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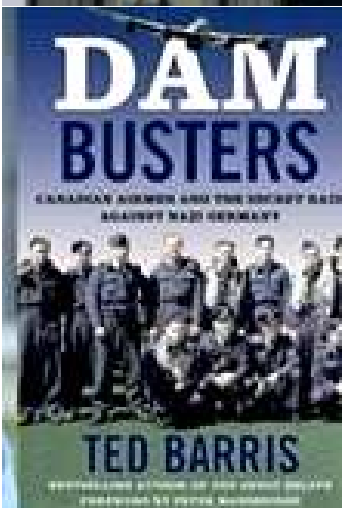


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Bob Robertson

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Spring Escape Takes Flight



April 30th over 400 members of Probus District 1 gathered in Trenton at the Air Force Museum. We spent the first hour touring the museum, inspecting and learning about several Canadian military aircraft. Pictured above is a floatplane, the Burgess-Dunne, purchased in Massachusetts for \$5000. It was delivered on September 21, 1914 and was the first

delivery of the first aircraft ever purchased in Canadian Military history.

We then sat down to a scrumptious and hearty hot meal and chatted with members of different clubs. After lunch we were enthralled by our guest speaker Ted Barris. Ted has written many non-fiction books about the Canadians and the World Wars. This day he told the story of the Dam Busters, the title of his latest book.

We were educated about this momentous military victory in which many bombers flew from England

to the Ruhr Valley at an altitude of 60 feet and then skipped specially designed bombs up to the edge of the dam, causing an earthquake which broke the dams and flooded out the munitions factories downstream.

The science behind this project was inspired by an Canadian and many of the RAF flyers were Canadian or trained in Canada. Mr Barris' talk gave us a new understanding of the sacrifice of our military men and women and we left the building that day with our heads held a little bit higher.

Peter Chrisomalis



Ted Barris

Horizons of Friendship Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) Project in Guatemala



Our April 6th speaker, Raúl Scorza, is the Community Outreach and Communications Coordinator for Horizons of Friendship. Originally from Mexico, Raúl has a background in International Development and graduated from the University of British Columbia with a B.A. in International Relations. He recently moved to Cobourg from Vancouver, and judging from his clear and passionate presentation, Horizons of Friendship has found an excellent person to represent their organization in the Community.

Horizons of Friendship began in 1973 as the Help Honduras Foundation by Father James Coughlan and David and Christine Stewart. Their outreach to help Honduras through Child Sponsorship changed focus to community reconstruction aid after the devastating Hurricane Fifi hit Honduras in 1974. In the 1980s, under the new name of Horizons of Friendship, the focus expanded to Mexico and all of Central America to help with community development. Today, Horizons of Friendship strives to help these countries by educating them in areas of food security, rights of indigenous and Afro descendent people, migration, violence against women and community outreach programs to help build bridges between the north and south. In 2012 Nicaragua passed a new law to eliminate violence against women as a direct result of the work of Horizons of Friendship.

Raúl was very excited to tell us about the newest outreach project: Maternal, Newborn and Child Health (MNCH) taking place in Guatemala. With a population of 16.5 million in an area 1/3 the size of Southern Ontario it is not difficult to understand the problems that this country endures. Spanish is the official language of Guatemala but half of the population is indigenous with 23 different indigenous languages being spoken.

The project is important because the lack of communication and sanitary conditions in Guatemala result in pregnant mothers being 2 times more likely to die and 66% of their infants more likely to die. With 60% of pregnant women birthing at home it is imperative that the healthcare workers can communicate in the mother's language. Hori-



Paul Scorza gave a moving presentation

zons is working to improve health service delivery and thereby reduce mortality for women and children. Horizons funded the year long training of 35 indigenous Mayan women as midwives. Each of these women then trained 25 more Mayan women. This training process results in services being provided using sanitary methods within the indigenous communities and ongoing programs being set up to

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provide training and support in the foundations of health and wellness.

Funding from Horizons of Friendship provides for medication purchases and equipment for each midwife to provide safe, clean deliveries. Malnutrition is a top priority and Horizons has provided for natural and culturally acceptable nutritional supplements being delivered to over 52,000 women and children. Another priority has been to work with men to promote gender equality and to eliminate violence against women. Adolescents and youth are being taught about their reproductive health and rights.

Horizons of Friendship partnered with Cornerstone and the Cobourg Police to host a workshop for a group of Guatemalans to come to Cobourg and attend a workshop to end violence. A small delegation from Cornerstone, Cobourg Police and Horizons then travelled to Guatemala to exchange information and to see what is being done in Guatemala to address existing problems. The knowledge gained from these events has resulted in centres being established where men and women can come together and participate in workshops to reduce violence towards women.

Raúl's presentation enlightened our group about the good that comes from reaching out and working together to help struggling countries learn new ways to deliver safe food, services and change attitudes. Roslynne Cooke thanked Raúl and presented him with a token of appreciation from our group.

Louise Weldon

Upcoming Speakers



June 5th

Karin Wells

CBC Radio Broadcaster (Ret.)/NLC Program Director

Her Award Winning Career/About NLC (Northumberland Learning Connection)

June 19th

George H. Parker

Local Historian

"Forest To Farmland"

Wednesday May 15th Program

Games Music Laughter

A variety program concocted by Art Seymour, Doug Weldon and a few unnamed conspirators.



Don't Miss It!!



Trips & Tours

4th Line Theatre July play will be “Bloom: A Rock ‘N’ Roll Fable”

August - “Carmel” (the third in the Barnardo children series)
 Details to be confirmed



NORTH meets SOUTH
Celebrating Canadian and American Composers

Lynn Janes, Artistic Director
 Robert Grandy, Accompanist

May 25, 2019 at 7:30pm
 Trinity United Church
 284 Division Street, Cobourg
 Doors open at 7:00pm

Tickets Available From:
 Choir Members, Burnham Family Market and Snapd Tix
 Adults \$25, Seniors \$22, Students \$10

Tickets at the door:
 Adults and Seniors \$25, Students \$10

www.orianasingers.com  

Drinks & Appies

Hosted by: Art & Yvonne Seymour

Date: Thursday June 20

305 O’Connor Court



Oriana Singers Concert
 See Vera Kalisz or Judi Curtis for more information

Ladies Living in Northumberland County who were Born in 1939 You're Invited



Event : Lunch and entertainment
Place: Best Western Plus Cobourg
When: Tuesday, June 18 2019 @ 12:00 noon
Why? To celebrate our 80th birthdays!!

Tickets: Alma Draper 372 5839, Betty Anne Wass 372 5582, or Roma 905 269 8215 for more information or

Email: adraper8@cogeco.ca

DEADLINE FOR TICKETS: MAY 25



Toilet Seat Avoided For 2nd Straight Year!!



On April 15, several area Probud clubs gathered at Northshore Lanes to have some fun with fellow members and test their skills at bowling. Afterwards, everyone gathered at the Legion for lunch and the distribution of prizes. Our bowlers were **very happy** to avoid winning the 'toilet seat' awarded to the club with the **lowest score**. Thank you to all the bowlers for their efforts. Thanks also to the organizing committee (chair Roslynn Cook) for all their hard work

Northshore Bridge Club Dates

May 23rd at Diane Morrison's,
 June 13 at Paul Mills



Welcome to Northshore



Four New Members

April 17th Northshore welcomed four new members to the club. Pictured (above) Pat and Dave Cameron and (right) Diane and Bob Adams. Please make them welcome to our group.



CDCI West Now a Private School



A new co-ed boarding school in Cobourg is the latest on the educational scene. The former C.D.C I. West was purchased by Jeff Wang in 2016 as an adjunct to a private school he operates in Toronto. The William Academy is inspected and accredited by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The Academy offers a diverse and affordable alternative to mainstream education.

Our visitor to the Probus meeting of April 17 was Louise Nadeau, principal and consultant of William Academy. Louise was enticed out of retirement to meet the challenge of the birthing of a complex endeavor. Her extensive special educational qualifications and the variety of her consulting experiences serve her well in this new role.

William Academy currently has forty-eight students enrolled, hailing from China, Vietnam, Mexico and Brazil. Both the number of students and the variety of countries are expected to increase, All students require a minimum facility in speaking English, have taken a course in English as a Second Language, and

must apply for a student visa. The school offers courses from grade nine to grade twelve with a view to achieving the secondary school graduation diploma.

The Academy opened its doors to the public recently with a good response from the Cobourg community. Classrooms, dorms and cafeteria were on display. It is sensitive to the historic nature of this venerable building and C.D.C.I. West history has been maintained and on display. Student connection in the community include volunteering at the Art Gallery, Northumberland Hills Hospital, Streamway Retirement Home and the Cobourg Library

Every year William Academy award ten scholarships to local students from Cobourg and the surrounding area in order to provide access to an affordable alternative to mainstream education, a value of up to \$20,000.

Harry Knapper



Louise Nadeau educates us about William Academy



Advance notice: Membership dues are collected for the first meeting in October. Get your post dated cheque in to the membership committee before that meeting and be entered in a draw for a free membership. Yearly cost will be announced shortly.



**Congratulations
V.P. Jamie!**



The Canadian Board of Directors of Probud Canada had a very successful AGM last week. Jamie Doolittle was elected Vice President of PROBUS CANADA effective immediately. He remains our Director of Ontario District 1 and is no longer the Treasurer of PROBUS CANADA as Brenda Andrews has been elected to that position. Congratulations Jamie!

Car Rally

Four Volunteers Needed!

The car rally in October is one of the club's highlight activities of the year. A small group has done a great deal of planning, but they need a few volunteers to make the event run smoothly. Don't let this event lapse! Please contact Diane Morrison at 905 349 2272 or email nosirrom@eagle.ca to offer help. A lot of the work has already been done.



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| Coordinator | Diane Morrison |
| Route Planner | Rick Morrison |
| Route Questions | Bryan & Roberta Armstrong |
| Ticket Sellers | ???? |
| Registration | ???? |

Rally Date Wednesday October 2nd