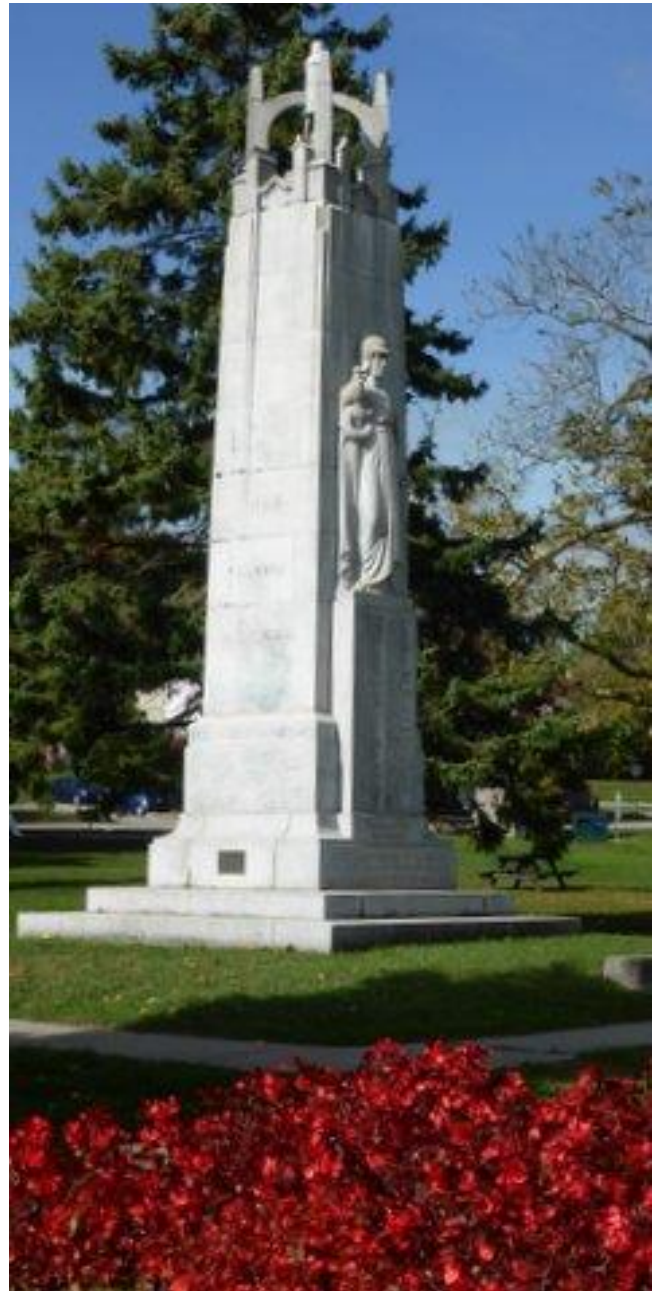
Leslie's demonstrated how to assist a visually impaired person

## High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth  
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings;  
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling  
mirth  
of sun-split clouds, — and done a hundred things  
You have not dreamed of — wheeled and soared  
and swung  
High in the sunlit silence. Hov'ring there,  
I've chased the shouting wind along, and flung  
My eager craft through footless halls of air....  
Up, up the long, delirious, burning blue  
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy  
grace.  
Where never lark, or even eagle flew —  
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod  
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,  
- Put out my hand, and touched the face of God*

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**John Gillespie Magee, Jr.** (9 June 1922 – 11 December 1941) was a British-American aviator and poet, made famous for his poem *High Flight*. Magee served in the Royal Canadian Air Force, which he joined before the United States entered the war; he died in a mid-air collision over Lincolnshire in 1941.





On Tuesday October 25<sup>th</sup>, a group of Probus members enjoyed a trip through the beautiful hills of Northumberland Country.

We met at 10:00 at the Metro Grocery Store and proceeded east through Cobourg and along through back roads that took us to the Gully and then onto Ste. Anne's Spa. We travelled north through to Eddystone and then onto the Centreton Road. We made our way up to Country Road 9 and into Bewdley.

A group of 24 Probus members enjoyed a lovely lunch at the newly renovated Rhino's Roadhouse Restaurant. They accommodated us on short notice and the food was enjoyed by the entire group.

Groups dispersed after lunch in a variety of directions to continue enjoying the beautiful fall colours and the warm sunny day. A special thanks to Joan McIntosh and her committee for organizing this terrific outing.



## ***Indian Summer*** ~William Wilfred Campbell

*Along the line of smoky hills  
The crimson forest stands,  
And all the day the blue-jay calls  
Throughout the autumn lands.*

*Now by the brook the maple leans  
With all his glory spread,  
And all the sumaches on the hills  
Have turned their green to red.*

*Now by great marshes wrapt in mist,  
Or past some river's mouth,  
Throughout the long, still autumn day  
Wild birds are flying south.*

