



PROBUS CLUB OF TRENT HILLS

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Alan Appleby - President

The President's Voice

"Still round the corner there may wait, a new road or a secret gate."

- J. R. R. Tolkien -

"Now that was a great old time picnic!" This comment, overheard in the parking lot sums up our first annual picnic at beautiful Lang Pioneer Village. In spite of the heat, a great time was had by all, food, games, and fun together. Many thanks to Anne Linton and her crew for putting this together, and over the top! There's more about the picnic including pictures in the following pages.

Your Management Committee has started planning for our Annual General Meeting to be held as part of our October meeting. We will be "graduating" several of our current Management Committee members, so now is your opportunity to step forward and help us keep up the success of our Probud Club. Announcements and emails will outline the process and your opportunities for involvement.

There are 5 positions that will become vacant. Each of the "retirees" have served for two or more terms, including our Past President Art Linton who has been there from the first meeting of the Steering Committee that got the ball rolling in 2013. Farther along in this newsletter is a description of the positions that will be open. Please give some thought to becoming a part of the Management Committee to keep our Club growing and attractive for all members.

As we approach the end of our third year of operation we can look back with pride on what we have all created and become part of. We are one of 9 Probud Clubs in Northumberland County, 237 clubs in Canada and over 4,000 clubs around the world. I hope you share my enthusiasm for the benefits and fun of Probud and that you will consider bringing your experience and talent to our Management Committee to keep us moving forward.



In Memorium

With great sadness we announce the passing
of our member and dear friend

Mona Cooper

"For every joy that passes, something
beautiful remains" - Anon

Management Position Descriptions

Several positions on the Management Committee, will be vacated at our Annual General Meeting. The nominating committee will be seeking out members of the club to fill these positions. Please consider putting your experience and talents forward to keep our club strong.

The following positions, with a brief description, will need new managers:

- 1 - Vice President: will assist the president wherever necessary, chair meetings if the President is unavailable, and is also the Program Manager, responsible for the regular meeting programs, i.e. Speakers or Entertainment.
- 2 - Secretary: will take minutes at the Management Committee meetings, keep track of all correspondence and emails, and send monthly meeting reminders to members.
- 3 - Events Manager: will arrange trips, activities and events throughout the fiscal year, collect payments from members for these events and submit them to the Treasurer as required. Will also take care of the events table at meetings and give update reports to the Management Committee and at the Regular meetings.
- 4 - Meetings Manager: will take care of needs for our regular meetings, including - arranging for greeters, setting up the auditorium, catering and liaising with the kitchen staff and the church and looking after whatever equipment is required for the program.
- 5 - Communications Manager: will actively seek out publicity for our club, update our website pages and see that upgrades are sent to Probus Canada as necessary. This position is also responsible for the newsletter.

AGM Section from the ByLaws:

4. **Annual General Meetings**
 - a. The Annual General Meeting shall be held on the regular meeting date of October. At this meeting, members of the Management Committee shall be nominated and elected.
 - b. The President shall give an Annual Report, and the Treasurer shall give a Financial Report. Other reports shall be presented as decided by the Management Committee.
 - c. The quorum at all General meetings shall be 25% of the membership.
 - d. Any notice of motion shall be submitted in writing to the Secretary and circulated to the membership one month prior to the meeting at which it is to be considered.
 - e. For the information of members not in attendance at the Annual General Meeting a prior one month notice by any means shall be deemed sufficient.

Past Speaker



Judy Pearce introduced Dan Buchanan, local author, who regaled members with fascinating tales of the history and personalities involved in rum running in Ontario. While storyteller Dan Buchanan will spin this tale, much of the material comes from two books by author C. W. Hunt, and revolves around the exploits of Ben Kerr, born in Hamilton, in 1884. Kerr was, on occasion, an outdoorsman, a piano player, a plumber, a union boss, a sailor, a business owner and a smuggler - a veritable Renaissance man!

Prohibition began in Canada in 1916 as part of the War Measures Act, but after the war the federal government would not authorize prohibition on a national level. Prohibition was mandated in Ontario in 1919 and in the USA in 1920. Dan told of exploits of gangsters selling shots in the back of a grocery store in Hamilton; of Corby's distillery, north of Belleville, producing 10,000 gallons of liquor per

day; of the individuals in the upper levels of society who were operating distilleries and of corruption in the federal Customs and Excise department.

Ben Kerr, operating independently, built the fastest boat on Lake Ontario, bought directly from Corby's and Gooderhams and Worts and travelled from Hamilton to Toronto to Trenton to Main Duck Island (in Prince Edward County) three or four times per week. Protection forces (OPP, Coast Guard, Customs and Excise) were very weak at first but as they became stronger began to carry machine guns. Consequently rum runners also started to carry weapons.

The story continued with hair raising adventures, fascinating detail and amusing schemes. From Hamilton to Prince Edward County, including the Presquile Hotel, the story unfolded ending with the mysterious death of Kerr and an associate whose bodies were found southwest of Colborne. The bodies were taken to Brighton to be returned to relatives via train. A rollicking good story with lots of local flavour (no pun intended), colourful characters and unanswered questions.

The books by C.W. Hunt promise to be a good read. Barbara Samson- Willis graciously thanked our speaker.

Submitted by Sheila Wood

Next Speaker

At our meeting, August 10, Melody Crowe, an Ojibway woman from Alderville First Nation, will speak to us about her life growing up in Alderville. Melody has spent many years teaching the Ojibway culture and language.



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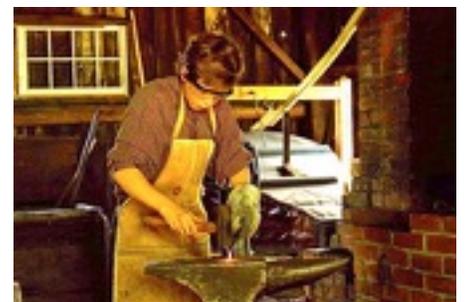
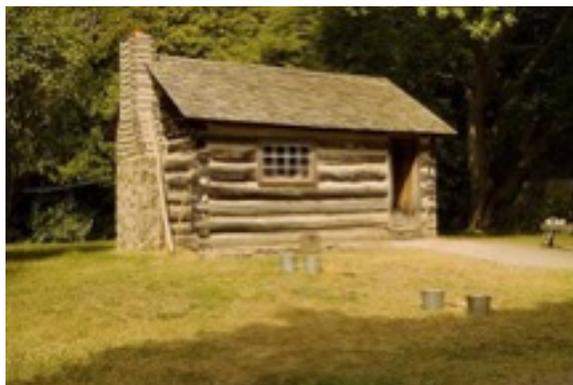
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Wednesday July 13

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VILLAGE

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Enough said! Ponder on these!

The Village





Shmoozing!!!





Are we having fun????



Lang photos submitted by Tony Crocker, Art Linton and Judy Pearce.

The
Rotary Club
of
Campbellford



The
Warkworth
Service
Club



Sunday, September 18, 2:00 PM at The Westben Barn

Building on more than three generations of renowned Leahy musicianship, Doug Leahy, together with his wife Jennifer and their children, keep the tradition alive through music, song, and dance. An exciting afternoon of fiddle, step dance, cello, accordion and vocals. What could possibly be next?!

Tickets for the show are \$45 p.p. and are available now at the meeting.

Please make cheques payable to the Rotary Club of Campbellford.

Tickets for the pre-show barbecue, \$8 per person, are available in person at the Westben Box Office, from Rotary Club Members or at the door before the show



Announcements

REMINDER

Annual Membership dues of \$40.00 per person are due at the September 14, 2016 meeting.

CHANGES TO PERSONAL INFORMATION

If you have had any changes to your address, telephone, email etc., please keep us informed. We want to make sure you are receiving all notices and email messages as well as this newsletter.

Send info to: Attn. Bev McComb - trenthillsprobus@gmail.com

MEMBERS OF YOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Alan Appleby - President
Judy Pearce - Vice President and Program Manager
Art Linton - Past President
Diane Williamson - Secretary
Steve Wood - Treasurer
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