



Probus Patter

Port Hope and District Probus Club, since 1998

November 2015

Regular Meetings

**November 3: Brigadier
General Ian Douglas (Retired)**
Remembrance Day Meeting
Veterans should wear their
medals

November 17: tbd

December 1: Christmas party

Other Fun Things to Do

**November 25th: Mistletoe
Magic \$112.** Some space still
available. More information
on page 5.

**December 5th: Cirque Dreams
Holidaze.** Fully booked. Please
see pick up and tip
information on page 5.

**November 10: Apps &
Drinks**

Fraser and Edith Carr's
289 Ontario Street, 4 - 6 pm

President's Message

Canadians just endured the longest Federal election campaign in more than 100 years. With it came the partisan fighting that took over the airwaves and interrupted our hallowed worship before the prospect of a Blue Jays pennant race. That didn't work out so well. But change is in the air in with our Government, with it a newer, younger outlook on our future, with an openness that should be refreshing.

November 1st is the beginning of Standard Time. I wait impatiently for December 21, "Midwinter" or the Winter Solstice which occurs exactly when the axial tilt is farthest away from the sun, and the days start gradually to get longer.

November is also a month of remembering loves and lives lost in the conflicts and wars that have occurred in the world and are still going on today in some of those countries. Remembrance Day this year is on Wednesday, November 11th, and there will be a ceremony, as always, at the Cenotaph in Memorial Park where I will be laying a wreath on behalf of the Probus Club of Port Hope.



Barbara Struthers

Recent Events

October 4: The Northumberland Fare Share Food Bank



Duncan Mackinnon

Duncan Mackinnon, the volunteer CEO of the Food Bank, brought us up to date with the Food Bank's current activities and needs.

Northumberland is one of only a few food banks left in Canada that are staffed only by volunteers – over ninety of them, with more needed. These generous people make 25,000 visits per year, supporting 640 families or 1,800 people of whom 46% are children. They deliver 360,000 lbs of food per year, worth about one million dollars.

The Food Bank is a registered charity, and needs more donations to help them carry out their vision:

“A community where no man, woman or child goes hungry.”

In the last few years, the Bank has increased spending on food, and in delivering more fresh local produce, fruit, vegetables and meat. The same years have seen a significant increase in food costs, with hamburger alone rising by 42% over the last two years. Food purchase costs now come to over \$150,000 per year. Despite a 24% increase in fund raising revenues over the last few years, more is still needed

Energetic Food Bank teams of volunteers have developed some innovative and fun fund raising activities, such as a Trivia group at the Beamish House every Thursday, or squeegeeing car windows at the Independent.

Duncan summarized the Bank's present targets:

- ★ More volunteers,
- ★ More fund raising
- ★ Healthier food – with more fresh fruit, vegetables, eggs and meat versus prepared meals
- ★ Countering any perceived stigmas, and reaching out to more families

Congratulations

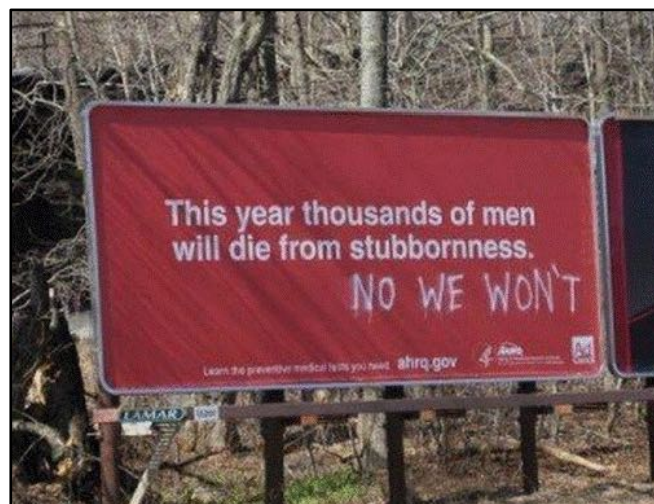
To Northumberland Fare Share for winning the 2015 Ontario Food Banks Innovator of the Year

And to:

Margaret and Murray Dillon, married 58 years this October

Rita and Terry Bell, 62 years

Dorothy and Owen Lent, also 62 years





Probus Christmas Party

Tuesday, December 1, 2015

Masonic Hall, 54 Toronto Road

11.30 a.m. cash bar

12.30 p.m. delicious Christmas Luncheon

Entertainment by Bob Trennum and Lee Batchelor

NEW!

Please bring a wrapped gift for the Christmas present table. New or re-gifted. (Approximate value \$10.00)

If you give one, you get one

Any offerings brought for Fare Share will be delivered

\$25 per person

Tickets will be available at Probus Meetings November 3rd and 17th

Questions? Keith Pickett 885-2803, Liz Davidson 885-9193, Doreen Rossi 885-8555

October 20: Experience Ganaraska



Be a Radio Announcer for a day

"Collect Experiences instead of Things"

This is the guiding force behind a new not-for-profit local organization that promises to enhance people's lives by offering experiential workshops.

According to experts in psychology, experiences bring people more happiness than do possessions

In 2014, a group of civic-minded people got together and decided to develop a local series of events based on the uniqueness of Northumberland County. The strategy was to exploit the special attractions and towns in the area, utilize the

vast amount of local talent and expertise, and host events that appeal to a broader market rather than specialty groups. Or in the words of Ken Morden, managing director of Experience Ganaraska and our speaker for the October 14th meeting:

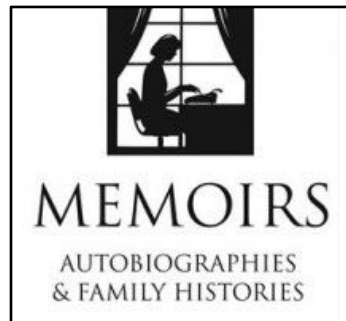
"At Experience Ganaraska, we offer an ever-changing collection of unique, exciting and affordable adventures hosted by the world-class experts and craftspeople of Northumberland County".

Ken handed out questionnaire sheets asking members what they would like to do that they had never done before. He got some interesting responses, some of which were already being met by the Experience Ganaraska portfolio.

The courses are offered in Port Hope, Cobourg and the surrounding area. The hope is to attract people from Toronto and the surrounding area to come to the beautiful Ganaraska region. 'We need visitors, lots of visitors to come to events here, and maybe extend their stay,' Ken said.

Beginners and others seeking to improve their skills are encouraged to sign up and enjoy a day's special experience, to learn and to meet new people in a new environment.

Some of the courses being offered this fall include, Radio Announcing; Beekeeping – try it for a day; Trap Shooting, creating a piece of Silver Jewellery, writing your own Memoirs; or creating a 10 Minute Play.



Tell Your Own Story



Write a ten minute Play



Learn to Play the Harmonica

To find out more details on the courses and what they offer, go to www.experienceganaraska.

Wife: "How would you describe me?"

Husband: "A B C D E F G H I J K."

Wife: "What does that mean?"

Husband: "Adorable, beautiful, cute, delightful, elegant, fashionable, gorgeous, and hot."

Wife: "Aw, thank you, but what about I J K?"

Husband: "I'm just kidding!"

Fun Things to Do - and Done

Probus Small Group Outing

September 21 was a perfect day for a small group of members to drive along the Cobourg Lakeshore Road to Wicklow Beach and on to Colborne and Brighton to wander through Presqu'ile Provincial Park and eat a picnic lunch at the side of the lake.



A sad note was the obvious destruction to the windows in the viewing area of the wild life centre.

Lots of fun, lots to see in a very tranquil setting as well as shopping for harvest veggies on the way home.

from Marg Dennis



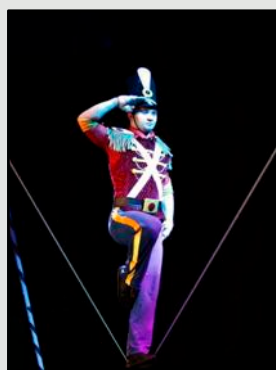
*Mistletoe Magic,
Wednesday
November 25th,
some places still
available*

Presented by Famous People Players in Toronto.
\$112 per person

Celebrity Chef Christopher Woods will provide an exquisite three course gourmet menu, and then the Ice Queen will take to the stage, icicles drip before your eyes and reindeers fly across the sky! Mistletoe's will send kisses your way while poinsettias, igloos, dancers and white trees transform the stage into a winter giant chess game. Who will win? Come and find out!

Edith is always interested

in hearing members suggestions for other events.
Contact her at 905-885-5390 or edicar@sympatico.ca



*Cirque Dreams Holidaye,
Saturday December 5th,
fully booked*

With 67 members planning to attend, we have our own bus. You will be notified the time of pick up, which will be at the Car Pool Lot on the East side of Toronto Road, just south of Highway 401.

Regarding tips: you may do this on your own or give a sum to Edith to donate as a group. Suggested amount is \$5 per couple of \$2.50 per person. It will be shared between the driver and the escort. We know the escort assigned and we are sure she will do an excellent job.

The Brighton Arts Club Film Festival

We have had a memo from the Brighton Probus to tell us the Festival is free to all Probus members. See poster on our club board, and/or contact garnet.mcpherson@gmail.com for more information.

Caterers: *coordinated by*
Dorothy Gilmer

November Captain: Shirley Kane

Nov 5: Ruth Roy, Joan McIntosh,
Noel Martin

Nov 19: Gill de Auer, Elaine
Simpson, Allan McCready

January Captain: Shirley Robinson

Jan 5: Lucy Frew, Betty Collins,
Bryan Sherry

Jan 19: Joyce Lees, Barbara Loucks,
Una Norenus

Greeters: *coordinated by*
Barb Winfield

Nov 3: Diane Conduit, Marg Dennis

Nov 17: Barbara and Bob Moorcroft

Jan 5: Bernice Makepeace, Betty Collins

Jan 19: Pat Goodyear, Una Norenus